

Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



OUR VISION

"A truly thriving Catholic community confidently and humbly proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ."



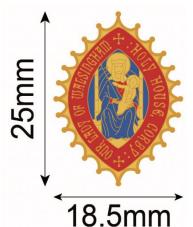
O Mary, recall...

...the solemn moment when Jesus, your divine Son, dying on the Cross confided us to your maternal care. You are our Mother; we desire ever to remain your devout children. Let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession with Jesus Christ. Make your name again glorious in the shrine, once renowned throughout England by your visits, favours and many miracles. Pray, O Holy Mother of God, for the conversion of England, restoration of the sick, consolation for the afflicted, repentance of sinners, peace to the departed.

O Blessed Mary, Mother of God, Our Lady of Walsingham intercede for us. Amen

We are blessed to have within the Diocese our own Holy House! Located in Corby, here the faithful gather each day to honour the Mother of God as 'Our Lady of Walsingham'. There they seek her prayers, write petition slips and leave lighted votive candles for those for whom they seek Mary's prayers.

For those unable to visit the Shrine at Walsingham this provides another "England's Nazareth" where Our Lady of Walsingham's powerful intercession may be sought. To foster devotion to Mary as Our Lady of Walsingham, the 'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby' was formed by Janet Northing, Fr Christopher and Fr Wayne in late September of this year. Those desiring to be members of this new Confraternity can



purchase a member's badge for £5 and thus proudly wear it, just as medieval pilgrims to Walsingham did. All members of this unique Confraternity commit themself to offering the Prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham each day and to praying the Holy Rosary once a week, preferably in

Church. The 'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby' is open to anyone who wants to honour Our Lady of Walsingham and who desires to seek her maternal intercession for the conversion of England and also her prayers for themselves and for others.



It is a joy to welcome Janet Northing to our parish this Sunday as she speaks to us about the 'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby'! She will be available after the Sunday Mass to answer any questions you have. Janet is the Lay Guardian of the 'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby' and has recently taken vows as a Lay Dominican.

Ad multos annos!



16th November 2025 33rd Sunday Of the Year CTS New Sunday Missal Year C Page 1091

Sunday 33 rd Sunday Of the Year	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro Malabar Rite)	Jude Ebeneza Arthur RIP The Parish
Monday St Hilda of Whitby	9.00 am	Mass	Willie O'Grady RIP
Tuesday Dedication: Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul	9.00 am	Mass	Peter & Alice Curran & The Clergy Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Rome
Wednesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Thomas
Thursday St Edmund	9.00-11.00 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Hours of Adoration Holy Souls Rosary Parish Requiem Mass	The Deceased of the Parish and their families & Bartley & Sarah Folan RIP
Friday The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00 am	Mass	Joan Billingham & The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk
Saturday St Cecilia	9.00 am	Mass	John & Jennette Moore & Family & All Church Musicians
Sunday	9.00 am	Mass	Albert & Frances Rowe
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)	RIP The Parish

Your Offering to the Parish: Last Week Was £385.89. Thank you!

Standing Order gifts to the Parish: Each week £557 is given through standing orders.

Donations through the Diocese: An average of £75 is given each week.

Second Collection Last Week:

Gift Aid benefits to the parish:
Cleaners This Week:

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. £285.05. Thank you!

The value of Gift Aid averages £171 per week.

The Church is cleaned & sanitised on a regular basis.

CC & CP.

Readings for this Sunday:

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12: I saw water flowing from the temple.

1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17: You are God's temple.

John 2: 13-22: *He was speaking about the temple of his body.*

Readings for next Sunday (CTS New Sunday Missal Page 1091)

Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19.

<u>During This Season of</u> Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;

Ordinary Time, Autumn, We

The Spread of the Gospel; Victims of War;

We Are Asked to Pray For:

Prisoners & Their Families; Children & Young People.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life. Parish Priest:

Canon Christopher Perry \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 713015
E-mail: frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org **Deacon:** Rev Michael Fleming

E-mail: mvf@btintemet.com

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Priest in Residence:

Please Pray for the Sick:

Carol McNeil 2 07906802615

<u>Anniversaries:</u>

May they Rest in Peace

Eileen Bell	Stella Lane
Eileen Guy	Terry McMahon
Emme Lewin	Nellie Bartela
John Kennedy	Nellie Falsey
Winifred Grigg	Margaret Nicholson
Rudolpho Berni	George Franklin
Jozef Luha	Norah Holloway
Leo Boullemier	Bridget Rushmore
Paul Hanley	Winifred Wittich
Thomas Allitt	Carmel Smith
John Driscoll	Margaret Byrne
Arthur Lewin	Veronica Sheppee
Alice Jepson	Mary Confue
George Ganderton	Ronald Battle
Florence Treacy	Noel Ridpath
Ann Achong	Angela Glibbery
Anthony Latimer-Sayer	Catrmel Doherty
Edward Moriarty	Harry Carpenter
Frances Doridge	Marie Williams
Terence Phelan	Mary Cahill
Victor Neville	John Twomey
Norah Garrett	Mary Turner
Frederick Lewin	Florence Ginns
Elizabeth Mbamara	Maria Hernik
Kathleen Brown	Gerard Wall
Sally Ghezzo	
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Prayer for Peace for Ukraine, the Holy Land and all places of strife. Please continue to pray for an end to wars, and for all victims of war:

O God, author and lover of peace, to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign.

Defend against every attack those who cry to you so that we, who trust in your protection, may not fear the weapons of any foe.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices of Interest

The New Saints of the Church: St Ignatius Maloyan · St Peter To Rot · St Vincenza Maria Poloni St María Carmen Rendiles Martínez · St Maria Troncatti · St José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros St Bartolo Longo · St Carlo Acutis · St Pier Giorgio Frassati · **Pray for us, our Parish and the Diocese!**



We welcome into the family of the Church Valerie Ofure Ebhodaghe And Charlotte Mary Currie who received Christian Baptism recently. Please pray for them and their families.

Online Advent Retreat: Monday, 24th Nov at 7:30pm. Week 1 with Dr Jessie Rogers & Dr Avril Baigent. This will explore the theme "Disrupted by Grace" by delving into the stories of some of Jesus' more disreputable ancestors in Matthew 1. They will begin by unpacking the story of Tamar & exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Details and registration at:

https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/

Repository: The Repository is open after Sunday Masses for the sale of cards & religious goods. Weekday missals are now freely available, price £55. A display of Christmas cards & other items is on display in the Foyer. Please remember we only take cash so all profit goes to our good causes! I had little response to last week's appeal for help & staff illness means we are very short. Please consider giving a few minutes of time after Mass during this very busy time. I will be at both masses this week to show you the ropes! Contact Kath.healey.789@gmail.com or 01604 629103

Bible Alive: The November/December issue is now available in the Narthex. The two-month edition is priced at £6. Extremely good value! Please put money into the 'Books & Papers' box.

<u>Missio Matters:</u> Free calendars are available for collection in the usual place at the church main entrance. Alec

The Annual New Sanctuary Arrangements: Thanks to the great generosity of several parishioners a new 'platform' has been installed to make accessing the tabernacle easier, and during the coming weeks this, plus the ambo steps, will be covered in a beautiful new carpet.

<u>Church Cleaning:</u> Helpers needed to clean the Church on last Sat. every month (next – 29th November), after morning Mass. The Christmas BIG CLEAN will be on Wednesday 17th December, in time for Christmas. All welcome, especially younger, more energetic ones!

<u>Ceili Dancing:</u> Dancing continues every first & third Wednesday of the month in the Parish hall. All welcome.

Tots @ St Gregory's: If you have care of a pre-school child on a Tuesday morning we would be delighted to welcome you. Looking forward to seeing you!

Bl. Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group prays together online via Whatsapp & telephone on the 1st Saturday of the month (next meeting 6th December), in the Hall: 10am-12pm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Baptism Preparation: The next session will be in the Sacristy, 7pm, on Monday 1st December. Please note you will need to phone Deacon Michael on 07999808997 before you attend, to book a place.

<u>First Holy Communion 2025/6:</u> First Holy Communion 2026: More information will appear here shortly.

<u>Confirmation in 2026:</u> Confirmation details for 2026 will appear here in due course.

<u>Choir Notes:</u> next practices, as we prepare for Christmas, are on Saturdays from 11-12: Nov 22, 29 and Dec 13, 20. *Alec*

Supporting Your Parish: Much the easiest way to support the parish financially is through a standing order directly from your own bank account. The information required for this is as follows:

Bank; NatWest Sort Code; 60-06-11 Account Number; 46898093

Account Name; Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Payment Ref; Parish Name/Area: (St. Gregory's, Northampton) Please remember that if you pay income tax, the Church can reclaim this on your giving, (£2.50 for every £10 given) and this is much simpler if you give by standing order.

Parking: Once again, the parking for the 9am Mass last Sunday was atrocious. Two cars completely blocking the entrance and at least three inconsiderately parked in the car park itself. If this continues we may have to ask for a parking attendant to stop this happening. If someone had needed to get out in an emergency at least five cars would have had to be moved first, and the Mass would have had to be interrupted to announce which cars needed to be moved, which nobody wants. You are being incredibly inconsiderate and selfish by parking this way. PLEASE do not do it. Caryll

Parish Secretary at St Augustine's, Daventry: We have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administration support to the parish of St Augustine's, Daventry. The role will initially be offered on a 12-month fixed-term contract, with the potential for it to become permanent subject to diocesan needs. The role will be for 12 hours per week, ideally worked Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 1pm. (start time is flexible) Full information for the position and an application form can be found at https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Formation for Pastoral Councils: Topics covered include prayer in meetings, roles and recruitment, changing the culture, dealing with conflict, and letting the Holy Spirit lead. The next in the series, *Keeping Meetings Spiritual*, will be led by Fr Shaun O'Neill on Tuesday 11th November 7-8pm.

Register: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1861328. The first, *Why Parish Councils Matter* with our very own Avril Baigent, is available to watch at

https://northamptondiocese.org/formation-for-pastoral-councils/.

Gregory Care: dates for your diary:-

29th **November, 6pm:** Indian Unity in Diversity Event (please note change of date). The host community will be sharing their culture through food and entertainment.

28th February Table top Sale.

9th May St Gregory's Fun Day as part of Headlands celebration. 6th June Picnic in the Park.

We hope as many people as possible can join us at these events.

Refreshment Donations:

Below is the schedule for refreshment donations through the year:

From the first Sunday in Advent

to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: The Hope Centre

From the Second Sunday in ordinary time

to the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday: Gregory Care

Through Lent and Eastertide: CAFOD

Ordinary Time until the end of August: Refreshment Fund

September until the Harvest collection: CAFOD

After harvest until the beginning of Advent: The Bible Society

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

November is the time when we specifically pray for our departed loved ones and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory as we aid them in their journey to be with God. If you write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper, and then place this list in the remembrance box, the Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for them daily during November and prayers asked for them at the Sunday Mass.



The annual
PARISH
REQUIEM
MASS
will be offered
on Thursday,
20th November
at 7:00pm.
All welcome

There will be an

opportunity to leave a single flower in the name of your departed loved ones who you are remembering at this Mass. Please bring the name you would like to be read out clearly written on a slip of paper and hand this to the people who will be at the doors. If you are remembering

Holy Souls Rosary: Do join us for this each Thursday of November at 6:30pm as we pray for these intentions:

more than one person, please group in family names.

- 1. All the bereaved.
- 2. All the recently departed.
- 3. Our own departed loved ones.
- 4. All The Holy Souls in Purgatory.
- 5. The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and The Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby.

We will begin the Holy Souls Rosary with the prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham. NB: Twenty-five specially commissioned Holy Souls single-decade rosary beads will be available for people to borrow for this devotion (and then to return to us for use the following week). The Holy Souls Rosary is led by Janet Northing, who is the Co-Founder of the Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby, and its current Lay Guardian.

Sacrament of Confession: This act of the Lord's great mercy can be celebrated after the 9:00am Mass every Saturday using the 'Confessional Box' in the Church. Individuals can also request this sacrament at any time by speaking to Canon Bennie or Fr Wayne.



The Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel is used in many parishes as part of the Rosary and/or after Holy Mass. In the autumn of 2018 Pope Francis asked that this prayer be regularly recited by the faithful in the wake of increasing Catholic disunity and revelations of sexual abuse by the clergy.

St Michael the Archangel,
defend us in this day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Cantors, choir leaders, singers and musicians are all invited to "Sing the Season: Advent 2025" on Sat., 22nd November from 11am to 4pm (with Holy Mass at 10am) in the Church of Our Lady and St Lawrence, Olney to explore new Psalm settings and great ideas for the Advent liturgies. Bring your lunch: tea & coffee provided.

Help stop abortion up to birth with SPUC:

The Government anticipates there will be twelve days of Committee stage for this Bill, with the abortion clause listed for the debate on Thursday, 22nd January AD 2026. Please pray that the sanctity of human life will be protected and visit the SPUC website to learn how to oppose this Bill: https://spuc.org.uk/



THE NEW PARISH LITANY:

Our Lady of Walsingham:

Pray for us!

St Joseph:

Pray for us!

St Gregory the Great:

Pray for us!

St Thomas of Canterbury:

Pray for us!

[Saint of the Day:]

Pray for us!