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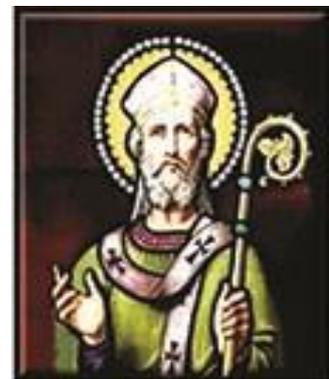
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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	18 November	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	18 November	9.15am	Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen RIP
Our Lady	Monday	19 November	6.00pm	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
Our Lady	Wednesday	21 November	6.00pm	Anna Fischer (Foundation Mass); Antal Kapitany RIP
Our Lady	Saturday	24 November	10.00am	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b> & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	25 November	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	25 November	9.15am	Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen RIP

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	20 November	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	21 November	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

**Feast Days.** Wednesday – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** November: Month of Prayer for all who have died.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** November: In Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Daniel 7:13-14, Ps 92: 1-2,5. R.v1 Apocalypse 1:5-8, John 18:33-37.

**This week's second collection:** Sick & Retired Priests.

**Next week's second collection:** Mary's Meals.

**Please pray for our sick and elderly.** Gillian Brockway, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson and Rae Dakin.

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme:** "...but my words will not pass away".

Jesus said that he would surely come, but on that day no one knows except the Father in heaven who knows the day and hour. In the meantime, Jesus knew his followers would have to endure trying moments, a moment of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. He knew that deceivers would come and try to lure them from God, or that they would be distracted by their cares and pursuits. The Lord, therefore, cautions them; "Take heed". This caution exhorts us to a holy watchfulness! And we are to seriously prepare for the second coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. If the Lord delays, it is for a purpose. The Lord delays in order that all may come to repentance and true faith. Whether we meet Jesus at our physical death or at the second coming, whichever comes first, we on earth, are waiting for Jesus to take us to the heavenly kingdom.

While we wait we must pray and remain alert. The devil will try to rob us of our peace, happiness and cause distress in the world, causing the environment like the sun to be darkened, the moon losing its brightness and the stars falling from heaven while the powers in the heaven shaking. These will lull some of us into a false sense of security.

May we always be watchful and prepare ourselves for the second coming of the Lord with great joy and gladness.

**Bernard Weston RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernard Weston who died recently. His remains will be received into Our Lady's on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm and his funeral will be on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon.

**New Joint Newsletter (Year C).** At the beginning of the new liturgical year, we will have a new Joint Newsletter for the three churches: Sacred Heart, Our Lady's and St. Anselm. The new newsletter will replace the current separate parish newsletters. This is one of the ways of achieving Christ's message of Unity as a 'one parish' – "so that they may be one as we are one" (John 17:11).

**Parish Appeal for Mary's Meal.** "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mathew 25:35).

A group called the Mary's Meals wishes to visit the Our Lady's shrine on Sunday 25 November to appeal for financial support. The main goal of Mary's Meals is "that every child receives a nutritious daily meal in a place of education." They believe that we can respond to the invitation of our blessed Lord, "For I was hungry and you gave me food" (Mathew 25:35) "By providing a daily meal in a place of learning. They are determined with your support to meet the immediate needs of hungry children and encourage them to go to school and gain an education which eventually will assist them in the future, to climb the ladder out of poverty." There are about 1,361,586 children now receiving Mary's Meals. We wish to have a second collection on Sunday 25 November after the 9.15 am Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support. For further information please visit: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

**Traidcraft.** Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's on Sunday 25 November. Please support this wonderful organisation.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Open Days.** Do you have a child starting school in September 2019? St Gregory's have an open day on Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 6-7pm.

**Confirmation Preparation Programme.** The visit to the Oscot Seminary and Selly Park Convent is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The coach leaves from St Gregory's Church at 8.45am. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch.

**SVP Giving Tree.** Thanks to everyone who has taken "leaves" (yellow cards) from the giving tree. The response has been amazing and as such we have added some extra items for those who missed out. Please take one, or more if you can afford, purchase the items on the "leaf" and return them to the church on or before November 25th. Thank you in advance from the SVP and the families you have helped.

**Hope Centre.** On 15 October the Hope Centre were given just 12 months' notice to vacate the day centre facility in Oasis House. The Day Centre is a place where the homeless and vulnerable of Northampton have come to know and trust. Individuals who use the service receive a fantastic service, and being asked to leave is already having a negative impact on many of those people we seek to support. The premises is to be converted into a relocated council night shelter: the decision was made without wider consultation. The Hope Centre are hoping they can get Northampton Borough Council to change their decision, made in conjunction with Midland Heart, asking them to find an alternative venue for the night shelter, rather than unnecessarily renovating a building which is already in use and supporting the homeless and others in need very effectively. To help them, you can do a number of things:

If you haven't already done so, please sign the petition at the back of the church or the one set up by their patron Sally Keeble at <https://www.change.org/p/midlands-heart-save-the-hope-centre>.

You can also send letters to the CEO of Northampton Borough Council, George Candler; Chief Executive of Midland Heart, Glenn Harris; and Chair of the Board of Midland Heart, John Edwards. A letter template should you wish to use it, can be found online at <http://northamptonhopecentre.org.uk/keep-hope-alive/>

**Catholic Basics Course.** Want to know more about your Faith? Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in four parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life, Prayer. For each part there is a day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will and a sense of humour! Launch and Part I: 31 January 2019, 10am-3pm (arrive 9.30am for refreshments). NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. To book, contact [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

**Vocation to the Priesthood.** Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the Vocation to the Priesthood. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday 14 December – Sunday 16 December. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to Fr Mark. Please continue to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood!

**The Wassail Evening returns.** On Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm the Sacred Heart Lourdes Group will be holding a Wassail Evening in the Sacred Heart church hall - a fun family evening of favourite Christmas songs and carols which should put everyone in the right mood to celebrate. Come along, enjoy, and support the fundraising to enable the group to raise enough money to assist the passage of those giving up their time to help others in Lourdes.