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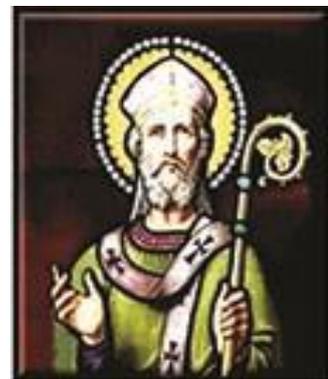
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MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Our Lady | Sunday | 19 June | 8:00am | Reg Anstey (Foundation Mass) |
| St Anselm | Sunday | 19 June | 9:15am | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 19 June | 11:30am | Ross & Sheila Watson (Foundation Mass) |
| Our Lady | Monday | 20 June | 7:00pm | Priest's Intentions |
| Our Lady | Wednesday | 22 June | 6:00pm | For the sick |
| Our Lady | Saturday | 25 June | 10:00am | Sister Antoinette McGrath Followed by Exposition |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 26 June | 8:00am | Anna Hayes (Foundation Mass) |
| St Anselm | Sunday | 26 June | 9:15am | For the parish |
| Our Lady | Sunday | 26 June | 11:30am | Irene & Chris Honeybunn 45 th Wedding Anniversary |

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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| Our Lady | Tuesday | 21 June | 1:00pm | Parish Prayer Time |
| St Anselm | Tuesday | 21 June | 7:00pm | Prayer Group and Exposition |
| Our Lady | Thursday | 23 June | 7:00pm | Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena |
| Our Lady | Saturday | 25 June | 10:45am | Confession at 10:45am after 10am Mass |

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for all fathers, living and dead.

Last week's collections. Our Lady's: £264.24 St. Anselm's: £240.00. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This week's second collection. 'Day for Life' is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life – this year Day for Life focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. There are cards available at the back of both Churches.

Next week's second collection: Peter's Pence. The purpose of the Peter's Pence collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Novena. A solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour began in our Shrine yesterday, and it will continue every evening at 6pm. The Novena will end with Mass on the feast day of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Monday 27 June at 7pm. At this time of great graces, we unite ourselves to thousands of people around the world. Please endeavour to give your time to honour our holy mother.

Congratulations to Sara Bucur, who was baptised at Our Lady's last weekend. Blessings to Sara and her family.

Deacon Peter Hurrell. After much delay and hobbling, Deacon Peter will be going into hospital on Wednesday 6 July for a knee replacement. He thanks you all for your prayers and kind good wishes. He hopes to be back in full circulation by early September.

Parish Tea Party. This will take place on Saturday 23 July from 3pm to 5pm in the church garden at Our Lady's. There will be a list at the back of each of our churches for people to put their names down on so we have a rough idea of numbers. Hopefully the sun will shine!

Parish Meeting. You are invited to a Parish Meeting in the Institute at Great Billing on Monday 11 July at 6.45pm (following Mass at 6pm). All parishioners of Our Lady's and St Anselm's are welcome to attend. The meeting will be led by the Parish Team and Fr Jerry will be joining us. The meeting is an opportunity for you to comment on life today in our parish and how we might work together in making adjustments for inevitable change in the future.

Jubilee for Catechists. This Year of Mercy offers catechists the opportunity to encounter the mercy of the Lord anew and to reflect on his calling to be messengers of mercy. A day will be held at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter on Sun 25th Sept from 2-5pm. There are some leaflets/booking forms at the back of both churches for anyone who may be interested in attending.

Marriage and Family Life Ministry: Bishop Peter would like to meet with people from around the Diocese who are engaged in Marriage and Family Life Ministry. Anyone in our parish involved in that ministry, are invited to attend Bishop's House from 10.30am to 12 noon on Saturday 25 June. If you are able to attend, please let Tricia know by emailing bishopspa@northamptondiocese.com.

Confirmation: Mass will be at St Gregory's Church on Tuesday 28th June at 7pm.

Pop-up Tea Room. On Sunday 26 June the Bellamy family will be turning their garden into a Pop-up Tea Room to raise money for their family friend and her baby boy who are in desperate need in India. All money donated will go towards paying for healthcare & day-to-day living costs. We would love to see as many of you as possible at 10 Wellingborough Road, Mears Ashby, Northampton, NN6 0DZ anytime between 11am and 5pm for a cup of tea/coffee and a delicious slice of cake!

Healing Mass at St Gregory's Church: Every month at St Gregory's there is a healing Mass for anyone who is sick or housebound, followed by a tea-party. The next Mass will be on Friday 24 June at 2:20pm. If any parishioners from Our Lady's or St Anselm's would like to attend they would be very welcome.

Bishops' Conference Statement on the EU Referendum being held 23 June.

Reflecting on the forthcoming vote, we recognise the historic nature of this referendum and its implications for future generations. The outcome will have consequences for the future not only of the United Kingdom, but for Europe and for the world.

In our view, three things are essential:

- that we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- that we all inform ourselves of the arguments on both sides of the debate;
- that we each exercise our vote with a view to the common good of all.

The coming together of European countries in the aftermath of a catastrophic war was designed to bind together former combatants and the contribution of the European project to peace in Western Europe should be recognised. Pope Francis reminds us, in his address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg on 25 November 2014, that the ideals which shaped this European project from the beginning were peace, subsidiarity and solidarity. In the Treaty of Rome, trade was harnessed to peace. The peace achieved in Western Europe shows indeed how "our problems can become powerful forces for unity" (par 5). Our decision in the referendum should thus be taken in the context of how best we can promote justice and peace.

Our focus needs to be above all on the human person. We need to build a Europe "which revolves not around the economy but around the sacredness of the human person, around inalienable values" (par 37). We all have a responsibility to keep the dignity of the human person at the forefront of the debate. We must ask ourselves, in the face of every issue, what will best serve the dignity of all people both within Europe and beyond.

This referendum therefore is about much more than economics.

We must not forget the profoundly religious roots of European nations; that Europe has a two thousand year-old Christian culture that has shaped the continent and is a dynamic spiritual, moral and intellectual resource as we address the future. As Pope Francis reminds us, we need continually to ask ourselves: who is my neighbour? In response to grave challenges, we are called to be generous and welcoming to all others, especially the most vulnerable.

Each person will have their own views about the best political framework in which to realise these ideals. We acknowledge the justifiable concerns that many people have in relation to the European Union, its institutions and the implications of increasing integration.

This referendum is an opportunity to reflect on those values we cherish as a nation and as Catholics. High among these values are mutual respect and civility, vital in this national conversation about the very future of our nation within the world.

Before voting, ask yourself the following question:
How in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

As you vote, you may wish to use this prayer:
"Lord, grant us wisdom that we may walk with integrity, guarding the path of justice, and knowing the protection of your loving care for all".