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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	2 September	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	2 September	9.15am	Joe & Angela Garvey (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	3 September	6.00pm	No Mass today
St Anselm	Tuesday	4 September	7.00pm	Special intentions of those attending this Mass
Our Lady	Wednesday	5 September	6.00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Saturday	8 September	10.00am	Kathleen Burke (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	9 September	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	9 September	9.15am	John Walsh (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	2 September	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	2 September	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. September: for the treasure of Families - that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity. [www.thepopevideo.org]

Pope Francis' Special Intention. September: Young People in Africa. That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 25:4-7, Ps145:7-10.R.v1, St James 2:1-5, Mark 7:31-37.

Last week's collection: Our Lady: £329, St. Anselm: £228 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

Next week's second collection: National Catholic Fund and Catholic Education Fund.

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 Rae Dakin.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: Worship of God and Human Tradition

The Pharisees who confronted Jesus about his disciples' ritual purity were so concerned with strict observance of the law that they lost sight of God's desire for mercy, justice and love. Such inverted priorities by the Pharisees caused Jesus to respond abruptly and forcefully as he directed his disciples to look at the state of their hearts before they considered their actions. When we look at Jesus' description of the human heart and the sins that arise from it (Mark 7:20-21), we might feel a sense of self-condemnation and despair. Who could look at such a list without seeing something of a reflection of his/her own inner state?

God calls us to examine our hearts not so that we would feel condemned, but so that we would know freedom and peace. Many saints have commented that the more deeply they saw their sins, the more fully they recognized God's mercy and love. The humility they demonstrated was no cowardice, but a recognition of their need for God, coupled with confidence in his power at work in them. In fact, they considered it a privilege to come to such self-knowledge, for it always led them to the Lord. It was this privilege that these Pharisee denied themselves and prevented their followers from experiencing. Let us ask the Spirit to search our hearts and minds and help us to see how we can respond more deeply by loving one another more genuinely.

Parish Coffee Mornings. We will be holding a coffee morning immediately after Mass on Sunday 16 September at St Anselm's and on Sunday 7 October at Our Lady's.

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19: For children in School Years 3-6 only. Registration forms will be available on the parish noticeboards at the back of both churches every Sunday until 7th October. Completed forms can be given to Hazel or Lorraine or sent to the parish office. The classes will start on Sunday 14th October after 9.15am Mass and parents will need to collect their children from the Institute at 11am. For any older candidates, please speak to Fr Jerry.

Afternoon Tea Party, hosted by your SVP. 3pm - 5pm. **TODAY.** Free afternoon tea with homemade cakes and scones! Please come and meet us so we can thank you personally for your generosity. Get to know more about what we do. And if you have any spare time, how you too could get involved. New members are always needed to help with the rise in numbers of those in need. The Tea is being held in the Church Hall, 7 High Street, Earls Barton, NN6 0JG (opposite the Co-op). There will be a raffle and if you haven't given before, donations are always welcome. Any questions please call our SVP number 07568313234.

The Feast of St Gregory. The Clergy and people of St Gregory the Great, Northampton invite all the clergy and people of the other parishes of our Pastoral Area to celebrate with us the feast of our Patron on Monday 3 September. Mass is at 7pm, and followed by refreshments in the Hall. All are welcome.

Upcoming Second Collections. 9 September: National Catholic Fund and Catholic Education Fund, 16 September: Home Mission Sunday, 7 October: CAFOD, 21 October: Mission Sunday, 4 November: Bishop's Maintenance Fund, 18 November: Sick & Retired Priest's Fund, 25 November: Catholic Youth Services.

Rosary Link for Vocations September 2018. The Mass and Rosary will be offered for Vocations on Thursday 6th September at 9.30am at St Francis of Assisi, Shefford, Friday 7 September at 8.30am at St Thomas Aquinas – Bletchley and at 7pm Rosary, 8pm Mass at Church of Divine Mercy, Slough, Saturday 8 September at 10.30am at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W'boro. Jesus told us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers and we are greatly encouraged to continue our prayers for vocations as our Diocese is currently blessed with eight seminarians amongst other religious vocations. We pray also for each one of us to fulfil our God given purpose. All welcome to join us as we unite our prayers with those around the Diocese for this cause. For further information call Donna, 07940 228227.

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 20 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.

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 September at St Gregory's, Park 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 13 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.

Studying Scripture this Autumn. Following on the success of The Bible Timeline and other courses in the last couple of years you are invited to try one or more of the following!

ALPHA

An excellent introduction to Christianity - this is an opportunity to come and bring a friend. The Alpha course will be running at St. Gregory's church hall, starting on Monday 10 September with a meal at 7:30pm.

Matthew

Study in more detail the Gospel of Matthew and see how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the new. On Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart, starting on 5 September at 7pm. There is a course book which costs £27.

Acts of the Apostles

See how the Gospel was spread in the early years of the Church, bringing the centre of Christianity to Rome. On Tuesday mornings at Sacred Heart starting at 10.15am on 4 September. There is a course book which costs £27.

Ephesians

Study one of the beautiful letters of St Paul and discover the life of the early Church in Ephesus On Tuesday mornings until Christmas at St Gregory's starting on 4 September at 10am. There is a course book, exact price uncertain, probably about £20.

Psalms

We read from the psalms at every Mass - it was the hymn-book that Jesus used. Let them come to life for you. On Monday afternoons at St Gregory's on 17 September from 1pm to 3pm. There is a course book, exact price uncertain, but probably about £20.

John

The fourth Gospel gives a unique insight into the nature of Jesus, of God Himself; of the Holy Trinity and our salvation On Tuesday mornings at St Gregory's after Christmas, starting on 8 January at 10am.