



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

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Christ is risen — Happy Easter



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Sunday 21st April 2019

Easter Day

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Sunday <i>Easter Day</i>	9.00 am	Mass	George Walsh
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish
Monday Of Easter Octave	9.00 am	Mass	Nancy Ginelley RIP
Tuesday Of Easter Octave	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Nancy Ginelley RIP
Wednesday Of Easter Octave	9.00 am	Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday Of Easter Octave	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion Benediction Mass	Catherine Stratten
	6.45 pm		
	7.00 pm		
Friday Of Easter Octave	9.00 am	Mass	Michelle & Family's Intentions
	2.20 pm	Healing Mass	Gwynneth Ducrow
Saturday Of Easter Octave	9.00 am	Mass	Jeanette Dalby RIP
	9.30 am	Confessions	
Sunday <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 am	Mass	The Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	The Choir's Intentions

- Your Offering To The Parish:** Last Sunday's collection was £552.13. 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.
- Ongoing Lent Collection for CAFOD:** Progress to be reported soon.
- Maunder Thursday (for the poor):** £220.99. Many thanks
- Good Friday Collection:** Holy Places £318.34 Thank you!
- Counters This Week:** Paul & Clare Sefton, C. Stratten.
- Cleaners This Week:** Pru & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

- Acts 10: 34, 37-43.** *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection.*
- Colossians 3: 1-4.** *You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*
- John 20: 1-9.** *He must rise from the dead.*

Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 5: 12-6; Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19; John 20: 19-31. (Page 128)

- During this season of Easter, we are asked to pray for:**
- New Members of the Church;
 - Human Work; Priestly Vocations;
 - Right Use of the Media; The Church.

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)

A big Welcome to those baptised and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil:
Arjan Kola, Stephen Gunningham and Cliff Snelling,

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	Ziadi Family
Owen	Khanh Phan
Kath Seamark	Robert Moore
Fr Ed Worthy	Sarah Dunster
Liam Murphy	Kim Do
Margaret Farragher	Sr. Margaret
Dulcie Miranda	Sylvia Clark
Joan Healy	Lily Butler
Jayne Miller	Rachel
Baby Lorenzo Diccio	Phyllis Albon
Maurice Murphy	Doris Old
Sylvester Dauksta	Rita
Lorraine Woolard	Erica Campbell
Dolores Behan	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
Jennifer Ogbata	May Eamons
Stephen Aneke	Michael Folon
John Bosco Cullen	Mary Rumsey
Paul Greaves	Michael Fraher
Maureen Smith	Edward Taylan
Fr. Malachy Eleanya	Peter
Catherine Stratten	Eileen Howell

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Betsy Jesson	Daniel Smith
Eugene Smyth	Hyza Hardy
Dorothy Revitt	Florence Proctor
Michael Williams	Patrick Adigwe
William Thompson	Stephen Goddard
Marjorie Beercroft	Yvonne Munns
Timothy Regan	Bridget Fox
Leon Boullemier	Hilda Salter
Charles Grant, Bishop	Mary Igoe
Catherine Rook-Ley	Teresa Hyatt
Hannah Holley	Ellen Landers
Selina Glazebrook	Hilda Ingham
Charles Drummond	Jeannie Mann
Baby Natasha Banks	Norah Whyte
Geoffrey Easton	William Naylor

POPE'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR APRIL
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

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Notices of Interest

The Repository: The Repository is open after both Sunday Masses. Easter cards are now available & 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation cards will be on sale from this week.
Kathleen Healey

Easter Flowers in Memory of:

Derek Rumsey	Brendan Moen	Louie Short
Kitty Traynor	Ben Jacobs	Antonietta Riseley
Ann Ganderton	George McCarron	Louise Battye
Margaret Shipman	Brennan Family	Mulholand Family
McCarron-Shipman Family	George Ganderton	Chris Butler
Nancy & Mike Ginelly	Cathy Kelly	Maureen & Brendan
Bridget & Pat Philbin	Walter Denny	McLoughlin Family
Martin McLoughlin	Rebecca Holt	Louise Whalley
Mary Cashman	Michael Moore	Robinson Family
Agnew Family	Munro Family	Robert Snelling
Michael Chudley	Anita Grosso	Tim & Eve Perkins
John Perkins	Malcolm Allen	Fred Jones
Emanuel Family	Tyrrell Family	Leibe Family
Bill & Frances Currie	Family & Friends	Pallett Family
Andrew & Mary MacDonald		

Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group continues monthly on 1st Saturday of each month in the Sacristy at 10am. (Next meeting is May 4th) All welcome.

Vianney Mission Prayer Group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sacristy, 6pm - 7pm. Next meeting 8th May. All welcome.

St George's Charity Gala Dinner Dance in aid of the Karuri School Project, Nazareth House & the Beds & Northants MS Therapy Centre. Sat. 27th April, Northampton Marriott Hotel; dancing to the Point Blank Band 10pm - Midnight. Dinner served 7.30pm, drinks available from 6.45. Cost £35 - 3-course meal, wine & dancing. Tickets & info markwilson58@hotmail.com or 07923528022

Choir Matters: As always, I was very pleased with the efforts of the choir to make the Easter Liturgy memorable. This is the result of lots of hard work during numerous practices, which are good fun as well. Come & join this great bunch of people (especially if you can sing). Next practices are usually on the 1st Thurs. of the month after evening Mass til 9 pm: 2 May, 6 June, 4 July, 1 Aug, 30 Aug* instead of 5 Sep (to prepare for the Feast of St Gregory), 3 Oct. More frequent practices start in Nov till Dec to prepare for Christmas. *Alec*

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.

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!

Piano Concert by Margaret Fingerhut Wednesday 1st May, 7pm, at Northampton School for Girls in aid of Northampton Town of Sanctuary. Tickets £12.50. See poster for details.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation will be at 7.00 pm, Monday 29th April 2019, in the Sacristy.

First Holy Communion — 2019 Next session will be 5th May. The session starts at 2.00 pm, and parents are asked to stay until about 2.45 pm. Remember also to be at Mass each Sunday and get your stickers each week.

If any parent is willing to become a helper, please contact Stella or Jean for details. No special prior qualifications or experience required, but DBS clearance will need to be obtained.

Confirmation Preparation: 27th April at Sacred Heart.

Becoming a Catholic: For adults interested in becoming a Catholic, the parish runs a 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.

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.
277 Address:
<https://www.facebook.com/StGregsNorthampton>

Catholic Basics Course: Part 3: The Moral Life 16 May, **Part 4: Prayer** 13 June. Join us for another day of teaching with interaction & discussion. £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged), includes lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will & a sense of humour! Contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.



We welcome into the family of the Church
Earl Elliot
Heleena Mary Janet Webster
And Verity Patricia Edgley
who received Christian Baptism last week.
Please pray for them and their families.

Bible Alive for Easter is now available in the lobby area. Please try this publication - 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.

Pilgrimage to Aylesford Friary, Kent: Saturday 4th May. A coach will leave St. Gregory's at 8am and return at about 8pm. Cost £13 per person. Please bring a picnic lunch. For details and to book a seat, please contact Maureen Salter (01604) 315112

CAFOD/Supporting Children With Cancer UK: Cancelled due to lack of support.

Mass for victims and survivors of abuse, their families and supporters at St Mary's in Woburn Sands at 12 noon on 12 October 2019. All victims and survivors of abuse, their families and supporters are invited to this Mass. The focus will be on healing, reconciliation and the forming of compassionate links with the Church. There will be light refreshments after the Mass.

Individual Meetings for Victims and Survivors, with Bishop Peter. Bishop Peter is offering to meet with victims & survivors, families & supporters from May 2019 & continuing on a bimonthly basis. For more details or to book a meeting with the Bishop, contact the safeguarding office on: 01604 723514.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children: The next meeting of the Northampton branch of SPUC will take place in the sacristy here at St. Gregory's at 7.00 pm on Friday 26th April. Everyone who would like to support the work & aims of SPUC, or would like to find out more about the organisation, is invited. At a time when life is under attack at every level it is important that we work together to protect it under law & promote the love of the unborn & vulnerable.

Head Teacher Opportunity at St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School. Please see poster & booklet for full details.

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!

It is worth note that while this prayer speaks of the historical event of the Resurrection, actually refers to the present and the future.

There is a deliberate ambiguity in the Latin text which is translated well in our prayer that we may “rise up in the light of life”.

This can be understood as a prayer for the future that finally we may share in Christ’s Resurrection.

O God, who on this day,
through your only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked the path to eternity,
grant,
we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.

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.

However, it can also be understood as a prayer for the present, that renewed by the Holy Spirit, we may rise up today “in the light of life”.

With the Easter Candle in the sanctuary, we have a clear visual link to the symbolism of the light of life.

This is a reference to Psalm 35/36:10; “In you is the source of life, and in your light we see light.” This speaks of our present life — our life today.

Scripture Readings 21st April 2019, Easter Sunday Year C

Luke’s Book of Acts describes how after his death Jesus continues his work on earth through his Holy Spirit, who interrupts Peter’s speech to Cornelius. Peter then realises that forgiveness of sins is offered to “everyone who believes” in Jesus’ name.

The dramatic psalm thanks and praises the Lord for rescuing us from the dangers threatening us. It includes the shouts that welcomed Jesus into the Temple on Palm Sunday, now the second verse of the “Holy, Holy, Holy”.

Our second readings are all from Paul’s letters. The vigil reading from Romans compares baptism to death: our sinful life has died: we have risen to a new life in Christ. The Sunday reading from Colossians draws attention away from earthly marks of religion: our focus should be on our new life in Christ. The alternative Second Isaiah describes the new Exodus, the return from exile in

reading is an early Easter homily. In the Jewish calendar Passover was followed by the feast of Unleavened Bread.

In the three synoptic gospels three women discover the tomb empty and run to tell the apostles, who disbelieve. But in John’s gospel Mary of Magdala, alone, finds the stone removed from the tomb. Without going inside she runs to tell Peter. Peter goes in first and sees the empty burial cloths. When the other disciple goes in, he believes.

Psalm Response (Sunday): **This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.**

(Acts 10:34,37-43;Ps 117(118); Rom 6:3-11/Col 3:1-4/1Cor 5:6-9;Luke 24:1-12/Jn 20:1-9)

Chris Oliver



Tuesday evenings, 7.30 – 9.45 pm
from 30th April – 16th July, (except 28th May)
BEGINS ON TUESDAY 30th APRIL
plus Friday evening to Saturday 21st to 22nd June
Please come and bring a friend!

News from the Hope Centre

Over 15,000 people signed the petition that the landlord should have a change of heart, and they did! The Hope Centre has agreed to vacate Oasis House but on the basis that they will only move when a suitable building of appropriate size and location is available, and that prior to that, funding to cover the cost of any conversion or building work is in place.

Hope CEO Robin Burgess said: “We were delighted with the outcome of the campaign. When threatened with eviction, we hoped our supporters would rally around us and that’s exactly what they did – in their thousands.”

The Hope Centre is currently very low on certain food staples:

- Meat tins/Fish tins/Veg tins/Potato tins
- Custard tins
- Pasta sauce jars/Dried rice
- Cereal and tea bags



March 25th 2020 — England re-consecrated as the Dowry of Mary

There is an ancient tradition that after his Resurrection, Jesus first appeared to his mother to console her in her grief and to assure her of the fulfilment of God’s promise.

The assurance was later given to Mary of Magdala who was told to give the Good News to the apostles (*John 20:17*), and then to the apostles directly (*John 20:19-25*). Then the apostles were told to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (*Matthew 28:19*). This is the commission of the Church; our commission.

We know that Our Lady was there at the beginning of the fulfilling of this commission, as she was in the upper room after the ascension (*Acts 1:14*)

To help us better understand the place of Our Lady in God’s great plan of salvation, we are all invited to take part in the film series: “*Mary A Biblical walk the Blessed Mother*” which will be at the Institute in Great Billing on Mondays at 1.00 pm starting on 13th May

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother Begins on 13th May at the Institute, Great Billing