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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	16 September	8.00am	May & Michael Irwin (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	16 September	9.15am	For the parish
Our Lady	Monday	17 September	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	19 September	6.00pm	Reception of Joan Bollins
Our Lady	Thursday	20 September	12.30pm	Funeral of Joan Bollins
Our Lady	Saturday	22 September	10.00am	Bishop Francis Thomas (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	23 September	8.00am	David Abel RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	23 September	9.15am	Chris Padbury RIP and Robert Venes RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	16 September	9.00am	Coffee morning after Mass
St Anselm	Tuesday	18 September	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	18 September	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018: September: 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. [www.thepopevideo.org]

Pope Francis' Special Intention: September: Young People in Africa. That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Wisdom 2:12.17-20, Ps 53:3-6,8. R.v6, St James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37.

Last week's collection: Our Lady: £269.10 St. Anselm: £221.50 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

Last week's second collection: £160.10 for National Catholic Fund and Catholic Education Fund.

Next week's second collection: Home Mission Sunday.

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 Rae Dakin.

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: You are the Christ.

After the disciples had journeyed with Jesus and witnessed many physical healings and miracles, Jesus still realized that they had little understanding of his ministry, of who he was, and of why he had come among them. Although Peter gave the correct response about the identity of Jesus, he failed to grasp the import about the true meaning of the Christ. Peter's response, therefore, became the basis for Jesus to teach his disciples about the true nature of his mission: "The Son of man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly" (Mark 8:31).

Jesus was truly the Messiah, not an earthly king as some of his followers envisioned, but the suffering servant of God (Isaiah 53:12). Christ's way is the way of the cross. He invites his followers to follow him by denying themselves and taking up their crosses. If we want to be true followers of Christ, we must carry our crosses, suffer, die and rise with Christ.

Gloria Avis Costello. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria Costello who died recently. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19: For children in School Years 3-6 only. Registration forms will be available on the parish noticeboards at the back of both churches every Sunday until 7th October. Completed forms can be given to Hazel or Lorraine or sent to the parish office. The classes will start on Sunday 14th October after 9.15am Mass and parents will need to collect their children from the Institute at 11am. For any older candidates, please speak to Fr Jerry.

Traidcraft. Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's on Sunday 23 September. Please support this wonderful organisation.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. We are excited to be celebrating our 50th anniversary of serving our community. To mark the occasion, Bishop Peter will be celebrating mass at school on October 11th at 7pm. All members of our school community, especially past pupils and staff, are invited to attend. In order to prepare for the event, we are asking anyone who may have old photos, memories or memorabilia they wouldn't mind sharing with us to get in touch. If you know anyone who was part of our school community throughout these 50 years, please do either let them know or pass on their details to us so that we can invite them. You can get in touch with us on 50thcelebrations@sgcps.org or through the school office on 01604 403511. We will continue to pray for you all and any prayers you send our way will be gratefully received.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: On Sunday 30 September from 6-7pm, Sacred Heart will be holding a service of prayer, silence and music with Exposition. This is in response to the Bishop's call to spend time in Adoration. Please do put it in your diaries. It will be a blessed and beautiful occasion.

Facts about the St Vincent de Paul Society; What We Do in Numbers! - "Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another" (St Vincent de Paul).

The focus of our work at the St Vincent de Paul Society is visiting and befriending people living in isolation and poverty. The people we visit could be refugees, the elderly, the homeless, people staying in hospital or care homes, people with mental health issues or offenders. Conference Members work on the ground level, face-to-face with the people they help. Here are a few statistics highlighting the work of Conferences across the country.

- Last year over 9,500 members helped 75,000 beneficiaries
- 45% of the people we visited were the elderly in their own homes
- The Society made over 470,000 visits
- Material & practical assistance was offered to over 88,000 people and families

If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with us on the above number or email address.

Rosary Link for Vocations September 2018. The Mass and Rosary will be offered for Vocations on Friday 21 September at 7.30pm at St Gilbert's, Eton Wick. Jesus told us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers and we are greatly encouraged to continue our prayers for vocations as our Diocese is currently blessed with eight seminarians amongst other religious vocations. We pray also for each one of us to fulfil our God given purpose. All welcome to join us as we unite our prayers with those around the Diocese for this cause. For further information call Donna, 07940 228227.

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life. Sunday 7 October, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. All are warmly invited to unite in the day of prayer. For further details, see poster on the noticeboard.

5th Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group: Did you or anyone in your family ever belong to the 5th Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group? If so, the group wants to contact you about its forthcoming 100th anniversary celebrations starting with Mass and a reunion, which takes place at 2pm on Saturday 20th October at the Scout Camping Ground at Overstone. Although the 5th St Mary's has always been attached to the Cathedral, for most of the time it was the only Catholic Scout group in the town and attracted members from all over Northampton. Get in touch by emailing former leader Pat Percival on patpercivalnn@aol.com or messaging her on 07526 661228.

Flower arranging. Starting in October taught by Margaret Ashford. We will meet on Friday mornings at 10.30am in the church hall at Sacred Heart Church. Dates: 26 October, 9 November, 16 November, 23 November and 14 December. The cost is £15 for the 5 sessions. Please let Margaret know if you are coming – telephone 07821 984875 and she will let you know what flowers, greenery etc. you need to bring for the first session.

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 20 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.

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking. Northampton Justice and Peace Commission Conference on Saturday 13 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.

Fundraising Event for Northampton Cathedral Centre. Friday 21 September at 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.