



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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Emergency Needs

Today is the special Harvest collection for CAFOD, and as well as the ongoing needs of the developing world, there has been the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Sulawesi in Indonesia.

There is an emergency appeal for the earthquake fund, and there will be an extra collection next week for that appeal.

CAFOD estimate that 844 million people worldwide do not have access to clean water, and as a result are at serious health risk. One of these risks is “River Blindness” an eye and skin disease caused by a worm (filaria) known scientifically as *Onchocerca volvulus*. It is transmitted to humans through the bite of a blackfly (simulium species). These flies breed in



fast-flowing streams and rivers, increasing the risk of blindness to individuals living nearby, hence the commonly known name of “river blindness”. Within the human body, the adult female worm (macrofilaria) produces thousands of baby or larval worms (microfilariae) which

migrate in the skin and the eye.

The death of microfilariae is very toxic to the skin and the eye, producing terrible itching and various eye manifestations (lesions).



After repeated years of exposure, these lesions may lead to irreversible blindness and disfigurative skin diseases sometimes named “leopard” skin and “lizard” skin.

In some West African communities, about 50% of men over the age of 40 years had been blinded by the disease. Finally, people fled the fertile river valleys to settle in less productive upland country.

TSUNAMI DISASTER APPEAL



The latest official figures report that the death toll from the disaster stands at 1,407, an estimated 50,000 people have been made homeless, and 200,000 people are in need of urgent life-saving aid.

The Indonesian authorities are warning that thousands more people could have perished after waves of up to 20 feet hit the city of Palu which is home to more than 300,000 people.

The priority now is to reach the worst affected communities, many of which have been cut off by landslides and road blockages.

What are the humanitarian needs?

The immediate needs for vulnerable families are the basics of life to survive over the coming days and weeks.

Families who have lost everything will need clean drinking water and food, shelter – tents tarpaulin, and blankets - medical and health services, alongside solar and fuel oil, due to fuel shortages.

Please be generous, both this week and next..



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Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year

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Sunday 27 th Sunday of the Year	9.00 am	Mass	Dec'd Members of the Moan Family The Parish
	11.00 am	Mass	
Monday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Frank Hickey RIP
Tuesday Bl. John Henry Newman	9.00 am	Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick)	Sheila Bull RIP
Wednesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Nora Scott
	11.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's)	
	7.00 pm	Mass	
Thursday Feria	9.00 am	Celebration of Word & Communion	Katy Patten RIP
	6.45 pm	Benediction	
	7.00 pm	Mass	
Friday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Stephen Healy RIP
Saturday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Joyce Cheshire & Family's Intentions
Sunday 28 th Sunday of the Year	9.00 am	Mass	Paddy Mullan RIP
	11.00 am	Mass	The Parish

Your Offering To The Parish:

Last Sunday's collection was £519.02. 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:

CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day 5th October)

Counters This Week:

M. Bonner, Mrs Morgan, I. Wraxall.

Cleaners This Week:

George & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

Genesis 2: 18-24.

They become one body.

Hebrews 2: 9-11.

The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.

Mark 10: 2-16.

What God has united, man must not divide.

Readings for Next Sunday

Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30. (Page 80)

During this season of

Ordinary Time, Autumn,

we are asked

to pray for:

Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;

The Spread of the Gospel;

Prisoners & their Families;

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	

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

John Glazebrook	Margaret Frisby
Hilda Donovan	John Higgins
Noel Kipes	Stephen Healy
Robert McAfee	Ellen Barker
Doris Hughes	John Guare
John Flynn	Frederick Pearce
Anthony Nash	Theodor Pewitka
Kathleen Mann	Billy Shanaghan
James Anderson	Mary Barry
Joseph Ryan	Fred Crouch
Eileen Woods	Catherine Hoare
Raymond Douglas	Francis Byrne
Zena Goff	Tom Whelan
John Albon	Baby Cian Coles
Michael Atkinson	Badih Molfarecge
Sean Cadman	Donald Hart
Bernard Heitzman	May Wrighton
William Higginbottom	Eric Muddiman
Patrick Connolly	Rose Naylor
Monica McMahon	

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

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!

Bible Alive for October & 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.**



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.

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

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

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

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.

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 7:00pm 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! We look forward to seeing you!

Modern Day Slavery & Trafficking: Northampton Justice & Peace Commission Conference on Sat. 13th Oct. at St. John's Parish Hall, 296 Sundon Park Road, Luton LU3 3AL, 10.30am - 1.30pm, followed by shared lunch. Speakers are Sr Patricia Mulhall csb & Michael Duthie (Deputy Director Santa Marta Group); both have a wealth of experience in these areas. More details: Stephen Forster (01494) 875485, franforster@gmail.com. If you'd like to share a lift, contact Frank 07712160064 or frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk

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*

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!

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

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.

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. 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

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. 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!

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

St Gregory's School: Celebrating 50 years of service to our community Bishop Peter will be celebrating Mass at school on October 11th at 7pm.

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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/StGreysNorthampton>

Scripture Readings 7th October 2018, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

In this second version of creation, since God has created man as social being like himself, he now creates woman, to support and join with him.

The psalm celebrates the blessings of children and family life.

Readings from the Letter to the Hebrews will take us up to the end of Ordinary Time. The most Jewish of the New Testament books, it has a rich theology of Christ's priesthood. Jesus is greater than the angels as God, but lower than the angels as man. Christ's priestly sacrifice, as man and as God's Son, renews once and for ever the covenant God has made with man.

As intermediaries, priests offer prayers and sacrifices to God on our behalf. Not seeking to change God's mind. Relationships are confirmed with celebratory meals and things of value sacrificed by

making them unusable. A wedding feast confirms our witness and support for the vows made by the married couple.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus continues teaching during his journey to Jerusalem. He insists on the full meaning of the Law, which Mark updates, applying it also to a Gentile woman divorcing her husband. The union of a man and a woman in a marriage made by God cannot be unmade. Children help us to recognise our utter dependence on God.

Psalm Response: **May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.**

(Gen 2:18-24; Ps 127(128); Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16)

Chris Oliver

Our prayer is for more than that which we dare to ask. "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine" (*Ephesians 3:20*).

In fact, the entire prayer speaks of going beyond that which we can understand.

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you,
pour our your mercy upon us
to pardon what conscience dreads
and give us what prayer does not dare to ask.

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 abundance of God's kindness surpasses anything we deserve.

"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God"

(*Romans 8:26-27*)

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

The first Family Fast Day was organised in our Diocese, at Gerrards Cross., and has been a regular fund-raising event since 1960. From this CAFOD was born, and has been a vital aid agency. CAFOD Family Fast Day has always been as much about prayer as about giving. Elspeth Orchard, one of the first Fast Day organisers explained: "We were very keen that we should do it not just as a giving thing, but as a praying thing. We should really make an effort to remember people, not just by giving them food, but by doing what we could do to support them. "We weren't doing anything special, we were just doing what we thought we ought to do, remembering that we are all God's children."

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.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

Modern Slavery is the term used within the UK and is defined within the Modern Slavery Act 2015. The Act categorises offences of Slavery, Servitude and Forced or Compulsory Labour and Human Trafficking (the of which comes from the Palermo Protocol).

These crimes include holding a person in a position of slavery, servitude forced or compulsory labour, or facilitating their travel with the intention of exploiting them soon after. Although human trafficking often involves an international cross-border element, it is also possible to be a victim of modern slavery within your own country.

It is possible to be a victim even if consent has been given to be moved.

Children cannot give consent to being exploited therefore the element of coercion or deception does not need to be present to prove an offence.

Types of Human trafficking

There are several broad categories of exploitation linked to human trafficking, including:

- Sexual exploitation
- Forced labour
- Domestic servitude
- Organ harvesting
- Child related crimes such as child sexual exploitation, forced begging, illegal drug cultivation, organised theft, related benefit frauds etc
- Forced marriage and illegal adoption (if other constituent elements are present)

All are welcome at the Justice and Peace day at St John's, Luton, advertised opposite.

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.