



The Catholic Parish of Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



PART OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 234091

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VISION

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

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St Oscar Romero

Oscar Arnulfo Romero was born on the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady in 1917, one of eight children. At the age of 13 he became aware of his vocation and entered the junior seminary. He completed his formation for Priesthood in Rome and was ordained in 1942.

After 25 years working in parishes in El Salvador he was chosen to be secretary to the Bishops' Conference, and he also became the editor of the diocesan newspaper, which under his leadership became noticeably conservative. In 1970 he was ordained Bishop, and in 1977 was appointed Archbishop of San Salvador, much to the disappointment of many of the clergy who saw him as reactionary and would not be supportive of their commitment to the poor. The government saw him as a “safe pair of hands”.

Just a month after his appointment to San Salvador, a friend of his, Fr Rutilio Grande SJ was assassinated by a death squad. The Archbishop said of this: “When I looked at Rutilio lying there dead I thought, ‘If they have killed him for doing what he did, then I too have to walk the same path.’”

From then onwards, Archbishop Romero would see the situation from the side of the victims. As part of his support for victims, he opened a legal aid centre and began documenting all killings and disappearances. Each week he preached a sermon over the radio using a station run by the Church. He was able to do this every week except when the station was bombed. In this broadcast he listed all those who had been murdered, disappeared or been tortured in the



SAN ÓSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO
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past week — it was regarded as the programme which had the largest listenership in the country.

This was in the era that “Liberation Theology” was getting a bad reputation, being accused of following Karl Marx more than Jesus! It was alleged that there were priests who were members of armed militia opposing the government. While being totally committed to the preferential option for the poor, he had no sympathy for armed rebellion.

He knew that his forthright opposition to the government was dangerous. Friends suggested he should have a bodyguard, to which he replied: “Why should the shepherd have protection when his sheep are still prey to wolves?”

He knew that he was likely to be killed, and accepted this calmly. On 24th March 1980, while celebrating Mass he was shot through the heart by a sniper. On the previous day he had made a broadcast in which he had asked the soldiers to stop, killing innocent civilians.

After his funeral the army opened fire on the mourners, killing many in a crowd of over 100,000. El Salvador degenerated into civil

war in which over 75,000 people were killed.

Today in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis will declare him a saint. He has already inspired many to work for a more equal world and a fairer distribution of wealth.

“It is not God's will for some to have everything and others to have nothing. That cannot be of God. God's will is that all his children be happy.”

St Oscar Romero September 10, 1978



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Sunday 14th October 2018

Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

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Sunday <i>28th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	Paddy Mullan RIP
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish
Monday St. Teresa of Avila	9.00 am	Mass	Peter Morgan RIP
Tuesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Jacqui Brewer RIP
Wednesday St. Ignatius of Antioch	9.00 am	Mass	The Family of Bernadette & Robert Douglas
	11.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's)	
Thursday St. Luke	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	Peter Casey RIP
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Mass	
Friday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Tom Byrne RIP
	2.20 pm	Healing Mass	Sheila Dowling
Saturday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Anthony Healey RIP
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 £1652.30. Thank you!

Standing Order gifts to the Parish:

Each week £300 is given through standing orders.

Gift Aid benefits to the parish:

The value of Gift Aid averages £137 per week. CAFOD to be reported soon.

Special Collection Last Week:

The Earthquake/Tsunami in Indonesia

Special Collection This Week:

Mission Sunday

Special Collection Next Week:

C.P., L. Allen.

Counters This Week:

Aideen & Another.

Cleaners This Week:

Readings for This Sunday

Wisdom 7: 7-11.

Compared with wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

Hebrews 4: 12-13.

The word of God can judge secret emotions and thoughts.

Mark 10: 17-30.

Go and sell everything you own and follow me.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 53: 10-11; Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 35-45. (Page 82)

During this season of

Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;

Ordinary Time, Autumn,

The Spread of the Gospel;

we are asked

Prisoners & their Families;

to pray for:

Victims of War; 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.

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

Live Video streaming from the Cathedral: <https://www.churchservices.tv/northamptoncathedral>

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)

Please pray for the sick

Sylvia Marlow	Kelly-Ann
Cecilia Pereira	Robert Fleming
Fr Philip Swingler	Joan McAllister
Michael Spowart	Jean O'Neill
Dominic Nicholls	Clara Korejwo
Alf Shipman	Ziadi Family
Frank Burke	Khanh Phan
Kath Seamark	Robert Moore
Fr Ed Worthy	Sarah Dunster
Liam Murphy	Kim Do
Margaret Farragher	Sr. Margaret
Dulcie Miranda	Chris Butler
Joan Healy	Lily Butler
Irmgard Wraxall	Rachel
Sylvia Clark	Phyllis Albon
Maurice Murphy	Doris Old
Sylvester Dauksta	Rita
Lorraine Wollard	Rita Barry
Dolores Behan	Vera Curly
Richard Redmond	Chau
Teresa Redmond	Damien Darkko
Br Paul Greaves	Michael Graney
Paul Mandel	Fr. John O'Brien
Tony Refoy	Candy Docherty
Leo Bell	Elaine Donnelly
Jennifer Ogbata	May Eamons
Constance Unsworth	Michael Folon
John Bosco Cullen	N. Donegan
Philomena Fraher	Michael Fraher
Maureen Smith	Edward Taylan
Fr. Malachy Eleanya	Peter
Nancy Ginnelly	Mary Rumsey
Maire West	Owen
Stephen Aneke	Kathleen Healey

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

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

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

**That young people in Africa may
have access to education and
work in their own countries.**

Notices of Interest

The Repository is open in the Foyer after Sunday Masses for the sale of cards & other devotional items. We still welcome offers of help, especially after 11 o'clock Mass.
Kathleen Healey. Tel 629103.

Bible Alive for October & November is now available in the lobby area. Please give this publication a try - 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.**



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.

Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group continues monthly on 1st Saturday of each month in the Sacristy at 10am. (Next meeting is November 3rd) All welcome.

Vianney Mission Prayer Group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sacristy, 6pm - 7pm. Next meeting 14th November. All welcome.

Communion to Those With Limited Mobility: Holy Communion is brought to those in the FRONT ROW on EITHER SIDE and to wheel-chair users, but not anywhere else in church.

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

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.

International Family Rosary: Hoping to see lots of you on Friday 19th and 26th at 7:00 for our 'Rosary event'!! at Sacred Heart. The Pope and Church generally are really encouraging us to pray this ancient prayer -- especially when the world so much needs prayer - so let's make a small sacrifice of our time and pray together. It's also really enjoyable and uplifting! On 19th we will be praying in English and Irish and on 26th English, Spanish and German. There will be refreshments- hopefully of an international flavour afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

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 would warmly welcome newcomers!

Single non-smoking lady in her fifties is seeking a room to rent for herself and her well-behaved small dog in this area. A quiet lady who is a lover of classical music: please speak to Fr Andrew if you can offer accommodation.

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

Safe Haven Traidcraft Stall: There will be a Traidcraft Stall in aid of Safe Haven, Northampton at 337 Billing Road East, on Wednesday 7th November from 10.30am. Christmas cards, Crafts & Gifts will be for sale, plus a raffle. For more info please contact Kevin & Aideen Fogarty on (01604) 630546

The Hope Centre would like to thank the anonymous donor of £160 very much indeed. They would also like to extend their thanks to all the donors of food and money that are donated each week. Please remember that if you use a Hope Centre envelope you can sign up for Gift Aid which adds even more to your generous gifts!

Choir Matters: Practices will be after Thurs. evening Mass on Nov 1 (Holy Day: All Saints), Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, not Jan 3. New members always welcome, as are the old ones! *Alec*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation will be on Monday 29th October at 7pm in the sacristy. Please meet in the Church.

First Holy Communion — 2019 An important meeting for parents and carers after the 11.00 am Mass today. We have registered a large number of young people for First Holy Communion for the coming year, and registration is now closed.

Confirmation Preparation: Application forms for next year's Confirmation preparation programme are available from the Sacristy after both Masses today and for the next few weeks. The programme starts on Saturday 24th November, and all the dates and venues are on the application form. Completed forms should be handed in to Kathleen Fisher after either Mass on 4th or 11th November.

Fitness & Pilates for Mid Life & Beyond! Classes starting soon on Wednesdays in the Church Hall with Theresa. Classes run for 8 weeks and are led by Theresa who is fully qualified & insured. For further info, please contact Theresa on 07773577804

5th N'pton St Mary's RC Scout Group: Did you or your family ever belong to the 5th Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group? If so, the group wants to contact you about its 100th anniversary celebrations starting with Mass & a reunion, which takes place at 2pm Sat, Oct. 20th @ Scout Camping Ground, Overstone. Please email former leader Pat Percival on patpercivalnn@aol.com or message her on 07526 661228.

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

Tots @St Gregory's: Tots @ St. Gregory's: Tuesdays during school term-time from 9.30 - 11.30. Refreshments provided. 50p per family. All welcome!

Open Days at St Gregory's School

Thursday	18 th October	2.00 pm – 3.0 pm
Wednesday	14 th November	9.30 am -11.30 am
Thursday	22nd November	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Thursday	22nd November	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

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Facebook page: St Gregory's has a page on Facebook, and frequently carries news before it gets into the newsletter as well as reminders for events. Address:

<https://www.facebook.com/StGreysNorthampton>

Scripture Readings 14th October 2018, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The last of the Old Testament books to be written, the Wisdom of Solomon was written to encourage Jews living in the rational Greek culture of Alexandria. Today's reading is part of a speech ascribed to Solomon, describing what Wisdom is, and why we should seek her. Solomon prayed and was given wisdom which he sees as "a breath of the power of God", "a reflection of eternal light", "an image of God's goodness". And so to be desired above all riches.

The psalm, attributed to Moses, compares God's awesome eternity to the shortness of Moses' and our lives, asking God for wisdom, so that our work be firmly based. Filling our short lives with God's love is all we need to be full of joy.

The Letter to the Hebrews has insisted Jesus, a man like other men, is capable of leading into God's rest those who hear and obey

"the living Word of God", which, like a sword, can unfailingly "judge secret emotions and thoughts".

Jesus continues to teach on his way to Jerusalem: the rich man appears to have heard the good news, but does not have the wisdom to let go of his riches. How hard it is to do so! We cannot practise this wisdom without God's help.

Psalm Response: **Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.**

(Wisdom 7: 7-11; Psalm 89(90): 12-17; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30)

Chris Oliver

We have a double prayer today; first that God's grace "go before us and follow after", and second, that we make be always determined to carry out good works.

These two petitions are linked, for without God's grace we cannot do anything good.

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,
at all times to 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 need God's grace to go before us. There is nothing God asks us to do in which his grace is not already present. His grace also follows after us, for if we are doing his will, we will be leaving a legacy of blessing.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ
go before us to guide us;
Stand behind us
to give us strength."

CAFOD and MISSIO

Last week there was an interesting presentation from CAFOD and MISSIO. CAFOD is the Catholic Church's main agency for foreign aid and MISSIO is the umbrella agency for foreign missions, best known through the "red box" collection.

The purpose of the presentation was to illustrate the way in which these two agencies complement each other and work together. We were shown how the work of MISSIO provides the infrastructure of the Church which makes the work of distributing the aid provided by CAFOD easier and fairer because the Church already has a presence in the areas of need.

That is not to suggest that the first purpose of the presence of the Church in mission areas is simply to provide aid; the first purpose

must always be the proclamation of the Gospel. Jesus himself fed hungry people, healed the sick and cared for the outcast. The Church must do the same; this is an essential part of the mission.

CAFOD and MISSIO are natural partners. This week we have an emergency appeal for the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia. Because of the mission work of the Church, CAFOD's partner agency, CARITAS is able to work with the Church in the dioceses of Makassar in South Sulawesi and Manado in North Sulawesi.

This makes the distribution of aid much more efficient, and means that CAFOD does not need to send large numbers of aid workers to disaster areas.

Cheese and Wine and a brilliant bishop!

On Wednesday 14th November at 7.30 in the hall at Sacred Heart we are having an evening to hear a short feedback from those who went from Sacred Heart parish to the 'Adoremus' conference in L'Pool in September - which was inspirational - and to watch a recording of a talk by Bishop Barron who was brilliant and really down to earth! We will follow this with a cheese and wine social so do put it in your diary - you won't be disappointed.

First Holy Communion Preparation

Today after the 11.00 am Mass there is an important meeting for the parents and carers. The timetable will be explained and how the preparation process works, and what parents and carers can expect from the Church, and what is expected from parents and carers.

Tsunami Special Collection

Please be generous in the special collection today for the victims of the tsunami in Indonesia.

Autumn Courses

Alpha An excellent introduction to Christianity — this is an opportunity to come and bring a friend

On Monday evenings at St Gregory's, starting on September 10th, and continuing on 17th and 24th September, 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th October (22nd is in school holiday-time), 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November with an overnight away-time on 2nd to 3rd November.

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 September 5th at 7.00 pm — 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 10.15 on September 4th. — 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 at 10.00 am — 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 from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. — 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 8th January at 10.00 am.