



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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15th February

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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Sunday, 15 th February <i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 706)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am - Dec'd Members of the Moen Family 11:00am - Parish	PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION PARISH PRIEST: Canon Christopher Perry 713015 frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org Deacon: The Rev'd Michael Fleming 647750 mvf@btinternet.com Priest in Residence: Fr Wayne Coughlin 713015 frwayne.coughlin@northamptondiocese.org Parish Secretary: Caryll Comley 713015 parish.stgregory@northamptondiocese.org Safeguarding Representative: Carol McNeil 07906802615
Wednesday 18 th February <i>Ash Wednesday (Page 145)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am - 1) Special Intentions 2) Mons. Vaughan Morgan, RIP 7:00pm - Parish	
Sunday, 22 nd February <i>1st Sunday of Lent (Page 153)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am - Parish 11:00am - Julia Vittorio Ruocco RIP	

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence. Fasting is reducing considerably the amount of food we eat (e.g. having just one meal) and abstinence means abstaining from eating meat. Fasting applies to anyone aged 18-60 years and abstinence applies to all those who are over 14 years (cf. CIC 1252).

Any returned Palm Crosses/branches can be left in the bag at the hall entrance/exit; these will be burned to create the ash for use on Ash Wednesday.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Breda Coleman, RIP whose Funeral is on Wednesday, 18th February at 12 noon in Northampton Cathedral.

St Gregory's Church - Fire Damage Update:

• A professional clean of the sacristy and hall is to take place in the foreseeable future. We are now obtaining a second quote for the electrical works necessary to restore lighting to the Church (with a view to having this completed within a fortnight). The next step is to appoint a surveyor to provide a full program of works to put out to tender. • It is unlikely that we will be in the Church for Easter. The process is taking longer than anticipated so I do thank you for your great patience. *Fr Christopher*

→ → **Stations of the Cross:** St Matthew's Church each Friday of Lent (from 20th February) at 7:30pm.

Mission Northampton invites anyone who has a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come to a gathering on Saturday, 14th March from 10:30am to 4pm in Sacred Heart Church, Leighton Buzzard.

Encounter Ministry Healing Service: A special healing liturgy will be offered in the Cathedral on Friday, 28th February at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Come and See - Discernment Day for Men: Men who are pondering whether God is calling them to the Priesthood are invited to a discovery day on Saturday, 28th March in the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence, Olney. Please contact Fr Pius for details: (01753) 523147.



Over the coming months look out for details regarding the founding of the **'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby'** in our parish. Please do prayerfully consider joining this. **Life Membership is just £5.**



Holy Face Petition Cards:

→ These are located at the exit of the Hall and are used to leave a prayer request at the Holy Face of Jesus image that is before the Altar; this is the last weekend to do so. Janet Northing will privately offer each of these petitions.

ADoRE Spiritual Mini-Retreat:

Saturday, 28th February between 10am and 1pm via Zoom with Holy Mass, Adoration, Praise, etc. and a spiritual talk from Charles Whitehead, KSG. For details and to book visit: www.altonrenewal.com



• Saint • John Henry Newman: Pray for us!

The (optional) Memorial of Saint John Henry Newman, a new Doctor of the Church, has been added to the liturgical calendar (on 9th October) for the whole Church by Pope Leo. Led by the “kindly light” of God’s grace, Saint John Henry Newman’s journey from Protestantism to the safe harbours of the Catholic Church speaks to each of us, and thus his prayer, becomes our own: that we be led “out of shadows and images into the fullness of truth”.

→ **The optional CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day:** Is on Friday, 27th February; here we are encouraged to reduce what we eat and to give the money we save to this charity (envelopes are available for this) as it comes to the aid of those who are hungry.



A Big Thank you!

We extend our very sincere appreciation to those parishioners who have purchased (and then paid for the installation of)

decorative screens for the long wall of the Church car park. These are very striking and will soon be joined by floral slate plaques (like that above) with some of the historic titles for Our Lady from across the UK. Further screens and plaques will be added featuring the names of St Joseph, St Gregory the Great and the Patron Saints of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well the flowers that are associated with each saint and/or nation.

A young man from Manchester who “committed himself totally to God” could one day be included among the rank of saints with Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati as requests continue for him to be canonised. Pedro Ballester died in January 2018, aged just 21, of bone cancer after a life of heroic prayer, sacrifice and virtue. Vatican officials are now in the process of interviewing his family and friends to gauge whether a ‘cause’ for him to be declared a saint should be formally opened. Please do pray for the canonisation of Pedro Ballester.



March is dedicated to St Joseph and to honour this tradition, as well being a part of Missio’s novena of prayer, **specially made chaplets** will be available to buy on **Sun., 1st** (when they will be blessed) and **Sunday, 8th March** at the **price of £3**. £1 from the sale of each Chaplet will be given to the children’s branch of Missio and will be available in a limited number. This novena will be offered for our intentions, the Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) and the Saint Joseph Missionary Society of Mill Hill, which was founded in 1866.

Please pray for those who are unwell, especially:

Fr. Philip Swingler	Joe Linney	Liam
Michael Spowart	Khan Phanh	Linda Fleming
Catherine Stratton	Deacon Rory	Jayne Miller
Anne Stewart	Brenda Paintin	Florence Dunn
Teresa Watts	Terry Hammond	Glynis Garibaldi
Leo Bell	Maureen Bell	Theresa
Janet Reader-Moore	Marion Gilbert	Michael Woolmore
Paul Gilbert	Liam Murphy	Chris Hill
Bishop Peter Doyle	Sheila Frost	Peter Frost
Denise Faulkner	Jim O’Connor	Ester Snelling
Margaret Refoy	Sheila Dowling	Mary Rumsey
Clare Sefton	Mark	Josephine Ahern
Baby Dali	Fr. Lourdusamy	Teresa Brown
Kathleen Eyre	Mrs Taylor	Colin Smith
Barbara Dmochowska		

Anniversaries of Death (since the year 2000):

Frances Marsden	Patricia Gunning	Harold Miranda
Bradley Forskitt	Louise O’Neill	Mary Allibon
Eugene Murray	Fr John Harris	Maria Pentecostes
Judith Coyle	Lynn Farrell	Elizabeth Wood
Winifred Roberts	Baby Poppy Clark	Maria Diaz
Barry Kirby	Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.	Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

As well as **financially supporting the parish** through a bank standing order, and by cash during the offertory procession, you can also now use the **‘giving terminal’** that is available before and after Mass in the Hall!