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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	29 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	29 April	9.15am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	30 April	6.00pm	All souls; Carlos Munoz Rodriguez RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	2 May	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	5 May	10.00am	No Mass today
St Anselm	Saturday	5 May	11.30am	50 th Anniversary of St Anselm's
St Anselm	Sunday	6 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	6 May	9.15am	Leon Lagodzinski (Foundation Mass); Irma Buchardt RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Sunday	29 April	2.45pm	Rosary, in support of Rosary on the Coast
St Anselm	Tuesday	1 May	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	2 May	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. April: celebrating our Baptismal Vocation especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. April: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Apostles 10:25-26.34-35.44-48, Ps97:1-4.R.v2, St John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17.

This Week's Second Collection: Priest's Training Fund.

Please pray for our sick and elderly. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Landergan, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Ian Smith, Dennis Williams and Bob Standing.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Theme: I am the Vine you are the branches...

Jesus often uses images and pictures to teach the most profound life lessons that sometimes are difficult for the human mind to understand. During last week's (4th Sunday of Easter) gospel reading, he used the image of the Good Shepherd. Today, he uses the image of the Vine and the branches to illustrate our level of intimacy with him. He emphasizes that the only thing that can save us is to have an intimate living fellowship with Jesus Christ, the true vine. The image of the vine was part of and parcel of Jewish imagery, and the symbol of Israel.

The divine call of bearing fruits involves extending the kingdom of God, thus winning people over to repentance and commitment to a joyful Christian life. It is a life that requires intimate union with Christ through the Eucharist (The Vine) and the Word of God. Every branch receives life and nourishment from the vine. In a similar way, as a disciple of Christ, we are bound to Christ so as to receive life and nourishment from him. He will live in us, especially those who are sick and weak, and we will live in him so that in Christ, we will be united to one another.

Our unity in Christ is not complete without the Holy Spirit, "sap of the Father's vine" that brings us into communion with Christ and bear fruit. God is glorified when we bear much fruit and show ourselves to be disciples of Jesus. The greatest glory of the Christian life is that by our life and conduct we can bring glory to God.

Let our prayer be that by the power of the Spirit, we can bear much fruit. We are confident that He who has grafted us on to the true vine will make us bear the fruit of the Spirit.

50th Anniversary of St Anselm's. 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of St. Anselm's Church at Earls Barton. On Saturday 5 May 2018 Bishop Peter will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11.30am followed by refreshments for those who have confirmed attendance afterwards.

Parking for Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. In spite of previous reminders this is an ongoing problem where parishioners are not respecting those who live in the village and their right of access to their properties. Please be aware of access to the driveways of neighbouring houses when parking your car on Sundays – Elwes Way is extremely narrow and any cars parked on the pavement stop residents getting cars out of their drives. The presbytery access should also be left completely clear.

Henry George Worthy: He died peacefully at home in Northampton on Saturday 14 April at the age of 66. Greatly loved by his wife Ann, daughters Annmarie, Alice and Kerry, his brother Edmund, and all who knew him. Funeral Mass at Sacred Heart at 12.30pm on Thursday 3 May. Family flowers only but donations welcome to Marie Curie Nursing Foundation.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory. On Saturday 5 May 2018, a coach will leave St Gregory's Church at 8am and return at approx. 7.45pm. Cost £12.00. Please bring a picnic lunch to have after Mass at 12noon. Rosary procession through the beautiful grounds at 3pm. All welcome. To book a place contact: Maureen Salter – 01604 315112

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Coffee morning. On 25 May and 8 June at 9:30am – 10:30am. We would love our parents or members of the community to come and join us on our coffee mornings. Everybody is welcome!

CAFOD. "Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent or call 0303 303 3030."

CAFOD - Share the Journey: Date for your diary - Sunday 10 June. Pope Francis has launched Share the Journey, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of people on the move. CAFOD asks us to join together in walking around the world. On **10 June** we will walk in solidarity with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. We will be walking around the reservoir at Sywell Country Park – a distance of only 2.5 miles. The miles we walk will be added to the total from across England and Wales. Please make a note of the date and prepare to join us for a Sunday afternoon walk. Further details nearer the time. If you wish to know more please contact Val Sudlow - vsudlow@yahoo.co.uk.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS. Friday 7th September 2018 to Sunday 9th September; The ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Local contact: Cath Worthington (07817 320934).

你好, Ahoj, Sveiki, Helo, Përshëndetje, Ευχαριστώ, Dia dhuit, cześć, Ciao. At the Sacred Heart, we are blessed with many people from different nations from across the globe. We are blessed with the ability to pray and blessed that we are able to share all these blessings freely. During the month of May, we have the opportunity of sharing together in an International Rosary. Each week we will be gathering together to pray the Rosary in our native tongue. After the prayer time, another opportunity to experience our cultural diversity, as we bring and share snacks of our countries taste/cuisine. Please fill in the sheets at the back of church for each date with your 1st or 2nd languages and what foodstuffs you will be bringing to share. For further details, please contact Felicity on 01604 403869.

2018 Pentecost edition of 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. The Holy Catholic Church professes her faith in the Holy Spirit as "the Lord, the giver of life." As we prepare for Pentecost Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Diocesan Shrine will be hosting a 24 Hour Eucharistic adoration of the Lord on Friday 18 May. The Eucharistic adoration begins with a Holy Mass at 7pm on Friday and will be concluded with a Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday at 8pm. This is an initiative intended to give an opportunity for people to pray and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity "to discern and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the context of Eucharistic adoration. Interested persons can put their name down for a slot on the sign up sheet in the porch or contact Lorraine in the office on the email address or telephone number at the top of the newsletter. Come let us worship the risen Lord "in Spirit and Truth." (John 4: 24).

Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s). 25-27 May 2018. Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Location: Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org.

Rosary on the Coast. For those who cannot get to the coast to pray the rosary, The Legion of Mary invite you to join us at Our Lady's at 2.45pm on 29 April to pray in unison with those praying around the coastlines of the UK. We will begin with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy then the four mysteries of the rosary. It is the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act, so we will be praying for life, for families and for Faith to be rekindle in the British Isles. For more information, contact Wanda on 01536 511200.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Saturday 10 June. This year the programme is a little different, beginning with Mass at the National Shrine at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Peter, then at 3pm gathering outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for the procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds and on arrival at the Abbey Grounds there will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House. If you wish to attend, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.