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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	23 September	8.00am	David Abel RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	23 September	9.15am	Chris Padbury RIP and Robert Venes RIP
Our Lady	Monday	24 September	5.00pm	Reception of the body of Avis Costello
	Tuesday	25 September	12.30pm	Funeral of Avis Costello
Our Lady	Wednesday	26 September	6.00pm	Ray & Pat Bridgman (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Saturday	29 September	10.00am	Peter Cottrell (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	30 September	8.00am	Thanksgiving Mass for Pat and Gerry Green
Our Lady	Sunday	30 September	9.15am	Dot Bridgman (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	25 September	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	26 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. Numbers 11:25-29, Ps 18:8,10,12-14. R.v9, St James 5:1-6, Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48.

Last week's collection: Our Lady: £216.70 St. Anselm: £316.00 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

This week's second collection (for Our Lady's only): 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: The destiny of the Son of Man.

The cross of Jesus will always confront us with this question: "Why did Jesus have to suffer, die on the cross and rise from the dead?" In order to understand the cross, we need teachable minds that are open to the work of the Holy Spirit. "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). Only the Spirit of God can teach us about the cross and its power for our lives.

While the cross was central to Jesus' mission, his disciples were intent on their own pursuits in this life as they discussed who was the greatest among them (Mark 9:34). Jesus' teachings about humility and trust give us a clue about the meaning of the cross and how we are to embrace it: "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all" (Mark 9:35). We must become like Christ if we are to understand the cross (Philip. 2:6-7). To become like Christ is to be like a child; humble and trusting. If we are humble and dependent on God, we will be open to the wisdom of God concerning the cross of Christ.

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.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Open Days. Do you have a child starting school in September 2019? St Gregory's have a number of open days over the next few months: Thursday 18 October 2-3pm, Wednesday 14 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 6-7pm.

CAFOD. Friday 5 October is CAFOD's Family Fast Day, when we are asked to give up something and contribute the money to help those less fortunate than ourselves. There will be a short appeal after Mass next weekend and envelopes will be handed out for the second collection on 7 October.

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.

The St Vincent de Paul Society: Going beyond Boundaries - "Let us do without hesitation whatever good lies at our hands." (Blessed Frédéric Ozanam)

At the St Vincent de Paul Society we are aware that poverty exists beyond where we can see. You may have noticed the posters on your Parish notice board, which highlight just some of the places where you can find Members of the SVP helping others. This could be in prisons, care homes, hospitals or visiting people in their own homes.

In some of these instances, being a Member of the SVP can be a challenge, but it is also rewarding work, seeking and finding those in need, giving our support with compassion, and responding where the need is greatest.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.