



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.”



St Gregory’s School with the Pope in Dublin

Last month, I had the privilege of attending the World Meeting of Families in Dublin where Pope Francis was present and celebrated mass. Throughout the meeting, he spoke about the importance of families sitting around the table together, spending time discussing their day and of the wisdom and joy that comes from children spending time with their grandparents. Pope Francis emphasised the fact that the family is the place where children learn how to be around others. It is where they learn how to love, encourage and care for those they might meet in society, including the more vulnerable and those in need. One of his key messages for families was that we should all be encouraged to say ‘please, thank you and sorry’ to one another – every day. He thought it was so important, in fact, that he asked us all to repeat the phrase several times during his speech. In a busy world where screens and technology can often get in the way of real conversation, Pope Francis has challenged us to go back to basics in our families and reflect on how we help each



other to grow to be the children of God we were created to be. This is something we have been encouraging our children to bring home with them.

Miss Jackson, who teaches in year 4, and I were lucky to be part of this pilgrimage to Dublin, which we attended with the Diocese of Northampton. We enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with some of the people who support St Gregory’s, as well as some of our past pupils. One of these former pupils is Deacon David Donoghue, who has just begun his last year of seminary. We pray for him as he prepares to be ordained a priest next year and look forward to welcoming him back to school to celebrate mass with us when he has been ordained.

We have had a really exciting start to our new year at St Gregory’s and I look forward to meeting you all throughout the new academic year to tell you more about our school. Please do keep an eye out for our events; we would love to welcome you to our school.

Niamh Rolph

Should he or shouldn’t he?

The Archbishop of Canterbury has come in for both criticism and praise for his speech at the Trade Union’s Congress last week. Those who agree with him have applauded him; others has said that he should have kept out of Politics It may be that his specific criticism of Amazon may have back-fired, but it may have been a deliberate reference to challenge his own church.

Many priests find themselves in a similar dilemma: the fact is that the message of the prophets was intensely political, and the teaching of

Jesus have serious implications on the working of a just society. The Church has a prophetic message, and just as in the days of the Old Testament, this message was not always welcomed by the political leaders, today the message must be proclaimed.

In the 19th Century Cardinal Manning fearlessly championed social justice, and Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical “*Rerum Novarum*” was, in part inspired by Cardinal Manning. Today Catholic Social Teaching is built on this foundation, and must not be silenced..



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Sunday <i>24th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	Brendan Moan
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish
Monday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Special Intentions
Tuesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Anne Doocey
Wednesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Rodney Brewer RIP
	11.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's)	
Thursday SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	Maria Fennessy RIP Maria Farrell
	2.00 pm	Funeral Mass	
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Mass	
Friday St. Matthew	9.00 am	Mass	In Thanksgiving (St. Martin de Porres)
Saturday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Chau
Sunday <i>25th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	Ian & Tina Kennedy
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish

Your Offering To The Parish:

Last Sunday's collection was £. 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.

Special Collection This Week:

Home Missionary Society

Counters This Week:

Mrs Quinn, A. Gibson.

Cleaners This Week:

Kathleen & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

Isaiah 50: 5-9.

I offered my back to those who struck me.

James 2: 14-18.

If good words do not go with faith, it is quite dead.

Mark 8: 27-35.

You are the Christ.

Readings for Next Sunday

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20; James 3: 16- 4: 3; Mark 9: 30-37. (Page 74)

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>

First Holy Communion registration today or next week

It is important that those children wishing to prepare for First Holy Communion register either this week or next after either Mass. Registration will take place in the hall. When you register you will be given a list of dates and other important information. Late registration causes extra work for the catechists and after the course starts may not be possible at all.

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	

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Margaret Warnes	John McGill
Patrick Purcell	Charles Clarke
Catherine Fleming	Gerald Gardner
Josephine Gilmartin	Alfred Robinson
Frederick Burke	H. Brierley
Columba McCart	Trevor Thompson
Celia McNally	Kevin White
Thomas Hallahan	Mary Fallon
Margaret Hollowell	Miklos Becker
Hugh Talbot-Graham	John Rand
William Costello	Eileen Coghlan
Thomas Sheridan	Bernard Browne
Adelaide Scanlon	Jeraldine Blay
James O'Connor	Peter Ryan
Bridget O'Keeffe	Rodney Brewer

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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 September & October 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.**

Paul and Clare Sefton would like to thank everyone for their Mass cards, prayers and greetings on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Mass will be offered for you all, for your intentions.

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.

Vianney Mission Prayer Group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sacristy, 6pm - 7pm. **Next meeting 10th October.** All welcome.

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.

Thomas Becket Catholic School: The Directors of this successful, thriving Catholic Academy invite all prospective parents of students starting secondary school in September 2019 to attend an open evening on Wednesday 19th September 2018, 6pm to 8pm.

Modern Day Slavery & Trafficking: Northampton Justice & Peace Commission Conference on Saturday 13th October 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 & Michael Duthie (Deputy Director Santa Marta Group); both have a wealth of experience in these areas. For more details contact Stephen Forster (01494) 875485, franforster@gmail.com. If you'd like to share a lift, please contact Frank 07712160064 or frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk

Choir Matters: Practices will be after Thurs. evening Mass on Oct 4, 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

Pilgrimage to Walsingham — Reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life. Sunday 7th October 2018; coach leaves from the Cathedral at 7.30 am, Sacred Heart, Weston Favell at 7.40 am. To book, ring Caroline (07753105918). Cost £15.00

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation will be on Monday 10th September at 7.00 pm. Please meet in the Church.

First Holy Communion — 2019 Registration for preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019 will be after either Sunday Mass on 16th September and 23rd September. Full programme available soon.

Confirmation Preparation: Information about next year's Confirmation preparation will be published soon. Keep looking!

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!

Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group continues monthly on 1st Saturday of each month in the Sacristy at 10am. (Next is October 6th) All welcome.

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)

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.

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. 20 @ Scout Camping Ground, Overstone. Although the 5th St Mary's is attached to the Cathedral, most of the time it was the only Catholic Scout group in town & attracted members from all over Northampton. 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!

Fundraising Event for Northampton Cathedral Centre: Fri. 21st Sept, Monks Park WMC, Wellingborough Road, 7.30pm-11.30pm. Entertainment/dancing by The Geripatricks (local Irish folk duo). Admission by ticket only at £10. Raffle prize donations would be welcome. Tickets from Cathedral Shop. Please support this worthy cause. Tenders for the Cathedral Centre have now been received. Our hope is that we will start building the Centre in the near future, so let us support these great fundraising initiatives.

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

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life: Sunday 7th October, led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald. All are warmly invited to unite in the day of prayer. For further details, see poster on the noticeboard.

60 Miles by Road and Rail - a play at the Royal and Derngate. The play is about Northampton Development Corporation people coming from London. One of those featured is Councillor Dennis Meredith who is a parishioner of Sacred Heart. Tickets are now on sale at £10 each from the theatre box office.

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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/StGregsNorthampton>

Scripture Readings 16th September 2018, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Second Isaiah was writing during the exile in Babylon. Israel had lost land, king, and Temple. But Isaiah confidently proclaims hope of returning to Jerusalem: have no fear, whatever ills beset us, God is on our side and will save us.

The Psalm offers an individual's grateful praise to the Lord: in danger of death he trusted in the Lord who saved him.

James' letter develops last week's theme of what faith is: real faith cannot help but be expressed in good works. James insists that you cannot show you have faith without showing the good works it produces. He then gives examples: Abraham, who offered Isaac; and Rahab the prostitute, who protected Joshua's spies in Jericho. Both were justified by their works of faith. This message challenges us today: is giving money enough?

For the first time in Mark's Gospel a human being acknowledges Jesus as the Christ. But then Peter immediately gets it wrong and is severely chastised by Jesus: God's ways are not our ways. Jesus has to suffer the humiliation Isaiah described to show the way we must follow to salvation. The way of the Cross is the only way, and we must imitate Jesus' faith in his Father and follow his way in faith.

Psalm Response: **I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

(Isaiah 50: 5-9; Psalm 114(116); James 2: 14-18; Mark 8: 27-35)
Chris Oliver

St Gregory's School: Celebrating 50 years of service to our community

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School are excited to be celebrating our 50th anniversary of serving our community. To mark the occasion, Bishop Peter will be celebrating mass at school on October 11th at 7pm. All members of our school community, especially past pupils and staff, are invited to attend. In order to prepare for the event, we are asking anyone who may have old photos, memories or memorabilia they wouldn't mind sharing

with us to get in touch. If you know anyone who was part of our school community throughout this 50 years, please do either let them know or pass on their details to us so that we can invite them. You can get in touch with us on 50thcelebrations@sgcps.org or through the school office on 01604 403511. We will continue to pray for you all and any prayers you send our way will be gratefully received.

Psalms Course starts on Monday

<u>The Psalms: Monday afternoons at St Gregory's</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Session subject</u>
17 th September 2018	Introduction
24 th September 2018	Getting the Big Picture
1 st October 2018	Seeing and Hearing the Psalms
8 th October 2018	Learning to Pray with the Psalms
15 th October 2018	The Responsorial Psalms
22 nd October	Royal and Messianic Psalms
29 th October	Royal and Messianic Psalms
5 th November	Thirsting for God (51:06)
12 th November	Psalms of Pilgrimage and Ascents

A Real Indian Meal!

Next Sunday after the 11.00 am Mass we are all invited to share in a genuine Indian meal in the Hall prepared by the community from Kerala, and raising funds to support their friends and families who have been devastated by the recent monsoon which has in some places delivered nearly double the usual rainfall, and brought with it the destruction of homes, roads, communities and tragically, also much loss of life.

Please come to support a very real need; come to share the company of our fellow-Christians; come to enjoy a good meal of real Indian food. We are blessed to be a diverse community from every part of the globe. Tragic events, such as the flooding in Kerala, and more recently the typhoon in the Philippines and Hurricane Florence in America remind us that we all inhabit the one planet. "No man is an island" (*John Donne*), and even though we live on an island, we are one with every other country.

To serve God with all our heart is part of the greatest two commandments of the Law (see Matthew 22:37-39), quoting "Fear the Lord your God, walk in all his ways, love him and serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul". (see *Deuteronomy 10:12*)

Look upon us, O God
Creator and ruler of all things
and, that we may feel the working of your mercy,
grant that we may serve you with all our heart.

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

Our loving God is intimately linked with our feeling the working of God's mercy. We experience the Divine Mercy as a consequence of our loving service for God because we acknowledge him as our creator and trust him as our ruler.

Our Christian life is the outworking of our love for God with all our heart and soul and mind.

Mr Macintyre Douglas R.I.P

Those who regularly attend weekday Mass at St Gregory's will be sad to learn of the death of Mac; his strong singing voice and his determination to end every Mass with a hymn of his choice will remain in our memories. He would frequently spend the entire

morning in prayer after Mass. He died on August 12th in England, but his funeral was in Portsmouth, Dominica in 1st September. May he rest in peace.

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.