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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	29 July	8.00am	Private Intention for Pat and Gerry Green
Our Lady	Sunday	29 July	9.15am	Alfons and Urszula Solujan RIP (70th Wedding Anniversary)
Our Lady	Monday	30 July	6.00pm	All souls; Mina Mcketish (85 th Birthday)
Our Lady	Wednesday	1 August	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	4 August	10.00am	Hugh & Bernadette Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	5 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	5 August	9.15am	Charles & Teresa Padbury (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	31 July	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	1 August	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. July: for our sick and housebound, those who care for them and their vocation within the church.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. July: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry. That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Exodus 16: 2-4.12-15, Ps 77:3-4.23-24.54. R.v24, Ephesians 4:17.20-24, John 6:24-35.

Last week's collection: Our Lady: £245.90 St. Anselm: £218.30 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

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 and Chav Nguyen.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: Miracles are signs of the Kingdom of God

The sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is the foundational theology of the Eucharist. The theology of the Eucharist is the focus of our gospel readings from the 17th Sunday to the 21st Sunday.

The focus for this Sunday is the miracle of Jesus Christ. The story of Jesus feeding the multitude is a miracle. This miracle is found in all the four gospels, thus, emphasizing its importance for the Church. According to John, "the people seeing the miracle that he had given said, this really is the prophet who is to come into the world." The miracle of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the Eucharist. (ccc#1335) St. John places Jesus Christ at the centre of the action. It is Jesus who saw the people's need and took the initiative to feed them. He saw their physical need and began a conversation with Philip that would result in the miraculous feeding and his teaching on the bread of life. Jesus first gave thanks (eucharistein in Greek) and proceeded to feed them with more than enough to satisfy their hunger.

The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. The signs and miracles strengthen our faith in the Father. Miracles bear witness that the Jesus is the Son of God. But miracles can also be occasions for "offence". It is because they are not intended to satisfy people's curiosity or desire for magic.

Like the prophet Elijah, Jesus cares for the physical and the spiritual needs of the people. Jesus Christ constantly offers himself to us.

Are we ready to allow Jesus to feed us and satisfy us?

StreetChurch. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the food for StreetChurch last week. It was a busy day with nearly 80 guests from the community in Northampton and the heat did not help!

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. Is your child starting school in September? St Gregory's Catholic Primary School have spaces available in their Reception classes for September 2018. If you would like to come and visit our school and see the fantastic opportunities we offer, please ring the school office on 01604 403511 to book a visit.

Hospital visiting. The Cathedral Chaplaincy Team visit Northampton Hospital on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If a loved one is taken into hospital and would like a visit, please call the Parish Office on 714556 and let us know what ward they are on and their full name. If your loved one is in need of a priest in an EMERGENCY then please inform the nurse who will contact the on call Catholic Priest.

NORES day retreat: As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation, NORES are offering a day retreat called 'Your God will be my God' and will be based on the Book of Ruth. The retreat will be at The Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Rd, Iver Heath SL10 0NR on Saturday 20th October 11am-4pm, and is £30 per person, which includes lunch, tea and coffee. For further details, please contact NORES on admin@nores.org.uk or on 01582 723312 or speak to Lorraine in the parish office.

“May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe, take in one family” Pope Francis – Sept 2015

In two Catholic parishes in Buckinghamshire, two groups have formed with the intention of bringing two refugee families to England under a Home Office scheme. The first family is expected to arrive in August 2018. A group has been formed here in Northampton, which hopes to do the same. The project is called Safe Haven Northampton and we are looking for support with writing an application to the Home Office, finding accommodation, recruiting and training befrienders and all the practical tasks of welcoming a family new to the area. Would you be able to show a new family how to get to shops and school? Could you help organise furnishings in their home before they arrive? Could you help them navigate getting registered for health services? Take the chance to be inspired, ask questions, network and connect with others who are keen to support refugees through community sponsorship in Northampton.

Our first task is fundraising, so please join us for a **Garden Party Sale** on **Saturday 18 August** from 2.30pm at the home of Aideen and Kevin Fogarty at 337 Billing Road East. Tickets are £2.50 adults, families £3.50, including tea, soft drinks and cake. We'll have cakes, books, toiletries, jewellery, plants and bric-a-brac as well as a prize draw. For more information please contact Aideen Fogarty: firstaidk@btinternet.com John Delahunty: john@delahunty.org.uk Stella Watts: stella7@sky.com.

Forty Hours Exposition. To coincide with the “Adoremus” congress in Liverpool, there will be continuous exposition from 7am on Thursday 6 September until 11.00 pm on Friday 7 November at St Gregory's, Part Avenue North, Northampton. Any groups who would like to take responsibility for part of this time, especially through Thursday night, please talk to Fr Andrew at St Gregory's.

Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking: Northampton Justice and Peace Commission Conference on Saturday 13th October 2018 at St John's Parish Hall, 296 Sundon Park Road Luton LU3 3AL. 10:30am – 1:30pm followed by a shared lunch. Speakers will be Sr Patricia Mulhall csb and Michael Duthie (Deputy Director Santa Marta Group) - both have a wealth of experience in these areas. For more details contact Stephen Forster – 01494 875 485; franforster2@gmail.com If you'd like to share a lift, please contact Frank - 077121 60064 or frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk.

Rosary Rally and Mass for Peace. Sunday 26 August at 2pm at Mount St Bernards Abbey, Leics. A coach will be going from St Gregory's Church, Park Ave North at 12.30pm. Cost £10. Please bring a picnic and folding chair. To book a place, contact Maureen Salter on 01604 315112.