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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	25 November	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	25 November	9.15am	Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen
Our Lady	Monday	26 November	6.00pm	Service of Word and Communion
Our Lady	Wednesday	28 November	6.00pm	Service of Word and Communion
Our Lady	Thursday	29 November	5.30pm	Reception of the remains of Bernard Weston RIP
Our Lady	Friday	30 November	12.00pm	Funeral of Bernard Weston RIP
Our Lady	Saturday	1 December	10.00am	Meryn Pimenta RIP; Bob O'Donoghue (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	2 December	8.00am	Barbara Mary White (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	2 December	9.15am	Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	27 November	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	28 November	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. November: Month of Prayer for all who have died.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. November: In Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Jeremiah 33:14-16, Ps 24:4-5.8-9.10.14.R.v1, Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28.34-36.

This week's retiring collection: Mary's Meals. The charity is a global movement enabling people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities: by providing a daily meal in a place of learning.

Next week's second collection: Catholic Youth Services.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson, Rae Dakin, Hazel Toolaram, baby Ellis and Angela Kingsley.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING. Theme: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Universal King.

Today, we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Universal King. Jesus' kingdom was not an exclusive kingdom. He did not claim to be the king of the Jews. He is the king of all. During his trial before Pilate, Jesus affirmed the uniqueness and universal nature of his kingdom when he said: "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this world" (John 18:36). Although Jesus openly acknowledged before Pilate that he was a king, he also affirmed that his kingdom was unique and for all.

Christ's kingdom is manifested through the miraculous signs that are associated with the proclamation of the Gospel. The true meaning of Jesus' kingship is revealed only when he is raised high on the cross. (CCC#440) As a King, Jesus demonstrated his divine sovereignty by works of powers over nature, illnesses, demons, death and sin.

As people of God, we share in the royal office of Christ. He exercises his kingship by drawing all men and women to himself through his death and Resurrection. Christ, king and Lord of the Universe, made himself the servant of all, for he came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. We reign as royals by serving the poor and the suffering in whom the church recognizes the image of her poor and suffering founder. To reign with Christ, the King means to serve with Him. (CCC#786)

May Jesus Christ make us instruments of his kingdom of love, forgiveness and peace.

Parish Appeal for Mary's Meal. Mary's Meals will be visiting Our Lady's today to appeal for financial support by way of a **RETIRING** collection at the end of Mass. The main goal of Mary's Meals is "that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education." They believe that we can respond to the invitation of our blessed Lord. By providing a daily meal in a place of learning. They are determined with your support to meet the immediate needs of hungry children and encourage them to go to school and gain an education which eventually will assist them in the future, to climb the ladder out of poverty. There are about 1,361,586 children now receiving Mary's Meals. Thank you in advance for your generous support. For further information please contact; Visit: www.marysmeals.org.uk

Thank you! Congratulations to Fr Jerry, who this week officially graduated in Licence in Sacred Theology (STL) and has finished his studies. He would like to thank parishioners for their support and encouragement whilst studying.

New Joint Newsletter (Year C). At the beginning of the new liturgical year, we will have a new Joint Newsletter for the three churches: Sacred Heart, Our Lady's and St. Anselm. The new newsletter will replace the current separate parish newsletters. This is one of the ways of achieving Christ's message of Unity as a 'one parish' – "so that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:11).

Traidcraft. Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's on Sunday 25 November. Please support this wonderful organisation.

Coffee Morning and Parish Meal. There will be a coffee morning after the 9.15am Mass on 16 December 2018. Please also note that the Parish Meal will be held as usual this year on Thursday 24 January 2019 – tickets at £17 each will be available mid- December.

Thank you! The family of Baby Ellis would like to say a huge thank you for all the prayers and well wishes. He has made a huge amount of progress and as a result, he will no longer need surgery. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Hope Centre. On 15 October the Hope Centre were given just 12 months' notice to vacate the day centre facility in Oasis House. The Day Centre is a place where the homeless and vulnerable of Northampton have come to know and trust. Individuals who use the service receive a fantastic service, and being asked to leave is already having a negative impact on many of those people we seek to support. The premises is to be converted into a relocated council night shelter: the decision was made without wider consultation. The Hope Centre are hoping they can get Northampton Borough Council to change their decision, made in conjunction with Midland Heart, asking them to find an alternative venue for the night shelter, rather than unnecessarily renovating a building which is already in use and supporting the homeless and others in need very effectively. To help them, you can do a number of things:

If you haven't already done so, please sign the petition at the back of the church or the one set up by their patron Sally Keeble at <https://www.change.org/p/midlands-heart-save-the-hope-centre>.

You can also send letters to the CEO of Northampton Borough Council, George Candler; Chief Executive of Midland Heart, Glenn Harris; and Chair of the Board of Midland Heart, John Edwards. A letter template should you wish to use it, can be found online at <http://northamptonhopecentre.org.uk/keep-hope-alive/>

Catholic Basics Course. Want to know more about your Faith? Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer. For each part there is a day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour! Launch and Part I: 31 January 2019, 10am-3pm (arrive 9.30am for refreshments). NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

Vocation to the Priesthood. Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday 14 December – Sunday 16 December. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!

The Wassail Evening returns. The Sacred Heart Lourdes Group invite all members of the parish & friends to join them for a Wassail Evening! This evening of festive fun will take place in the Sacred Heart parish hall on **Sunday 16 December at 7.00pm** and will feature carol singing, Christmas songs, mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas nibbles – the first drink and mince pie is included in the price. The music will be provided by the parish music group and all proceeds go to support the parish Lourdes fund. We'd love to see as many members of our parish family there as possible! Tickets are £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child, there is also a family ticket (two adults and two children at £12.50 – one free child!) Tickets will be on sale after Mass in the porch, or ask Wendy. Also Lorraine in the parish office will take your name to reserve a ticket. Festive attire is actively encouraged!

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel: For those who are unsure of the words, the prayer to St Michael the Archangel. This is to be recited after every Mass:

**Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle;
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits
who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.**