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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	8 October	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	8 October	9:15am	Dot Bridgman (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	9 October	7:00pm	All souls; Daniel Robert Stratton (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Wednesday	11 October	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	14 October	10:00am	Robert & Joan Flory (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	15 October	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	15 October	9:15am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	10 October	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	10 October	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	11 October	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	12 October	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for all those suffering loss and in despair.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 25:6-10, Ps 22 R. v6, St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £309.92 St. Anselm: £316.20 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This week's second collection. CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Kate Gosshawk, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Langerdon, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki and Joan Ritchie.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: The Vineyard of God... Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did. - Saint Maximilian Kolbe.

Jesus Christ uses the Parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants to describe God's relationship with his people. The vineyard could be Jerusalem or the Universal Church. This is the choicest vineyard that has been planted by the heavenly Cultivator. God is the owner of the vineyard. His prophets are the servants sent to collect his produce and warn the tenants or the labourers. When they refused to listen to the prophets, like Jeremiah, God sent his son, who was rejected and killed. Since Israel rejected Jesus as the Messiah, the Kingdom of God was taken from them and handed to the Gentiles who will yield a good harvest.

Christ is also the rejected stone rejected by the builder, who became the cornerstone upon which the Church is built. This Church remains solid and unified through the authority and ministry of the Apostles and their successors.

It is the noble task of religious leaders to nurture spiritual growth and fruitfulness among the peoples. This is the kind of fruits the owner of the vineyard expects from the Church. The prophets have been sent to the vineyard to promote justice, integrity, goodness, and purity of mind and everything that can be worthy of praise. Unfortunately, whenever God looks down there are sadness, bloodshed and cry of distress. The resurrection of the one whom they have cast out and killed is the turning point in the kingdom of God. The kingdom of God has been taken away from the religious institutions and given to a people who will produce its fruits like Joy, peace, Patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. (CCC#1832).

May Christ, the true vine, give life and fruitfulness to the branches through the ministry of the Church for without him we can do nothing.

First Holy Communion. Registration forms are now available in the porch for children who are to make their First Holy Communion in 2018. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass on 15 October. For further information, please contact Lorraine.

Confirmation Application Forms. If you or your child would like to be confirmed please collect an Application Form from the back of the church or email frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk for an electronic copy. Forms will need to be returned at the Registration meeting in November - dates on the forms. Miriam, Kathleen and Frank.

The Shrine. Everyone is welcome to join in each week for Holy Hour on Thursday afternoons, 1-2pm. Our Holy Mother Church calls us to come to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In response to our petition, Mary, the mother of God, offers to teach us how to pray with our hearts and not only with our lips. "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy." – St Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897).

CAFOD. This weekend's second collection is for the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal, which you heard about at the Masses last weekend. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the envelope you were given or loose into the basket. If you are able to Gift Aid please do so - it adds 25% to your donation at no cost to you. Thank you.

Prayer at the Shrine. Grateful thanks are due to those who are lending their growing support to Prayer at the Shrine on Wednesdays at 2pm. This is part of a continuing plan to open up prayer at the Shrine to all of the parishes in our Pastoral Area and to further develop the availability of the Shrine across our Diocese. The other devotions that take place at the Shrine will continue as usual.

Retreat for Young Leaders. NYMO are launching their programme for young leaders in October, 'The Salt and Light Project'. It is a year long programme for young people aged 16+ who wish to take on a leadership role within the parish. The programme begins with a retreat for young leaders on 13-15 October. The young leaders will receive support from NYMO and an adult mentor from the parish. The programme concludes with a project in the parish and for the parish, led by the young leader. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the programme, please contact Fr Jerry.

SVP Awareness Month. Are you interested in joining the SVP? A quote from SVP Patron John Battle's advice to anyone who is considering becoming an SVP volunteer. "Just do it. Make time for it. We can all make a bit of time. It might mean less telly watching. But we will meet people who will pull us through". If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the SVP members, alternatively call 07802 878518 or email svp@ourladyandstanselm.org and one of the SVP team will get back to you.

NORES lecture: Open Invitation to our NORES lecture 2017 as part of Our Catholic Schools Week. 4pm - Sunday 15 October at NORES. Our theme is CALLED and CHOSEN: the call of all the baptised, the response of people to the ordained ministry and how both calls are for mission in the Church. The lecture will be given by Rev. Canon Dr. David J Oakley. KHS STL, MEd, PhD, Rector of St Mary's Seminary, Birmingham, where many of our diocesan seminarians study for the priesthood, and where Canon John Udris of our diocese is Spiritual Director.