



The Catholic Parish of Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



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**“A truly thriving Catholic community,
confidently and humbly proclaiming the
Good News of Jesus Christ.”**

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Apostle of Truth

In a recent police investigation a witness who had lied was defended because he had “told his truth”. The idea that there is no single fundamental truth is what has given rise to the concept of the “Post-truth era”, in which we are alleged to be living. This is most evident in the arena of politics where facts are secondary to opinions and experts are of no value.

Today, 13th October 2019 sees the canonisation of John Henry Newman, who has been described as an “Apostle of the Truth” (*Article in the current ‘Pastoral Review’ by Monica Rapeanu*).

Pope Benedict XVI acknowledges a great debt to Newman, who he describes as one of “the great teachers of the Church, because he both touches our hearts and enlightens our thinking (*L’Osservatore Romano*, 22, June 1, 2005 §9). Like Newman, Benedict was constantly proclaiming the fundamental truth of the Gospel, as opposed to what he referred to as ‘relativism’; a way of thinking that finds its fulfilment in the ‘post-truth era’.

Benedict said of Newman: “Newman was much more taken by the necessity to obey recognized truth than his own preferences – even against his own sensitivity and bonds of friendship and ties due to similar backgrounds. It seems to me characteristic of Newman that he emphasized the priority of truth over goodness in the order of virtues. Or, to put it in a way which is more understandable for us, he emphasized truth’s priority over consensus, over the accommodation of groups (*Conscience and Truth, 10th Workshop for Bishops, February 1991, Dallas, Texas, USA*).

Monica Rapeanu says of him: “He knew that an honest pursuit of the truth is essential, and he also knew that the goal of apologetics is not victory but truth” (*Pastoral Review Volume 15, issue 5*).

There were many different areas of thought in which Newman engaged, but one which is especially important and topical is that of education. In 1851 he was invited to go to Dublin to found the

Catholic University there. He remained as Rector until 1858, and established a number of then revolutionary ideas: that lay-people could be lecturers, he established other faculties than theology, medicine, law, engineering, and arranged evening lectures for people already in work. He put his ideas in a book: “The Idea of a University” and his thoughts are particularly relevant today, not just in Higher education, but at every level. He was concerned with the total formation of the person; not just with the acquiring of knowledge and understanding, but with goodness as well. “Knowledge is one thing, virtue is another; good sense is not conscience, refinement is not humility, nor is largeness and justness of view faith.” (*The Idea of a University*.)

He writes of the danger of narrow specialisation, saying that this produces narrow minds and argued against the principle of utilitarianism — that the university experience must be validated by economic usefulness.

It should never be forgotten that Newman was first of all, a priest. In his days as an Anglican he was a devoted pastor in Oxford and at Littlemore, and when he had set up the Oratory in Birmingham he was a devoted pastor there.

He was much concerned with the education and welfare of the poor, And when he died in 1890, tens of thousands of people lined the streets for his funeral procession.

Today, among Newman’s many qualities, we can learn from his loyalty to the truth in an age which sets individual opinion or majority decision at a higher level than truth and facts. We can learn from his understanding of education as being more than the accumulation of information or the gaining of skills, but that it is a spiritual growth as much as intellectual. Above all, we can learn from him that people matter more than ideas and theories.

As a saint of God, John Henry Newman is not just held up to us as someone to imitate. He is in heaven where he prays for us. In this ‘Extraordinary Month of Mission’, may his prayers assist our mission work in this parish and pastoral area.





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Sunday 13th October 2019
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Sunday <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	Paddy Mullen RIP
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish
Monday Pope St. Callistus	9.00 am	Mass	John Shoreland RIP
Tuesday St. Teresa of Avila	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Michael O'Dea's Intentions
Wednesday St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	9.00 am	Mass	Jacqui Brewer RIP
Thursday St. Ignatius of Antioch	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	Jeswin Jobin's 7 th Birthday
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Mass	
Friday St. Luke	9.00 am	Mass	Martin Bushell RIP
Saturday St. John de Brebeuf & Companions	9.00 am	Mass	Anna Marie & Richard O'Neill's Intentions
	9.45 am	Confessions	
Sunday <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	The Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	Peter Morgan RIP

Your Offering To The Parish: Last Sunday's collection was £954.11. Thank you!
Standing Order gifts to the Parish: Each week £390 is given through standing orders.
Gift Aid benefits to the parish: The value of Gift Aid averages £133 per week.
Second Collection Last Week: CAFOD. To be reported here soon.
Second Collection Next Week: Mission Sunday
Counters This Week: Mrs Quinn, A. Gibson.
Cleaners This Week: Kathleen & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

2 Kings 5: 14-17. *Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.*
2 Timothy 2: 8-13. *If we hold firm, then we shall reign with Christ.*
Luke 17: 11-19. *No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.*

Readings for Next Sunday

Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2; Luke 18: 1-8. (Page 87)

During this season of Ordinary Time, Autumn, Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;
We are asked to pray for: The Spread of the Gospel; Victims of War
Prisoners & Their Families; Young People.

In Hospital? Let the Chaplaincy know on 01604 714556

If you are in need, please ring Gregory Care on 07982 235379,
Someone will respond as soon as possible. Please be patient.

An important message for any who sometimes attend Mass at the Cathedral:
The Cathedral will no longer send envelopes from other Parishes back, so if you occasionally attend Sunday Mass there, please do not put St. Gregory's Envelopes into the collection, but save them until you are next here, or consider setting up a standing order (see Fr. Andrew)

Hall Keys: Please, please, please, will everyone who has used the hall in recent months, and was given a key to get in, please make sure that you have returned it to the office. There are a number missing, and they are very expensive to replace. Thank you. Caryll.

Are you new to the parish?
You are welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the clergy

Please pray for the sick

Sylvia Marlow	Kelly-Ann
Cecilia Pereira	Robert Fleming
Fr Philip Swingle	Joan McAllister
Michael Spowart	Jean O'Neill
Dominic Nicholls	Clara Korejwo
Alf Shipman	James Power
Owen	Khanh Phan
Kath Seamark	Michael Connor
Fr Ed Worthy	Sarah Dunster
Liam Murphy	Kim Do
Margaret Farragher	Sr. Margaret
Dulcie Miranda	Sylvia Clark
Joan Healy	Lily Butler
Jayne Miller	Rachel
May Murtagh	Eileen Howell
Maurice Murphy	Doris Old
Michael O'Dea	Rita
Lorraine Woolard	Erica Campbell
Frances Duffus	Vera Curly
Richard Redmond	Chau
Teresa Redmond	Damien Darkko
Maire West	Michael Graney
Paul Mandel	Fr. John O'Brien
Kathleen Healey	Candy Docherty
Leo Bell	Elaine Donnelly
Catherine Stratten	May Eamons
Stephen Aneke	Michael Folon
John Bosco Cullen	Mary Rumsey
Paul Greaves	Michael Rowback
Maureen Smith	Edward Taylan
Fr. Malachy Eleanya	Peter
N. Donegan	Norma Bryan
Maureen Bell	Deacon Rory
Margaret M	Breege Manix
Simone Bergin	

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Kathleen French	Maud Kennedy
Winifred Prendergast	Mary Behan
Maureen Graney	Brendan Duffy
Kathleen McAdam	Anne Philip
Esther McKenna	Dennis Costello
Henry McGill	Concertina Pagani
Francis Bolton	Margaret Smith
Etheline Smith	Peter Morgan
Giuseppe Anzalone	John Chapman
Alfred Smith	Patrick Kennedy
Malcolm Smith	Stan Simkus
Amelia Koslowska	Theresa Casey
Jacqui Brewer	Bertha Crusp
Teresa Osborne	Bernard Coyle
Nancy O'Mahoney	Paddy Gilbert
Rosanna Spittle	Nora Lack
Arthur Page	Elizabeth Malpas
John Gleeson	Pia Lobo
Peter Williams	Alan O'Mahoney
Kathleen Robson	

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER
That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

Notices of Interest

The Repository: Due to further staff illness, I am now desperate for help, especially after the 11am Mass. All stock is priced and it only needs a few moments after Mass. Please help!
If you can spare some time, please phone me on 629103, or speak to Fr. Andrew. *Kathleen Healey*

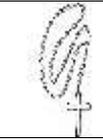
Bible Alive for October & November is now available in the lobby area. It has daily readings & good articles - all for only £2:50! **Please remember to put money in the box marked 'Books & Papers' in the entrance lobby.**



We welcome into the family of the Church
Raisa Florariu
who received Christian Baptism recently.
Please pray for her and her family.

The Hope Centre are looking for empty ice cream tubs and margarine tubs (NOT yoghurt pots). Please continue to donate only the large ice cream tubs and margarine tubs, as these can be used for placing dinners and puddings in for the homeless. Thank you!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Please remember this important spiritual powerhouse of the parish. Exposition begins after the morning liturgy of Word and Communion on Thursdays and continues until 6.45 pm.



Rosary: If you wish to have the Rosary said in your home during October, please fill out the form in the lobby area. Two members of the Legion of Mary will come on the day and time you prefer. Thank you.

Sacred Heart are praying the Rosary in October: We're beginning each session with a 25 minute video 'Called and chosen' but there will be no planned discussion with it. Next session is Wednesday 16th at 7pm. We'll be praying the Mysteries of Light, some in English, some not, & we'll be offering refreshments afterwards. Please come and join us; language other than English very welcome!

Choir Matters: Practices are usually on the 1st Thurs of the month following evening Mass till 9pm. To prepare for Christmas & Epiphany, Masses & carols, there are extra practices. These are on Nov: 7, 14, 21, 28, Dec: 5, 12, 19 then Feb 6; no practice Jan 2. New singers always welcome. Happy New Year. *Alec*

LUX.VOX – a weekend for young people aged 11-18! 31st Jan-2nd Feb 2020 – Please contact fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627 for more details.

Safe Haven Coffee Morning (Syrian Family Sponsorship scheme) at 337 Billing Road East, NN3 3LL on Thursday 17th October from 10.30am. Traidcraft Stall, Christmas Cards, Crafts & Gifts, Raffle. Kevin & Aideen Fogarty.

A Request from Bishop Peter: We need people who, in the midst of all changes to education policy, will keep Christ at the centre of everything they do. Do you have experience in business, education, charities or HR? I would like you to consider whether you are someone who could serve our children as they grow in faith by volunteering as a Director for our new Multi Academy Trust. For details contact Debbie Main on main@nores.org.uk or 01582 723312

Becoming a Catholic: For adults interested in becoming a Catholic, the parish runs Journey in Faith process (RCIA). Also offered for adults who are Catholic, but have not received all the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Please speak to Alex Heath (07963032175), Fr Andrew or Maria Heath.

The Prayer Group meets every Thursday in the Sacristy from 2pm until 3.30pm for Praise, reading of Scripture and Intercession. We are a small group, and warmly welcome newcomers!

Bl. Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group meets 1st Saturday of every month in the Sacristy, 10am. **Next meeting November 2nd.** All welcome.

Vianney Mission Prayer Group meets 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Sacristy, 6pm - 7pm. **Next meeting November 13th.** All welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation Session will be on Monday 7th October, 7pm, in the Sacristy.

First Holy Communion – 2020 The preparation has now started, and no more registrations can be accepted. All families should have the full programme; the next preparation day is on November 23rd, and this is a longer session, beginning at 10.00 am and is at St Gregory's school, Grange Road. This is the preparing for the First Reconciliation, and it is essential that children attend this session. It is also essential that children attend Mass each week.

Confirmation Preparation: Those interested in Confirmation in 2020 are invited to join the Youth Alpha programme. While this isn't a compulsory part of the preparation, it's an excellent & enjoyable prelude. Young people in Year 7 & above wishing to be Confirmed, should collect & complete a registration form from the hall after Mass. Forms will be available from 6th October. Please then attend one of the registration sessions after Masses on Sunday 10th or 17th November. (8am at St Anselm's, 9.15am at Our Lady's, 10.30am Sacred Heart and 9am and 11am at St Gregory's). Classes begin in January 2020 & generally be held on Saturday afternoons leading to Confirmation in July. If you have problems attending registration please email Kathleen on kathfish@hotmail.com

Tots @St Gregory's: If you have charge of a pre-school baby or child on Tuesday mornings why not come along to Tots @ St Gregory's which runs in the parish hall from 9:30 - 11:30? We are a friendly, welcoming group where all have fun & refreshments are provided. The cost is £1 for each adult regardless of how many children you bring! We run throughout the school terms and begin again on Tuesday 10th September.

Ceili Dancing: Wednesday evenings, starts 8pm. Learn Ceili Dancing in a friendly atmosphere at St Gregory's Hall from 8pm – 9.15pm. All ages welcome! Ceád Mile Failte. For further info please phone Pat Franks on 07710624921

Autumn Courses at St Gregory's:

Monday at 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	Catholicism	starts 16 th September
Monday at 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	Acts	starts 16 th September
Tuesday at 10.00 am – 12 noon	Psalms	starts 24 th September
Tuesday at 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm	Alpha	starts 17 th September
Wednesday at 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm	Matthew	starts 18 th September

Autumn Course at Sacred Heart:

Tuesday at 10.15 am	Bible Timeline	starts 17 th September
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More information on local courses can be found at:

www.bible-groups.info/timeline

A change to the Youth Alpha dates: (5.30 pm – 7.00 pm)

Friday 8th November
Friday 15th November
Friday 22nd November
Friday 29th November
Friday 6th December
Friday 11th December



There will be food and drink at each meeting!

When the Hebrew people were escaping from Egypt they were led by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire at night. It went in front of them to guide them, but when they were in danger then pillar of cloud moved to behind them. (*Exodus 13:21-22, 14:19-20*)

The Holy Spirit is our guide, but also our protector and advocate.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times go before us and follow after
and make us always determined
to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We are guided towards the carrying out of 'good works'; Scripture is full of descriptions of what we should be doing.

It is not enough to just 'hear the Word' we must also 'do the Word' (*James 1:22*). This 'doing' is what Mission is all about, be it 'telling' or 'living' the message of salvation.

Scripture Readings 13th October 2019, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Naaman, a leper, commanded an Aramaean army which was victorious over Israel. An Israeli girl, the servant of Naaman's wife, said the prophet in Samaria could cure Naaman's leprosy. Elisha told Naaman to bathe seven times in the Jordan. Initially Naaman refuses to do something so humble, but he is persuaded by his servant and he is cured. When Elisha refuses reward, Naaman takes soil home so that he may continue worshipping the God of Israel.

The psalm praises the Lord for he has given salvation to all peoples and all creation.

Paul urges Timothy to pass on the gospel he has received, summed up in only six Greek words: Jesus, the Christ, anointed by God; descended from David, risen from the dead. Thus pointing to our bodily resurrection. In what sounds like a hymn from a very early

baptismal liturgy we are told that "if we persevere we shall reign with him". Not just be with Christ, but joining him in his work of caring for the renewed creation.

In Luke's Gospel Jesus is coming closer to Jerusalem and his death, while revealing more about his kingdom. Last week Jesus told his disciples to serve without expecting thanks. Now ten lepers are healed, like Naaman, through simple actions. Only the non-Jew returns to thank him.

Psalm Response:

**The Lord has shown his salvation
to the nations.**

(2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 97(98) 2 Tim 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19)

Chris Oliver

The Season of Creation

Tip No.5: Living Sustainably with creation:

Walk, cycle or bus to church and, where possible, elsewhere.

Tip No.6: Living sustainably with creation:

Lift shares to church. Consider sharing one car with spouse or child; to reduce the number of cars on the road.

PRAYER

CREATOR GOD

You gave us responsibility for the earth
A world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,
So that those who follow after us
May enjoy the fruits of your creation

Many thanks to Harry and Helen Charles who have offered to co-ordinate our parish's work towards the "Living Simply Award". Anyone who is interested is being involved in this, please contact them, or speak to Fr Andrew

The Year of the Word



The instruction in the Introduction to the Lectionary, might make slightly uncomfortable reading, if it causes us then to ponder on what training and formation been provided in many parishes. But if the discomfort prompts action...

'It is necessary that those who exercise the ministry of reader, even if they have not received institution, be truly qualified and carefully prepared so that the faithful may develop a warm and living love for Scripture from listening to the sacred texts read.'

Their preparation must above all be spiritual, but what may be called a technical preparation is also needed. The spiritual preparation presupposes at least a biblical and liturgical formation. The purpose of their biblical formation is to give readers the ability to understand the readings in context and to perceive by the light of faith the central point of the revealed message. The liturgical formation ought to equip the readers to have some grasp of the meaning and structure

of the liturgy of the word and of the significance of its connection with the liturgy of the Eucharist.

The technical preparation should make the readers more skilled in the art of reading publicly, either with the power of their own voice or with the help of sound equipment.' (Introduction to the Lectionary, 55)

What a difference between the money and other resources made available for the formation of the clergy for their ministry, and the resources invested in the formation of lay ministers. The change in the Church's ministerial practice has been enormous, but in England and Wales the way in which it resources or does not resource its ministers seems to have changed very little. (*From the Liturgy Office website.*)

We are offering this training — sadly only very short, but of great importance. 28th and 29th October, 7.30 pm



