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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	19 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	19 August	9.15am	Maciesza Family (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	20 August	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	22 August	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	25 August	10.00am	For the parish & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	26 August	8.00am	Maureen Mullins RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	26 August	9.15am	Alan Thomas O'Connor (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	21 August	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	22 August	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

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. Joshua 24:1-2.15-18, Ps 33:2-3.16-23.R.v9, Ephesians 5:21-32, John 6:60-69.

Collections: 29/7/18: Our Lady's £263.40 St Anselm £159.00 and £85 from standing orders.

5/8/18: Our Lady's £246.70, St Anselm £303.40 £85 from standing orders.

12/8/18: Our Lady's £237.80, St Anselm £316 and £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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, Chav Nguyen and Rae Dakin.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "Whoever eats me will draw life from me"

We are at the fourth stage of our catechesis in chapter 6 of John's gospel. The first stage was on the miracles of the loaves and the fishes; the second stage was on Jesus as the bread of Life; the third stage was on Faith in Jesus, the bread of life. Today is the fourth stage, it is about eating the flesh of Christ and drinking his blood in a sacramental way.

Jesus affirms himself as the living bread from heaven. Christ teaches about his REAL presence in the Eucharist.

Transubstantiation is the word the church uses to describe the change that takes place when the priest consecrates the bread and the wine at Mass. There is a change in the substance of bread and wine but the appearances or the accidents do not change. It means that the whole substance of bread and wine, its "breadness" and "wineness," is replaced by the living and glorified Jesus Christ. What remains of what had been bread and wine is only their external properties that can be perceived by the senses.

The discourse on the Eucharist draws a sharp argument or a question like "How can this man give us his flesh to eat"? It brings to bear the doctrine of Consubstantiation in other Christian churches, like the Church of England. Consubstantiation refers to a doctrine, which teaches that the substance of Christ's Body exists together with the substance of bread, and in like manner the substance of His Blood together with the substance of wine.

The Church teaches that "In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross" (CCC #1365). Therefore there is no real difference between Jesus in heaven and Jesus in the Eucharist. It is the same, Jesus. The only difference is in us. We now on earth cannot see or touch him with our senses. But that is not a limitation to him; it is a limitation in us.

We do not only receive bread and wine – or flesh and blood in the Eucharist. We receive Jesus Christ himself. We receive salvation. We receive the goodness of God. We receive life. It is a life that pertains to supernatural life, which binds us ever closer to Christ and prepares us for eternity in heaven. Thank you, Jesus Christ, for the gift of yourself.

Fr Jerry. Today, 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.

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.

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.