



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,
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Ad Limina Apostolorum

Every five years every Bishop has to report to the Vatican, giving an account of his Diocese and meeting with the Pope and with the head of the various different departments of the Holy See.

The Latin word “limina” means threshold or lintel, and speaks of the doorway, but has, in this context come to refer to the tombs of the Apostles. Central to the “Ad Limina” visit is the celebration of Mass at the tomb of St Peter and at the tomb of St Paul.

Last week it was the turn of the Bishops of England and Wales. Each Bishop will have prepared a detailed report of his Diocese, including both blessings and difficulties.

Pope Francis has introduced a new feature into the meeting. Previously the Pope would deliver a prepared speech for the assembled bishops, but now there is a time for an open conversation with the Holy Father, in which he will speak without a prepared text, giving encouragement and direction as he sees fit. This meeting is confidential and unless one of the bishops reveals what is said, remains private.

Among the Vatican departments that bishops will have conversations with are the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Among the issues which may well be on the agenda for this meeting will be the reception of the translation of the Missal and also other future revisions of translations and possibly also the provision of Mass for parishes which have no priest.

Another Vatican department they will report to is the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life, and following on from the Dublin World Meeting of Families, and since Bishop Peter has responsibility for this in the Bishops’ Conference, he will be in the spotlight!

This Bishops will also visit the Congregation for the Evangelisation of the Peoples and the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation. We at St Gregory’s are among a number of parishes which have responded to the call to move from maintenance to mission and have embraced the principles of “Divine Renovation”. The bishops will be telling the Vatican about the way in which the Gospel is being shared and the various initiatives for evangelisation that are being pursued in the different parishes, and their successes and the challenges.

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is a relatively new department in the Vatican; currently its main focus is on the treatment of migrant and refugees. Pope Francis has taken a very special interest in this work, and we hope that soon we will be able to offer a safe haven to a refugee family here in Northampton.

Sadly, the issue at the top of the agenda at present is the appalling issue of abuse of children and vulnerable adults. The most recent scandals from America in particular have concentrated the minds. The Bishops have issued a statement:

“Both bishops and religious leaders, in various places, failed to protect the children in their care from those who have done them great harm. In particular, the failures of bishops to listen or give credence to those who have courageously spoken out about the profound damage they have suffered through childhood abuse, together with the steps some have taken in order to cover up or minimize the abuse that became known, are a great betrayal of the trust placed in them by the faithful and of the responsibilities that come with episcopal office.”

The bishops’ have asked the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC), which oversees safeguarding policy across the conference’s 22 dioceses, “to commission an entirely independent and comprehensive review of the safeguarding structures that currently operate within the Catholic Church in England and Wales.”

“Importantly, we will seek to ensure that the voices of the victims and survivors of abuse, through the Survivors Advisory Panel established by the NCSC, fully inform the review and its recommendations,” the statement said.

The recent case of Archbishop Theodore McCarrick has raised serious questions across the Church about the handling of accusations against bishops. The statement from the English bishops underscored that existing nationally agreed procedures explicitly included “the steps to be taken if allegations of abusive behavior were to be made against a bishop.”

The current safeguarding procedures in English dioceses were adopted following a 2001 report on sexual abuse by Lord Michael Nolan. Each diocese has a safeguarding coordinator and commission, broadly equivalent to diocesan review boards in American dioceses.

Following the Nolan Report, national policies were adopted by the English dioceses. A central figure in achieving this was then-Archbishop Vincent Nichols, who was made chair of the report’s implementation team and head of the Catholic Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults.

“The impact and consequences of the shame and sorrow” felt by the bishops would set the tone for their Rome trip, both in Curial meetings and during points of prayer, “especially as we come to pray at the tomb of St. Peter and at the tomb of St. Paul,” the statement said..



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Sunday 30th September 2018

Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

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Sunday 26 th Sunday of the Year	9.00 am	Mass	Patrick Coleman RIP
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish
Monday St. Therese of the Child Jesus	9.00 am	Mass	Philomena Gilroy RIP
Tuesday Holy Guardian Angels	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Catherine Clarke
Wednesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Deacon David Donoghue (The Ndekwe Family)
	11.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's)	
Thursday St. Francis of Assisi	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	Frank Hickey RIP
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Mass	
Friday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Eric Hasdell RIP
Saturday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Joe & Pat Collins & Family's Intentions
Sunday 27 th Sunday of the Year	9.00 am	Mass	Dec'd Members of the Moan Family The Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	

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 Seemark	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 Donnely
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	

Your Offering To The Parish:

Last Sunday's collection was £667.25. 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 Next Week:

CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day 5th October)

Counters This Week:

M. Murtagh, L. Allen, Anna Smith.

Cleaners This Week:

Pru & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

Numbers 11: 25-29.

Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

James 5: 1-6.

Your wealth is all rotting.

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

Readings for Next Sunday

Genesis 2: 18-24; Hebrews 2: 9-11; Mark 10: 2-16. (Page 78)

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)

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Frederick Boswell	Rita Quigley
Margaret Murphy	Anne Brannigan
Bernard Fossey	Richard White
Roland Williams	Richard Walker
Christopher Doyle	Mark Collins
Jack Quigley	Maria Crane
Patrick Coleman	Elizabeth Allan
Gertrude Culverhouse	Frances Keegan
Wladislaw Idczak	William Currie
Margaret Garvey	Dorothy Marriott
Valerie Curran	Henry Thompson
Dorothy Dorman	Zdzislaw Xwicien
Kathleen Neeson	Daniel Aneke
Mary O'Carroll	Martin Marcano
Harold Slatter	Margaret Forsyth
Brendan Duffy	Jean West
Kathleen Flynn	William Ridgeway
Brendan Clancy	Beatrice Dunn
Elizabeth Booth	Mary Boland
Winifred Dawkins	Christian Howe
Eric Hasdell	Reginald Streeter

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.



We welcome into the family of the Church
Timothy John Stepien
who received Christian Baptism last week.
Please pray for him and his family.

The following is a correction to last week – apologies for the spelling error!



Congratulations to
James Francis Halling and
Cherrie-Louise Jamieson
Who were married last weekend.
Please pray for them.

Rotas for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers for October 7th to January 27th have now been issued. Hard copies available in the sacristy for all those not on email. Please note that rotas are no longer posted at the back of church

Bible Alive for 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.**

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!

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

Pilgrimage to Walsingham — Reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life led by Archbishop Kevin McDonald, 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

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.

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*

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

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

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.

The curry lunch was very successful thanks to your help in advertising the event. We managed to sell 328 boxes and raised an amount of £1813.63 therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and every other parishioner for your generous donations. In particular, I thank you for your ongoing support to our community. *Praveen Matthew*

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

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 Registration for preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019 will be after either Mass today. Full programme available soon.

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.

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!

266 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 30th September 2018, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

The Book of Numbers mainly describes Israel's wanderings in the wilderness from Mount Sinai towards the Promised Land. The people frequently murmured complaints against Moses, who found the burden of leadership too much to bear. Bored with the daily diet of manna, the people complain, so God gives them heaps of quail, but then punishes them for their greed. God gives some of his spirit to seventy elders to share Moses' burden, but even if the whole people became prophets Moses must continue alone as leader.

The psalm rejoices in the way both the heavens and God's commandments reveal the glory of the Lord, while reminding us that we need cleansing from even our "hidden faults".

Our last reading from the letter of James reminds those who are well off that life is short and their sins will be punished. We should patiently share the earth's fruits until the Lord's coming.

In Mark's Gospel we hear Jesus' last teachings before he starts his final journey to Jerusalem. Like Moses, Jesus confirms that people may work in God's name even if they have not been formally appointed. God's work is not limited to formal organisations. Above all, we should keep our mind on God's kingdom, not be tempted away from it by the pleasures of this world.

Psalm Response: **The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

(Numbers 11: 25-29; Psalm 18(19); James 5:1-6; Mark 9: 38-48)

Chris Oliver

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

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School are celebrating their 50th anniversary. 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. 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.

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	22 nd November	9.30 am – 11.30 am
Thursday	22 nd November	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Our prayer asserts that it is the very nature of God to pardon and show mercy. In saying this we recognise him as our loving Father rather than as a dispassionate judge.

"You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living.
(*Wisdom 11:26*)

O God,
who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 translation "hastening to attain" somehow missed the power of the Latin "currentes", which has a meaning of running with a purpose, for example, in a race.

Here we are running towards our loving Father. There is a strong hint of the parable of the prodigal son.

See Luke 15:11-32.

'BEHOLD THE LAMB'

This evening (Sunday 30th September) from 6 - 7 Sacred Heart parish will be holding an hour of prayer; music, prayer and silence before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, in response to the bishops plea for us to spend more time with our Eucharistic Lord and we will be using some inspirational resources from 'Adoremus' Please do come, it will be a blessed and holy time. Pope Benedict says 'In the Eucharist the Son of God come to meet us and desires to become one with us.' Let's meet him!

INTERNATIONAL FAMILY ROSARY

In October at Sacred heart church are going to pray the rosary as we did in May. It was lovely having you join us , please do again! Each Friday at 7:00 p.m.. in October - 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th we are invited to pray a set of mysteries in English and one or two other languages. Our thanks to the volunteers who have come forward already- others are still most welcome - contact Jean - merrimans@hotmail.com. There will be refreshments afterwards in the hall where we hope there will be an international flavour!

This week - on the 5th we will be praying in English, Italian and French!!

We look forward to seeing you!

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

Friday of this week is the CAFOD harvest fast day, and you are invited to take an envelope from one of the boxes at the back of the church to remind you. The idea is to go without one meal, and give the value of that meal to help feed someone who is in desperate need.

Eating less isn't easy, but it's a wonderful way of acting out our faith. By having a bowl of soup instead of a meal, and giving the money you save, you could give a family a bag of seeds to grow and feed themselves. If we all ate less for just one meal, the money we save could help to give a water point for an entire village.

Creator God. in love you give life. In your generosity you create the gifts of the earth. As daughters and sons of the same Father, may we learn to share the plentiful gifts of creation, especially with those most in need. Give us open hands and loving hearts, so that we take less and give more. We ask that all may benefit from your goodness, and share in the fullness of life you have promised.

Amen.

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.