



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.”

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Remember, remember

According to the Crown Prosecution Service,

“the term 'hate crime' can be used to describe a range of criminal behaviour where the perpetrator is motivated by hostility or demonstrates hostility towards the victim's disability, race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity.

These aspects of a person's identity are known as 'protected characteristics'. A hate crime can include verbal abuse, intimidation, threats, harassment, assault and bullying, as well as damage to property.”

Since 23rd June 2016 there has been a steep rise in hate crimes in the UK, increasing by 40% according to some reports (*The Guardian*, 16th October 2018). Since Donald Trump became president of the United States of America hate crime has risen by 21% (*The Federal Bureau of Investigation*).

Last week-end the terrible shootings in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh was a further example of this appalling trend.

It has been suggested that there are four main motives for hate crimes: Thrill-seeking, Defence, Retaliation and mission-offenders.

Thrill-seekers are often young and impressionable, encouraged by rabble-rousers who see their victims as “fair game”.

Defence offenders are those who believe that their community, way of life, religion, race or even their country is under attack and see themselves as defending themselves or their community.

Retaliation offenders are those who respond to defence offences with the same sort of behaviour.

Mission offenders are those who have a deep-seated hatred for a particular group of people and believe that they have a destiny or a ‘divine mission’ to attack and kill people of that group. These are the ones who attract most notoriety.

Most hate crimes do not fall neatly into just one of these categories but have more complicated backgrounds involving more than one motive. Although this is therefore a simplification, it covers most cases.

(Source: a CNN report based on the FBI training manual)



Tomorrow is the commemoration of another attempted hate crime when the conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill the King and members of both houses of Lords and Commons. It is a mercy that they did not succeed, but the attempt needs to be set in its context.

The first motive of the conspirators was one of defence. The Catholic community was under threat — simply to *be* a Catholic was a crime and to be a priest was a capital offence, punished by the cruel process of hanging, drawing and quartering, but this would only come after torture.

To a degree, retaliation was therefore also a motive. If the government could treat people in such a manner, it could be argued that blowing them up was a more humane death than that which they were inflicting.

The conspirators were all young men, and maybe they would have got a thrill out of seeing their plan succeed.

In reality, the effect of the Gunpowder plot was to increase and prolong persecution of Catholics in England and Ireland, and

prohibitions against Catholics have continued into our own century. Anti-Catholic bias is not confined to Northern Ireland to this day. In the town of Lewes in Sussex, the annual bonfire not only burned in effigy Guy Fawkes, but also Pope Pius V. (It is recorded that in 1981 Ian Paisley attended the fireworks and distributed anti-Catholic leaflets. However, this backfired on him because the next year an effigy of him was added to those on the fire!)

This is a salutary reminder that hate crimes and the preaching of hatred seldom achieves its purpose, and frequently achieves the reverse.

Today, although there is a degree of residual bigotry against Catholics, it is others who are the more frequent victims of hate crimes. Anti-Semitism, Islamophobia and race-hatred have overtaken suspicion of Catholics.

There should be no place for hatred in the human heart, apart from the hatred of hate itself and the hate of all sin. If the chant “Remember, remember” is a reminder of hatred and suspicion, let it also be a reminder that this hatred is deeply sinful. Our Lord prayed that we “may all be one” as he and the Father are one.



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Sunday 4th November 2018

Thirty First Sunday of the Year

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Sunday <i>31st Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	Dora Gorman RIP
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish
Monday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Philomena Fraher
Tuesday Feria	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (Followed by prayers for the sick)	
	1.15 pm	Funeral Mass	Dennis Costello RIP
Wednesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Hynek Hlustik RIP
	11.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's)	
Thursday Feria	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Friday Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	7.00 am	Mass	Philomena Fraher
Saturday St. Leo the Great	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	
Sunday <i>32nd Sunday of the Year</i>	9.00 am	Mass	The Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	Carlo Marchese

MASSES OFFERED THIS WEEK BY Fr ANDREW IN ROME: Catherine Clarke, Tutsey & Jack Whyte, John Collier.

Your Offering To The Parish: Last Sunday's collection was £949.11. 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: Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

Counters This Week: M. Murtagh, L. Allen, Anna Smith.

Cleaners This Week: Pru & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

Deuteronomy 6: 1-6. *Listen, Israel: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

Hebrews 7: 23-28. *Because he remains forever, Christ can never lose his Priesthood.*

Mark 12: 28-34. *This is the first commandment. The second is like it.*

Readings for Next Sunday

1 Kings 17: 10-16; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44. (Page 89)

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 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	Kathleen Healey

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Hilda Lyon	Mary Lyon
Norah Bull	Mark Hubbard
Edith Eze	Sheila Bull
Mary Lehane	Aranka Olchvary
Maud Passey	Thomas Pepper
Sarah Griffin	Salvatore Oliva
Thomas Tynan	William Moore
Ellen Butters	Catherine Page
Giovanni Dichiarra	Giovanni Triore
Muriel Williams	Richard Partridge
Colin Mays	Patrick Simpson
Stefani Martyniak	Kathleen Williams
Joyce Harrold	William Coulton
George Lewin	Margaret Coll
Margaret King	Eileen Loughran
Stephen Folon	

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.

Fairtrade: There will be Fairtrade products on sale in the hall after the 9.00 Mass this Sunday. Please always try to shop fairly!

APF Red Boxes: The Autumn collection of donations to the missions via the Red Boxes is now starting. Please bring your boxes or envelopes (preferred as they are easier to handle) to the Sacristy **next Sunday, 11th November or as soon as convenient.** If you need collection from your home, or if you have any queries, contact Des or Mary on (01604) 416474. Many Thanks!



Life House: There will be Tea & Coffee available after both Masses in aid of The Life House. Items not sold from the last sale will also be available!

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 10.00 am. (Next meeting is December 1st) **All welcome.**

Vianney Mission Prayer Group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sacristy, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. **Next meeting 14th November.** All welcome.

CAFOD RETREAT - Countering Consumerism: 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, 10.00 am – 4.00 pm, 10th November. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** limited spaces - contact Deborah – dpurfield@cafod.org.uk, 01494 863 777

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation will be on Monday 21st January 2019.

First Holy Communion – 2019 The first session for children and parents is on Saturday 17th November at St Gregory's School, Grange Road from 2.00 pm until 4.00 pm. It is important that a parent stays with their child for this session. 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 24th 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 4th or 11th November.

Choir Matters: Practices will be after Thurs. evening Mass on Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, not Jan 3. New members always welcome, as are the old ones! *Alec*

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 7th November from 10.30 am. Christmas cards, Crafts & Gifts will be for sale, plus a raffle. For more info please contact Kevin & Aideen Fogarty on (01604) 630546

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!

Important Notice- SPUC: Please help in the important work of protecting our unborn Brothers and Sisters in Christ by attending a meeting at 10.00 am on Saturday 17th 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 9.00 am 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 if you are interested in attending or interested in being involved in the future.

Cheese, Wine & a Brilliant Bishop! On Wed. 14th Nov. 7:30 in the hall at Sacred Heart. 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 - & 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.

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, 10-3 pm (arr. 9.30 for refreshments). NORES Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD. To book, contact admin@nores.org.uk or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

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.

Ceili Dancing: Wednesday evenings, starts 8 pm. Learn Ceili Dancing in a friendly atmosphere at St Gregory's Hall from 8 pm – 9.15 pm. All ages welcome! Ceád Mile Failte.
For further info please phone Pat Franks on 07710624921

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

Open Days at St Gregory's School

Wednesday	14 th 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

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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 4th November 2018, 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Deuteronomy, the “second law”, the last of the five books of the Pentateuch, was written long after the Israelites settled in Palestine. It summarises, expands and completes the record of the Law given by God to Moses. It was very familiar to Jesus, who quoted from it frequently. Today’s reading ends with the “*Schema*”: “Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord”, the basic principle of the Mosaic Law, and familiar to all Jews.

The psalm is said to be by King David, giving thanks to the Lord for rescuing him after he had called for help in dire distress. David goes on to imagine God sending earthquakes and raining down lightning bolts and arrows to overwhelm his enemies.

The Letter to the Hebrews continues from last week, explaining

This is a complicated prayer: first we need to recognise that in the second line the prayer speaks of God’s gift to us; this is to say, Jesus Christ who “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” (*Philippians 2:7*).

Therefore the “right and praiseworthy service” that we offer is to be seen in humility and obedience to God.

Almighty and merciful God,
by whose gift your faithful offer you
right and praiseworthy service,
grant, we pray,
that we may hasten without stumbling
to receive the things you have promised.

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.

that Christ is a priest forever, replacing the priests of the tribe of Levi, each of whom dies and has to be replaced. For our sake Christ sacrificed himself once and for all.

When Jesus is asked in today’s gospel which is the first of all the commandments, the *Schema* is what he immediately thinks of. There is one God, and we must love him with an undivided heart.

Psalm Response: **I love you, Lord, my strength.**

(Deut 6: 2-6; Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51; Hebrews 7: 23-28; Mark 12: 28-34)

Chris Oliver

We pray that we may hasten “without stumbling”, and the original Latin has the word “*offensione*”, which could mean either our own sin or obstacles placed in our way. The root of the word “*promise*” is “*promittere*”, which also means “to send before” Jesus is the one who was sent before to undergo death and reveal the resurrection, and we run after him “with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus” (*Hebrews 12:2*)

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 27th 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>.

Monastic Experience Weekend

Quarr Abbey, Isle of Wight: Friday 8th (evening) - Sunday 10th March 2019

The Monastic Experience Weekend is designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solismes Congregation. They will be able to attend the liturgical worship in the church, pursue personal prayer and meditation on

the Bible in the prayerful silence of the monastery, and hear talks from the monks about their way of life, their liturgy and the Rule of Saint Benedict which they follow. There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the monks and to ask questions. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation.

Contact: Brother Duncan - novicemaster@quarr.org

Annual Parish Requiem

The annual Mass for those whose funerals have taken place in the past year from St Gregory’s or by St Gregory’s clergy will be on Tuesday evening, 27th November at 7.00 pm. In addition to those who have died in the last year, any whose names are given during the half-hour before the Mass begins will be remembered. Those who come are invited to bring a flower as a symbol of remembrance — after the Mass they will be placed at Our Lady’s shrine.

Throughout the month of November the names of any who have died may be placed in the box under the Altar — at each Mass during the month those people will be remembered collectively.

Ecumenical Walk

Broadmead Baptist Church are celebrating their new building with a sponsored walk from Northampton’s oldest church (St Peter’s, Marefair) to the newest (theirs). On the way they will be visiting 15 other churches, and expect to be arriving at St Gregory’s at about 3.25 on Saturday afternoon, 10th November. The walk begins at 1.00 pm at St Peter’s, and is about 6 miles in length. If anyone would like to join the walk please contact <https://broadmead.churchsuite.co.uk/events/gio3bdbq>. All are invited to meet the walkers when they arrive at St Gregory’s