



The Catholic Parish of Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



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

OUR
VISION

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

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World Mission

Every single day, all over the world, countless young girls are exploited. Often stolen from their families or sold against their will, these children become trapped in lives of poverty and despair.

In India, child trafficking and child labour is the reality for around 12 million children. This statistic is staggering. But it would be far worse without the presence of the Catholic Church. For decades, your support of Missio has enabled local communities to work hard to rescue those suffering.

Sr Clara from India has dedicated her life to educating vulnerable young girls, giving them the skills to break free from exploitation and abuse. Through their devotion and faith, the Sisters help the children to see their worth as a beloved child of God: ‘We always give them confidence that Jesus loves them.’

Once rescued, the girls can stay in a loving, safe home, where the Sisters provide them with education, medical care, spiritual formation and counselling.

You can support missionaries like Sr Clara by donating to World Mission Sunday. There is a special collection at the end of Mass today, and if you don't already, ask for a Red Box.

‘She is our mother’

When she was five years old, Vandoosha* was sold to be a domestic worker. She was then sold again, and this time her cries of distress were overheard. The local authorities rescued her with the aid of Sr Clara.

Shorti* does not know what her parents named her, or how old she really is. She was stolen from her family at a young age and put to work begging at a busy train station. She is another of the children that Sisters at Marialaya have rescued.

Eleven years have passed since the Sisters brought both Vandoosha and Shorti into their loving care. Today, when they are asked what Sr



Shorti and Vandoosha* with Sr Clara today

Clara means to them, both girls can express it in just a few words: ‘Mother. She is our mother.’

Missionaries like Sr Clara are able to continue to reach out to the most vulnerable people in their communities. This work is the heart of mission – bringing the light and hope of Jesus to everyone, regardless of their background or belief. And thanks to your generous contributions to the World Mission Sunday collections each year, we can all support and be part of the mission of the Church. This is where we see St Francis of Assisi's famous words at work: ‘Preach the Gospel at all times and, when necessary, use words’.

**Names changed to protect identities.*

This World Mission Sunday, please join with Missio to help missionaries rescue more vulnerable children. You can give a child a new home, show them how much God loves them and change their life forever. By supporting Missio, you play a valuable part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.



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Sunday 20th October 2019

Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

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Sunday <i>29th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am	Mass Mass	The Parish Peter Morgan RIP
Monday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Mark Bingham RIP
Tuesday Pope St. John Paul II	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Nancy Ginelley RIP
Wednesday St. John of Capestrano	9.00 am	Mass	Robert Moore RIP
Thursday St. Anthony Claret	9.00 am 6.45 pm 7.00 pm	Celebration of Word & Communion Benediction Mass	Peter & Alice Curran
Friday Feria	9.00 am 2.20 pm	Mass Healing Mass	Michael Hickey RIP Michael O'Dea
Saturday SS Chad & Cedd	9.00 am 9.45 am	Mass Confessions	Maureen Bell's Intentions
Sunday <i>30th Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am	Mass Mass	Gina & Luigi Mansi The Parish

Your Offering To The Parish: Last Sunday's collection was £686.09. 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 Recently: CAFOD. To be reported here soon.
Second Collection This Week: Mission Sunday
Counters This Week: Paul & Clare Sefton, C. Stratten.
Cleaners This Week: Big Clean.

Readings for This Sunday

Exodus 17: 8-13. *As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*
2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2. *The man who is dedicated to God is equipped for good work.*
Luke 18: 1-8. *God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to him.*

Readings for Next Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14.
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During this season of Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;
Ordinary Time, Autumn, The Spread of the Gospel; Victims of War
We are asked to pray for: 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

John Horrigan	Ellen Kneeshaw
Theresa Byrne	Patrick Mullan
Elizabeth O'Connor	Hinnie Warwick
Leon Smith	Emily Lewin
Gary Prentice	Mary Berrey
Patricia Howell	Andrea Amalfitano
Phyllis Rowell	Kathleen Stanton
Olga Martyniak	Violet Alcock
W. Michael Gibson	Patrick O'Riordan
Brendan McQuade	Shaye Valentine
Phyllis Salmon	Istuan Turesanyi
Frederick Wighton	Bertie Pond
Marie Wilkins	Teresa George
Ada Churchyard	Michael Enright
Genoweja Wozniak	John Martin
Joan Smith	

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*



We welcome into the family of the Church
Lily Beatrice O'Dell
who received Christian Baptism recently.
Please pray for her and her family.

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.**

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. Throughout the winter, this will be in the Sacristy, which should be more comfortable.



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 Friday 25th 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!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation Session will be reported here shortly.

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. This isn't a compulsory part of the preparation, but 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 & will generally be held on Saturday afternoons leading to Confirmation in July. If you have problems attending registration, please email Kathleen on kathfish@hotmail.com

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.

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.

Concert of Sacred & Russian Folk Music by the Voskresenje Choir, St. Petersburg, at Northampton Cathedral, Sunday 24th November, 2.30pm. Adults £12, Concessions £8, under 18 free. To reserve tickets telephone the Cathedral Office (01604) 714556

Tots @ St Gregory's: If you have charge of a pre-school baby or child on Tuesday mornings, come to Tots @ St Gregory's which runs in the parish hall, 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.

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

Transport: There are a number of people whose mobility is reduced and would appreciate a lift to Mass. In particular, anyone who comes from the Parklands area to the 11.00 Sunday Mass and has a spare seat in their car, please speak to Fr Andrew. Also, anyone who can offer lifts to those wanting to come to the Healing Mass on the last Friday of most months, please speak to Maureen Salter or Fr Andrew.

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!

Fr Andrew is grateful to all those who have expressed concern over his health. His weight-loss is deliberate, and he believes himself to be a lot healthier for it! Thank you all for your concern!

In this prayer we are asking God to make our desires be totally in line with the Divine Will.

In a sense this should be obvious and not need to be said, but our lived experience is that although we always want to do God's will, in practice we

Almighty and ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart..

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.

don't! (*See Romans 7:19*). This may explain the phrase "in sincerity of heart". Our prayer is that we may truly, genuinely and completely wish to live according to God's plan for us/

If this is our true desire, then it will naturally follow that we shall truly seek to serve God.

Scripture Readings 20th October 2019, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

During the Exodus, after escaping from Egypt across the Red Sea, the Israelites' frequently grumbled about God, who responded by giving them water, quail and manna. Then they were challenged by the Amalekites living between Palestine and Sinai. Moses needed a lot of human help to keep his arms up! But his persistence showed complete faith in God. They continued to quarrel and test the Lord, but he showed yet again that he will always look after them.

The Psalmist, full of confidence in the Lord, assures his companion he too may have total confidence in God.

Paul emphasises that Timothy, like Moses, must "be persistent" in proclaiming the word "whether it is convenient or inconvenient". He describes the uses of scripture: "for teaching, for refuting error, for guidance and for teaching people to be holy". For Paul, writing

before the Gospels were written, "scripture" meant what we now call the Old Testament. So we need to persist in trying to understand the Jewish Scriptures.

Just before Jesus enters Jerusalem Luke gives us two parables about prayer. Today we hear how the persistent widow gets justice. Jesus assures us: God will "see justice done to his chosen who cry out to him day and night even when he delays to help them".

Psalm Response: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

(Ex 17:8-13 Ps 120(121) 2 Tim 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8)

Chris Oliver

The Season of Creation

Actions to Live Simply :

Communication with eye contact melts 'Stranger fears'.

Tip No. 7: Introduce yourself and ask another parishioner their name.

Tip No. 8 Say, 'Thanks', more often than you would normally do.

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

In order to reduce the carbon footprint of the parish through the winder the Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be in the Sacristy. This should also make it more comfortable for those praying, and (as a spin-off benefit) reduce the heating bill for the parish
The parish is also investigating the possibility of rainwater harvesting for flushing the toilets.

**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



Increasingly parishes are finding that they have only one resident ordained priest, and that he cannot do everything that is wanted. Increasingly parishes need to recognise the gifts and abilities of all their members, so as to draw on them for the support and nourishment of their common life. The current (relative) shortage of priests should not

be the only reason we recognise the need to ensure the best formation possible for all parish ministers to help develop and nurture the gifts they have. However if this historical accident provides the occasion for that to happen, then so be it. (*From the Liturgy Office website.*)

God has a way of leading us by blocking off the wrong path. The story of Baalam is a good example of this. He was on his way to do something that was not in accordance with the will of God, so God

sent an angel to block the way. You can read the whole story in Numbers chapters 22 to 24.

What we can perceive as a 'shortage' of priests can be seen as God's way of re-discovering the true ministry of all Christians. Ministry belongs to the Baptised, not just to the ordained! The need for Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers, people to proclaim the Scriptures, lead Children's Liturgy of the Word and many other ministries is not a problem but God prompting us to recognise the ministries of all the Baptised.

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

