



# 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.”**



# All Saints & All Souls

The 2015 James Bond film begins with an action sequence which takes place in Mexico City on “Dia de Muertos” (The Day of the Dead). There was a parade consisting of floats and people in costumes of varying degrees of bad taste.

All this was fiction, there had been no “Day of the Dead” parade, although there is a long tradition of commemorating this time of the year in a prayerful way. However, impressed by the carnival-like procession in the film, the mayor of Mexico City organised a parade in 2016 to mimic that in the film!

The origin of the event goes back into pre-Christian times in Mexico, where there was an Aztec celebration in the summer. When the Gospel was brought to Latin America, the celebration was transferred to the feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

In Aztec and Christian culture it is a celebration of life; of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died and in prayer for them as they continue on the next part of their journey. The Mexican people are insistent that it has absolutely NOTHING to do with the Pagan “Hallowe’en” of North America and Britain.

However, the Dia de Muertos is, in fact a three-day celebration, lasting from 31<sup>st</sup> October through to November 2<sup>nd</sup>, and for us too, there are three days with significant events. As well as the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls, we have a Night of Light.

The usual Mass schedules of 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 7.00 pm will be on Thursday and Friday, and on Wednesday there is an additional vigil Mass of All Saints, which is the beginning of the Night of Light., .

## What is ?



The Night of Light, is an international initiative to reclaim Hallowe'en for the church. It is running in many, many countries in the world from England to India, from Africa to New Zealand and Hungary to the United States, with uncountable numbers of people involved.

Celebrations have taken place in small chapels and cathedrals in parish churches and monasteries in schools, homes and on the streets. The inspiration for it was received by Damian Stayne the founder of the Catholic community, Cor et Lumen Christi.

## Why the



What immediately comes to mind when you think of Hallowe'en? Probably, like most people, it is the images of witches and ghosts and so on, which belong to the dark world of the occult and magic - images of darkness and death.

In fact Hallowe'en ('All Hallows Eve'), the evening of the 31st October, is the vigil (beginning) of the feast of All Saints - the feast in which we celebrate the glory of God in His saints. The victory of light over darkness in the lives of God's holy ones in heaven. Jesus is the 'Light of the World'. The saints lived by that light, and became a

beacon in their own generation. We too are called by Jesus to live out this vocation - to be the 'Light of the world' today.

Let Christians reclaim Hallowe'en for God so that it is transformed from a night of darkness into a great Christian festival once again. In this way, in years to come, when people are asked what immediately springs to mind when they think of Hallowe'en, they will think of Jesus Christ and the glory of God in His saints. They will think of a

NIGHT ⊕ LIGHT.



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# Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

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<b>Sunday</b> <i>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	The Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	Jim Callinan RIP
<b>Monday</b> Feria	9.00 am	Mass	John & Cepta's Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b> Feria	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Francis Byrne's Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b> Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Nora Scott
	11.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's)	
	7.900 pm	Mass	Anthony Healey RIP
<b>Thursday</b> <b>All Saints (Holy Day)</b> (Page 113)	7.00 am	Mass	The Parish
	9.00 am	Mass	Dec'd Legionnaires
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Mass	Mary Stratten RIP
<b>Friday</b> <b>All Souls</b> (Page 116)	7.00 am	Mass	Holy Souls
	9.00 am	Mass	Pope's Intentions
	7.00 am	Mass	Late Catenians
<b>Saturday</b> Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Sheila Bull RIP
<b>Sunday</b> <i>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	Dora Gorman RIP
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish

**Your Offering To The Parish:**

Last Sunday's collection was £684.97. 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 Last Week:**

Mission Sunday £309.48. Thank you!

**Special Collection Next Week:**

Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

**Counters This Week:**

Paul & Clare Sefton, C. Stratten.

**Cleaners This Week:**

Big Clean.

**Readings for This Sunday**

**Jeremiah 31: 7-9.**

*I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.*

**Hebrews 5: 1-6.**

*You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.*

**Mark 10: 46-52.**

*Master, let me see again.*

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Deuteronomy 6: 1-6; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12: 28-34. (Page 87)**

**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 Connolly
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**

Michael Frawley	James Keenan
Peter Carroll	Susan Black
Albert Vanderawan	Rosella Maritz
George Brown	Michael Connelly
Alwin Perkins	Brian Hill
Joan Billingham	Horace Edwards
Wanda Gineikis	Mary Conway
Catherine Galvin	Charles Pontin
Robert Turvey-Hardy	Eileen Clarke
Charles Naylor	Gerald Walsh
Ifeoma Akubue	Patrick Treacy
William O'Neill	Mary Lord
Elaine Patching	Mary Stratten
Ada Frost	Leslie Richardson
Dorothy Law	Mei Fong Lo
Janet Gibbins	

**POPE'S PRAYER  
INTENTIONS FOR  
NOVEMBER**

**That the language of love and  
dialogue may always prevail  
over the language of conflict.**

# 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.*

**Cheese and Wine and a brilliant bishop!** On Wednesday 14th November at 7.30 in the hall at Sacred Heart there is an evening to hear a short feedback from those who went from Sacred Heart parish to the 'Adoremus' conference in Liverpool 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.

**Bible Alive** for 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.**

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

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

**CAFOD RETREAT - Countering Consumerism:** Have you felt conflict between living your faith & the pressure of living a busy, modern life? Pope Francis offers ideas in his letter, *Gaudete et Exsultate*. You are invited to take time out to explore Scripture & Church teaching & be inspired by CAFOD's campaigning and work overseas. Thornton College, Milton Keynes, MK17 0HJ, 10am-4pm, 10<sup>th</sup> November. BOOKING ESSENTIAL limited spaces - contact Deborah - [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) , 01494 863 777

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Baptism Preparation:** The next Baptism Preparation will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Safe Haven Traidcraft Stall & Coffee Morning:** There will be a Traidcraft Stall & Coffee Morning in aid of Safe Haven, Northampton at 337 Billing Road East, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

**Important Notice- SPUC:** Please help in the important work of protecting our unborn Brothers and Sisters in Christ by attending a meeting at 10.00am on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the sacristy, which has been arranged in order to set up a local SPUC branch in Northampton. The meeting will take place straight after 9.00am Mass and will only last for about one hour. At a time when the sanctity of life is being attacked at every level it is important that we all work together in order to protect it. Please contact William Currie 01604 499833 or [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com) if you are interested in attending or interested in being involved in the future.

**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.

**Catholic Basics Course:** Want to know more about your Faith? Join us for a basic introduction to the Catholic Faith in 4 parts: God, The Church, The Moral Life and Prayer. For each part there is a day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction & discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes full lunch. No qualifications needed - just interest, good will & a sense of humour! Launch and Part I: Jan. 31, 10-3pm (arr. 9.30 for refreshments). NORES Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. To book, contact [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

**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!

**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.

**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*

**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.

**Fitness & Pilates for Mid Life & Beyond!** Classes Wednesdays, 10.30am, in the Church Hall with Theresa. Classes run for 8 weeks, led by Theresa who is fully qualified & insured. For further info, please contact Theresa on 07773577804

**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

**Prayer and Praise for Northampton:** Northampton Cathedral Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.30-9.30pm. Please support this event and meet Christians from other churches that have hosted Prayer & Praise. Lively music, praise & worship followed by prayers from the needs of Northampton. Refreshments from 7pm. All welcome. Why not bring a friend from another church?

**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

Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> 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

**Celebrating 50 years of service to our community**

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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 28th October 2018, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Jeremiah has promised that Israel will return from their exile in Babylon. This new exodus will be on a smooth path with ample water, not like the first wanderings in the desert. God has redeemed his people, and will make a new unbreakable covenant with Israel, writing his law on people's hearts, instead of on breakable stone. Jesus made this new covenant at the Last Supper.

The psalm exults in the imagined joy of this restoration, so intense as to seem like dream.

The extended extract from Hebrews read over the last 2 weeks, concludes by showing how Christ's humanity enables him to understand our weaknesses. As the high priest forever, appointed by God at his baptism, Christ is therefore supremely fitted to mediate between us and God. But Hebrews goes on to say that

Christ had to learn the depths of the human condition through his suffering.

Today we hear the last of Jesus' teachings during his journey up to Jerusalem. Though blind, Bartimeus calls Jesus "Son of David". He can see who Jesus is more clearly than the disciples following Jesus. He then calls Jesus "Master", the only person in the first three gospels to do so before the resurrection. Able to see, Bartimeus now follows as a disciple.

Psalm Response: **What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.**

(Jeremiah 31: 7-9; Psalm 125(126); Hebrews 5: 1-6; Mark 10: 46-52)

Chris Oliver

We are reminded of the Paul's first letter to the Corinthians: "And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."(13:13)

They are known as the "Theological Virtues", of this the Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise

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.

"The theological virtues are the foundation of Christian moral activity; they animate it and give it its special character. They inform and give life to all the moral virtues. They are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. They are the pledge of the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in the faculties of the human being. There are three theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity." (CCC 1813)

## Northampton Prayer and Praise

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## NIGHT ⊕ LIGHT?

**St Gregory's RC Parish Night of Light Prayer Initiative 2018!**

When? -Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 from 7.00 pm-10.00 pm

Where?- St Gregory the Great RC Church, Northampton

### Timetable

**Please come for a short time or longer, whatever you can manage.**

7.00 pm- VIGIL MASS FOR ALL SAINTS

7.45 pm- ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament and Worship Music  
*Including opportunity for prayer ministry & the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

9.00 pm- HOLY ROSARY

9.20 pm - ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament and Worship Music

9.45 pm- BENEDICTION

10.00 pm- End of Night of Light Service

(Children and young people under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)

## Northampton Prayer and Praise

**Remember,  
remember!**

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November from  
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A warm welcome awaits you. What happened in 1605 is history... and like Dr Who, we cannot change the past! But we can change the future by meeting and praying together. Is it time to move on now? Hopefully, yes!

# Hope Centre to be made homeless

It is a strange irony that the Hope Centre is the Mayor of Northampton's charity for the year and yet the Borough Council is supporting Midland Heart in evicting them from Oasis House. Ironically Midland Heart has on their web-page: (on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October, and several days after the announcement of their decision to evict the Hope Centre) "Oasis House is a revolutionary service that offers accommodation & support to homeless people in Northampton. There are 48 units at the scheme with 9 direct access beds & 39 move on apartments. Oasis House services are delivered in partnership by Northampton Borough council who have their gateway housing solutions team on site, Northampton Hope Centre who provide day centre services to the homeless by providing meals, clothing, training & activities."

St Gregory's parish have been supporters of the Hope Centre since its very start. There is an on-line petition at: <https://www.change.org/p/midlands-heart-save-the-hope-centre>.

# 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 10<sup>th</sup>, and continuing on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October (22<sup>nd</sup> is in school holiday-time), 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November with an overnight away-time on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>. — 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 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 am.