



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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18th January AD 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CTS Sunday Missal: 695

Sunday, 18 th January <i>2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 695)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am 1) Nora Scott's Intentions 2) Merlene Counts Maine, RIP 11:00am - Parish	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
Sunday, 25 th January <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 698)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am Robin Joseph RIP 11:00am The Parish	

Sacred Scripture Resource 1: An online gathering on Wednesday, 21st January from 7:30pm to 9pm to introduce the purpose and theme of “The Sunday of the Word of God”. Email Deacon Peter to register: deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org

Sacred Scripture Resource 2: Next Sunday, 25th January is the “Sunday of the Word of God” (which was instituted by Pope Francis); this is when we consciously remind ourselves to more attentively engage with the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed at Mass; for truly Jesus Christ “is made present” as He speaks to us both individually and as a community.

Sacred Scripture Resource 3: Next Sunday, 25th January there is a special Liturgy of the Word with reflections by Fr Jerome Ituah in our Cathedral at 3:00pm to celebrate the “Sunday of the Word of God”. The liturgy will include the commissioning of Lectors/Readers to proclaim the Holy Scriptures.

Sacred Scripture Resource 4: Join a very special gathering on Saturday, 31st January from 11am to 3pm for Lectors/Readers of the Holy Scriptures at Mass to reflect on their important liturgical role. Holy Ghost Centre, Luton. Refreshments available.

Sacred Scripture Resource 5: A series of online sessions exploring the Holy Scripture readings and the seasons of the liturgical year. The next session is on Wednesday, 11th February (exploring Lent and

Holy Week). Each online session is from 7:30pm to 8:30pm and includes prayer, input and the chance to comment and ask questions. This is offered by the diocesan Liturgical Formation Team with many different presenters, including Fr Andrew Behrens.

Sacred Scripture Resource 6: “Journey with Jesus through Lent” by participating in an online group session once a week for six weeks beginning on 16th February. Facilitators will be using the St Beuno's Outreach Prego resource to pray and reflect on the Sunday Scripture Readings. Sessions will be on various days and times. The introductory webinar is on Tuesday, 27th January at 7:30pm. For details: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

→ **You might like to know that our Deacons and Priests** are to have several gatherings in 2026 and 2027 focusing on the Scriptures and preaching.

School Car Park: Please be aware that users of the car park do so at their own risk. The School and the Parish accept no liability for any loss, damage, theft or accident that takes place by users of the car park.

We hope the children at the Sunday Mass last weekend enjoyed their chocolate-filled Christmas Cracker; we know some of the adults certainly did! **Further bottles of Holy Water** (in remembrance of the Jesus' Baptism) are available on the table near the entrance/exit door; please do not drink this.

Lenten Quiz: The Knights of St Columba are to hold a Lent Quiz at 7pm on Friday, 27th February in St Francis and St Therese Church, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ. Just £5 will buy you fun, refreshments and entertainment! Children are free. The proceeds will support the Diocesan Vocation Fund; you can therefore justify your Lenten jollity by knowing you are doing something positive! The winning team will get a fantastic prize, and it won't be sackcloth and ashes! For more details and registration please contact William: wpcurrie@btinternet.com.

Please pray for Bishop Richard Moth who has been appointed by Pope Leo to be the Archbishop of the Diocese of Westminster; let us also pray for **Vincent Cardinal Nichols** on his retirement.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dulcie Miranda, RIP whose funeral will take place in the Cathedral on Thursday, 5th February at 11:00am

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from 18th to 25th January and is observed by Christians worldwide. This year's theme is "There is one body and one Spirit".

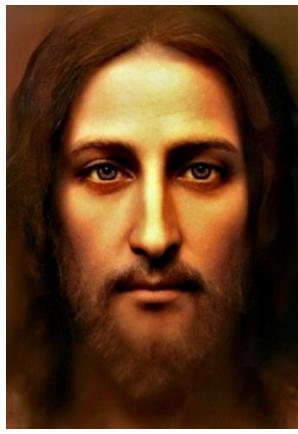
Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1): Do you feel called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This online training course draws from Holy Scripture, Church documents and lived experience. This is ideal for new and experienced catechists. Course Details: Seven virtual sessions from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. This first session is on Friday, 27th February with subsequent sessions on 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March and 10th & 17th April. There is no fixed fee for the course materials, but donations are welcome. For more details visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-february-2026/>

The National Eucharistic Congress (Adoremus) will take place on Saturday, 10th October 2026 and will include a public Eucharistic Procession from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral.



Over the coming months look out for details regarding the founding of the '**Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby**' in our parish. Life Membership is just £5 to cover the cost of the enamel badge and prayer card.

This society is now being promoted by the Diocese!



The Holy Face of Jesus Novena

This Novena begins on Monday, 9th February and concludes on Tuesday, 17th February (which is Shrove Tuesday). This devotion focuses on the Holy Face of Jesus unveiled on the Holy Cross, making this a wonderful way to prepare

for Lent. This is being offered for all the Deacons, Priests and Religious of our Diocese and/or for a specific Deacon, Priest or Religious known to you, that he/she/they will reveal the Holy Face of Jesus Christ to all to whom they minister. Novena Packs can be bought at a **cost price of £2** after Holy Mass on **Sunday, 8th February** from **Janet Northing**, the Co-Founder (with Fr Wayne) and Lay Guardian of the 'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby'. Each Novena Pack will contain a Prayer Card, a card to give/send to the Deacon, Priest or Religious for whom you are praying the Novena and a unique set of beautifully handcrafted Chaplet beads.

The Sacrament of Confirmation 2026: We are currently in the process of putting together the preparation programme for the Sacrament of Confirmation and the details will follow shortly.

Come and See - Discernment Day for Men: Are you a man pondering whether God is calling you to the Priesthood? If so, the Diocese invites you to a day of prayer and reflection with the opportunity to ask questions on Saturday, 28th March at Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence Church, Olney. Please register interest with Fr Pius (01753) 523147 / vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org



The Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group:

Members continue to meet on WhatsApp on the first Saturday of every month from 10:00am to 12noon.

The next gathering is on 6th February. The meeting involves reflecting on the Scriptures, the Rosary, etc. For details speak to Maggie

or contact the Parish Office. For information visit: <https://stgregory.org.uk/blessed-cyprian-tansi/>

Details of how to financially support the parish electronically and the Parish Sick List will appear in the letter from next weekend.