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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	12 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	12 August	9.15am	Jan & Anastazja Wieliczko (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	13 August	6.00pm	Peter Szuca
Our Lady	Wednesday	15 August	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	18 August	10.00am	Paddy McGuinness & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	19 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	19 August	9.15am	Maciesza Family (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	14 August	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	15 August	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Feastdays. Wednesday – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation).

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. August: Month of Prayer for Marriage and Family Life. We celebrate with our pilgrims to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24-31 August and to the World Meeting of Families, 22-27 August in Dublin.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. August: for the treasure of Families - that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Proverbs 9:1-6, Ps 33: 2.3. 10-15.R.v9, Ephesians 5:15-20. John 6:51-58.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson and Chav Nguyen.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "Everybody who believes has eternal life."

Jesus Christ continues the Bread of life discourse with the focus on Faith. Jesus said, Truly I say to you, "He who believes has eternal life." How do we believe in Jesus Christ?

The crowds do not believe that Jesus is "the bread that came down from heaven". It was difficult for the crowds to accept and hence they murmured. They had difficulty to comprehend who is really Jesus Christ. Is Jesus not an ordinary citizen of Galilee? How can he descend from heaven? But Jesus knows that further explanation will not correct their lack of faith. Jesus further proclaims himself as the bread of life that comes down from heaven; anyone who partakes of this bread will have eternal life. The Eucharist has always been a fundamental part of Christian life. In the Eucharist, Christ gives us his flesh to eat. The act of eating the bread implies absorbing and assimilating the truth of Christ.

Faith is not only the ability to rationally know the historical Person of Jesus Christ. Faith is not only based on a rational knowledge of the Father of Jesus or the ability to know where Jesus comes from! Faith is not merely a rational persuasion: Rather Faith is the response to an invitation from God who draws us to himself.

At every Eucharistic celebration, the Church invites us to a deeper faith through a gradual process. The name, Catechesis, was given to the totality of the church's efforts to make disciples, to help men and women believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name. It is also an opportunity to educate and instruct people in this life, thus building the body of Christ. (CCC#4)

We are encouraged to know, acknowledge and believe in Jesus Christ whom we receive in the Holy Eucharist. In him, we have life and have it abundantly (John 10:10).

Fr Jerry. On Sunday 19 August, it will be the 12th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. With a deep sense of gratitude to God and in a humble request, I do ask all parishioners to pray for me!

Afternoon Tea Party, hosted by your SVP. Sunday 2 September 3pm - 5pm. Free afternoon tea with homemade cakes and scones! Please come and meet us so we can thank you personally for your generosity. Get to know more about what we do. And if you have any spare time, how you too could get involved. New members are always needed to help with the rise in numbers of those in need. The Tea is being held in the Church Hall, 7 High Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0JG (opposite the Co-op). There will be a raffle and if you haven't given before, donations are always welcome. Any questions please call our SVP number 07568313234.

Anthony Healey RIP: Anthony died peacefully on Sunday 5 August. His body will be brought into St Gregory's church, Park Avenue North on Thursday 16 August at 5pm. The funeral Mass will be on Friday 17 August at 12 noon followed by a private burial.

Rosary Rally and Mass for Peace. Sunday 26 August at 2pm at Mount St Bernards Abbey, Leics. A coach will be going from St Gregory's Church, Park Ave North at 12.30pm. Cost £10. Please bring a picnic and folding chair. To book a place, contact Maureen Salter on 01604 315112.

SVP Vacancies. The SVP is seeking to recruit a Young Vincentians Programme Manager, and a Mini Vinnies Officer as part of the expansion of our youth programme. **Young Vincentians Programme Manager:** £30k pa; full time permanent contract. Closing date: 3pm on Thursday 23 August 2018. Interviews: Thursday 30 August 2018. Start date: ASAP.

Mini Vinnies Officer: £23k pro rata; 2 days/wk; one year contract. Closing date: 10am Monday 20 August 2018. Interviews: Friday 24 August. Start date: ASAP.

Both roles based at national office. For more details & application pack, please visit the vacancies section of the SVP website: <https://www.svp.org.uk/>

The Feast of St Gregory. The Clergy and People of St Gregory the Great, Northampton invite all the clergy and people of the other parishes of our Pastoral Area to celebrate with us the feast of our Patron on Monday 3 September. Mass is at 7pm, and followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome.

Fundraising Event for Northampton Cathedral Centre: There will be a fundraising night on Friday 21 September, 7.30pm-11.30pm at Monks Park Club, Wellingborough Road, with entertainment/dancing by The Geripatricks (local Irish folk duo). Admission by ticket only at £10. Raffle prize donations would be welcome. Tickets available from the Cathedral Shop. Please come and support this worthy cause. Tenders for the Cathedral Centre have now been received. Our hope is that we will start building the Centre in the very near future, so let us support these great fundraising initiatives.

NORES day retreat: As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation, NORES are offering a day retreat called 'Your God will be my God' and will be based on the Book of Ruth. The retreat will be at The Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Rd, Iver Heath SL10 0NR on Saturday 20th October 11am-4pm, and is £30 per person, which includes lunch, tea and coffee. For further details, please contact NORES on admin@nores.org.uk or on 01582 723312 or speak to Lorraine in the parish office.

"May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family" Pope Francis – Sept 2015

In two Catholic parishes in Buckinghamshire, two groups have formed with the intention of bringing two refugee families to England under a Home Office scheme. The first family is expected to arrive in August 2018. A group has been formed here in Northampton, which hopes to do the same. The project is called Safe Haven Northampton and we are looking for support with writing an application to the Home Office, finding accommodation, recruiting and training befrienders and all the practical tasks of welcoming a family new to the area. Would you be able to show a new family how to get to shops and school? Could you help organise furnishings in their home before they arrive? Could you help them navigate getting registered for health services? Take the chance to be inspired, ask questions, network and connect with others who are keen to support refugees through community sponsorship in Northampton.

Our first task is fundraising, so please join us for a **Garden Party Sale** on **Saturday 18 August** from 2.30pm at the home of Aideen and Kevin Fogarty at 337 Billing Road East. Tickets are £2.50 adults, families £3.50, including tea, soft drinks and cake. We'll have cakes, books, toiletries, jewellery, plants and bric-a-brac as well as a prize draw. For more information please contact Aideen Fogarty: firstaidk@btinternet.com John Delahunty: john@delahunty.org.uk Stella Watts: stella7@sky.com.

Forty Hours Exposition. To coincide with the "Adoremus" congress in Liverpool, there will be continuous exposition from 7am on Thursday 6 September until 11.00 pm on Friday 7 September at St Gregory's, Part Avenue North, Northampton. Any groups who would like to take responsibility for part of this time, especially through Thursday night, please talk to Fr Andrew at St Gregory's.

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking: Northampton Justice and Peace Commission Conference on Saturday 13th October 2018 at St John's Parish Hall, 296 Sundon Park Road Luton LU3 3AL. 10:30am – 1:30pm followed by a shared lunch. Speakers will be Sr Patricia Mulhall csb and Michael Duthie (Deputy Director Santa Marta Group) - both have a wealth of experience in these areas. For more details contact Stephen Forster – 01494 875 485; franforster2@gmail.com If you'd like to share a lift, please contact Frank - 077121 60064 or frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk.