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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	28 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	28 October	9.15am	Andrea Clare Quigley RIP (Birthday); Baby Ellis (hospital); Ena Mathura (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	29 October	6.00pm	Les & Maria Colantonio (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Wednesday	31 October	6.00pm	Peter Chau Nguyen RIP, Teresa Luu Nguyen RIP
Our Lady	Thursday	1 November	7.00pm	All Saints (Holy day of obligation)
Our Lady	Friday	2 November	11.00am	All souls
Our Lady	Saturday	3 November	10.00am	John Pacheco (90th birthday) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	4 November	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	4 November	9.15am	Carlos Munoz Rodriguez (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	30 October	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	31 October	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. October: for our schools, for our young people and their vocation within the church.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. October: Evangelization – The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Ps 17:2-4.47.51. R.v2, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34.

Last week's second collection: £175.50 for Mission Sunday.

Next week's second collection: Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

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, Rae Dakin, Hazel Toolaram and baby Ellis.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: "Go your way, your faith has saved you."

In Mark's gospel, the healing of Bartimaeus is the last reported miracle of Jesus prior to his entry into Jerusalem. In Jerusalem, he would suffer, die and rise to new life. In today's gospel we heard of a blind beggar sitting on the periphery of society. Bartimaeus perceived Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah and the Son of David who would restore all things. He was, therefore, never perturbed by the people scolding him and shouting at him to keep quiet. He knew what he wanted from Jesus and believed in him absolutely: "he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me'". His persistence and faith won him an audience with the Messiah. Amazingly, the people who scolded and shouted at him became friendly: "Courage, get up, he is calling you". Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him. Bartimaeus was full of faith and hope that even before meeting Jesus. He threw off his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus to put his request before him: "Master, let me see again". Jesus honoured his request whereas the request of James and John was not honoured.

The difference in result was not only due to faith. Unlike the two disciples who believed Jesus has power to grant them such privilege, the faith of Bartimaeus was born of a servant attitude. Jesus acknowledged this faith in Bartimaeus. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal anyone.

Bartimaeus, immediately upon receiving his sight, followed Jesus along the way to Jerusalem. He became the last disciple of Jesus Christ before his entry into Jerusalem.

May the Lord do great things in our lives and our families so that we may know the joy of gospel.

Pastoral visit of Bishop Peter to the three churches. This weekend we welcome Bishop Peter who will be celebrating each Mass at Sacred Heart, Our Lady's and St Anselm's.

All Saints. There will be Mass at Our Lady's on Thursday 1 November at 7pm and also on Friday 2 November for departed souls at 11am followed by blessing of the graves at the catholic cemetery, provided the weather is good.

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19: Please note that the classes have been delayed due to ill health but parents will be notified when there is a start date. If you have not already done so, please return your completed registration forms to Lorraine or post them to the parish office as soon as possible so that we have your contact details.

Parish Finance Committee. We would like to increase the representation of Our Lady's from two parishioners to four. If you are interested in finding out more about what the Finance Committee does then please let Lorraine know and you will be contacted.

StreetChurch. Our parish will be looking after the catering at StreetChurch on Sunday 4 November. This Sunday we will put a list at the back of each church asking for your support.

Confirmation Preparation Programme. Those wishing to be Confirmed in July 2019 should collect an Application Form from the back of the Church. The programme starts on Saturday 24 November and all the dates and venues are attached to the Application Form. Please complete and return the Application Form to Miriam Hague at the back of church after mass on Sunday 4 November or Sunday 11 November. If you would like an electronic copy, please email frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk asking for the Application Form and Programme.

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: Wednesday 14 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 6-7pm.

Coffee Morning. In aid of the Safe Haven Northampton Appeal - Wednesday 7 November from 10.30am at 337 Billing Road East NN3 3LL. Traidcraft stall, Christmas cards, crafts, gifts, raffle.

St Gregory's RC Parish Night of Light Prayer Initiative 2018: Wednesday 31 October 2018 from 7-10pm at St Gregory's Church. Please come for a short time or longer, whatever you can manage. 7pm-vigil Mass for All Saints, 7.45pm-Adoration including opportunity for prayer ministry & the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 9pm-rosary, 9.20pm-Adoration, 9.45pm-Benediction, 10pm-End of Night of Light Service. (Children and young people under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.) Halloween ('All Hallows Eve'), the evening of 31 October, is the vigil (beginning) of the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in His saints; the victory of light over darkness in the lives of God's holy ones in heaven. Jesus is the 'Light of the World'. The saints lived by that light, and became a beacon in their own generation. We too are called by Jesus to live out this vocation - to be the 'Light of the world' today. Let Christians reclaim Halloween for God so that it is transformed from a night of darkness into a great Christian festival once again.

Prayer and Praise for Northampton at Northampton Cathedral. Monday 5 November from 7.30 – 9.30pm. Please support this event and meet Christians from many other churches that have hosted Prayer & Praise. Lively music, praise & worship followed by prayers from the needs of Northampton. Refreshments from 7pm. All are welcome. Why not bring a friend from another church?

Cheese and Wine and a brilliant Bishop! On Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm in the hall at Sacred Heart, we are having an evening to hear short feedback from those who went from our parish to the 'Adoremus' conference in Liverpool in September - which was inspirational - and to watch a recording of a talk by Bishop Barron who was brilliant and really down to earth! We will follow this with a cheese and wine social so do put it in your diary - you won't be disappointed.