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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	5 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	5 August	9.15am	Charles & Teresa Padbury (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	6 August	6.00pm	Thomas & Catherine Shervin (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Wednesday	8 August	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	11 August	10.00am	Deceased clergy of the diocese (Foundation) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	12 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	12 August	9.15am	Jan & Anastazja Wieliczko (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	7 August	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	8 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. Kings 19:4-8, Ps 33:2-9. R.v9, Ephesians 4:30-5:2, John 6:41-51.

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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "Jesus said, I am the bread of Life"

Jesus after a great miracle, the crowd still asked to see another sign! This is a new catechesis for the "newness of life" in the Eucharist. (CCC#1697)

The curiosity of the crowd seems boundless while Jesus does not seem to compromise the true meaning of the mysteries of the incarnation. He responded by telling them that he was the fulfilment of all that Moses did and stood for: "It was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven" (John 6:32). There is a change from the past to the present. Moses gave the people a food that perished every night. Jesus, however, gives himself as the bread of eternal life. In the past we only got partially satisfied; now we can be fully satisfied as we come to Jesus and receive his body and blood.

At the heart of the Eucharist celebrations are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's body and Blood. The signs of bread and wine become, in a way surpassing understanding, the body and Blood of Christ. They continue also to signify the goodness of creation.

The bread of the past, which is the manna in the desert, satisfied the physical needs of the Israelites' and sustained them for their journey to the Promised Land. Now the new bread who is the Only Son of God is in our midst. He has promised us so much more than manna.

As Christians, our greatest legacy from Christ is the Eucharistic bread. This is the promise and the pledge of God's faithfulness to the world.

Hospital visiting. The Cathedral Chaplaincy Team visit Northampton Hospital on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If a loved one is taken into hospital and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office on 714556 and let us know what ward they are on and their full name. If your loved one is in need of a priest in an EMERGENCY then please inform the nurse who will contact the on call Catholic Priest.

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.

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.

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.

“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.

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.