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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	9 September	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	9 September	9.15am	John Walsh (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	10 September	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	12 September	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	15 September	10.00am	Kathleen Burke (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	16 September	8.00am	May & Michael Irwin (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	16 September	9.15am	For the parish

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	11 September	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	12 September	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.
St Anselm	Sunday	16 September	9.00am	Coffee morning after Mass

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. Isaiah 50:5-9, Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R.v9, St James 2:14-18, Mark 8:27-35.

Last week's collection: Our Lady: £367.40, St. Anselm: £262.50 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

This week's second collection: National Catholic Fund and Catholic Education Fund.

Next week's second collection: Home Missions.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

The crowds that saw Jesus healing a deaf and mute man, took this action as a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unsealed; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5-6). They saw in it a glimmer of the Messianic Age that awaited Israel. Jesus was careful to clarify what his coming meant. He was not a king who would take dominion over the earth. He did not come to bring an end to history. However, his coming did bring the Kingdom of God to fruition. In all his miracles, Jesus always did everything well (Mark 7:37), exhibiting his authority over all creation and all evil. By healing the deaf and mute man, Jesus showed that the Kingdom of God was upon us.

If we neglect Jesus presence among us, we can get weighed down by the problems of life. We may even think that God does not do great things for us today or that he does not make a big difference in our lives. Let us always open our hearts and minds to Jesus who has already inaugurated the Kingdom of God.

Luu Nguyen RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Luu Nguyen who died last weekend. Her funeral took place on Friday 7 September. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Maria Fennessy RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Fennessy who died this week. 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 7 October. Completed forms can be given to Hazel or Lorraine or sent to the parish office. The classes will be every Sunday and begin on Sunday 14 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.

Upcoming Second Collections. 9 September: National Catholic Fund and Catholic Education Fund, 16 September: Home Mission Sunday, 7 October: CAFOD, 21 October: Mission Sunday, 4 November: Bishop's Maintenance Fund, 18 November: Sick & Retired Priest's Fund, 25 November: Catholic Youth Services.

Afternoon Tea Party, hosted by your SVP. Thank you to all who attended the event, it was great to see you all there, and everyone seemed to have a great time. Thank you for your donations, we are constantly amazed by how generous you all are. We managed to raise over £400 which will be used in our local area. Once again, a huge THANK YOU!!

Please pray for James Coeur de Lion, a member of the Sacred Heart Parish since childhood, as he prepares to study for the Priesthood in Rome. The Parish will dedicate a Mass at Sacred Heart every month for him, beginning on 24 September, and we ask your continuous prayers to aid him in his studies.

The St Vincent de Paul Society: An Introduction - "Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity." (St Vincent de Paul).

Founded in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, The St Vincent de Paul Society is a Christ-centred organisation made up of almost 10,000 volunteers across England and Wales. While every Conference is unique, our mission is the same; to seek and find those in need, to help them in the spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can.

With Christian values at our core, staff and Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society operate on the ground in a variety of different ways including visiting and befriending the lonely, assisting in our shops and volunteering in one of our many community support projects. We also support vital work overseas.

Over the next month, you may hear about us in your lectern addresses and see our posters on the Parish notice board; if you would like to know more about the work that takes place in your local Conference please get in touch with the SVP on the above number or email address.

Proclaim Group: We would love to welcome new people to our friendly and active group. In essence we are the Sacred Heart parish evangelisation team, aiming to foster the spirituality of our parish, by various initiatives such as the May International Rosary and also to find ways of reaching out to the unchurched. An example of the latter would be the Christmas flash mob in the Weston Favell Centre, where we worked with Churches together in our area. **Our next meeting is Saturday 15 September 10:45am in the Sacred Heart church hall.** We'd love to welcome you, plus we have coffee and cake!

Bible Timeline: The Bible Timeline course on the The Gospel of Matthew is taking place on Wednesday evenings during term time at 7pm in the church hall here at Sacred Heart. Please do join us by putting this date in your diary: Wednesday 12th September 2018, 7pm. "Discover the New Testament as related by St. Matthew. This course brings the history of Christ to life and you will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfils the promises and prophesies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today." We look forward to you joining us on Wednesday evenings. Contact: mulligancatherine@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Please join us on another excellent course on Tuesday mornings at 10am in the Sacred Heart church hall to find out more about Saints Peter and Paul and their mission to spread the Good News from Jerusalem to Rome.

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.

Rosary Link for Vocations September 2018. The Mass and Rosary will be offered for Vocations on Tuesday 11 September at 9.30am at St Mary's, Our Lady Immaculate, Dunstable, Wednesday 12 September at 9.30am at Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby, Friday 14 September at 7.30pm at Our Lady of Ransom, Kempston, and 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.

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.