



The Catholic Parish of Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



PART OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 234091

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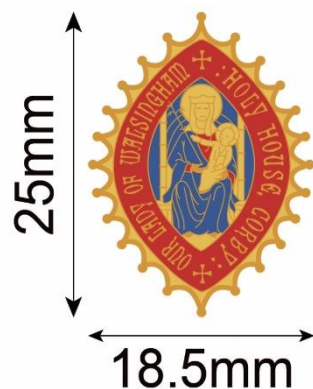
**“A truly thriving Catholic community
confidently and humbly proclaiming the
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Priests: Sons of Mary!

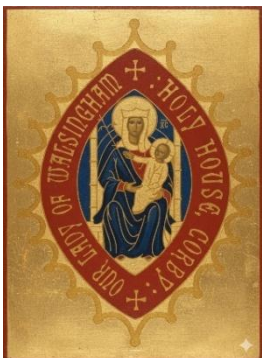
“Mary is the Mother of all Priests. As her spiritual sons, Priests are called to follow her model of faith and service and to find strength in her maternal love”.

Canon Christopher and Fr Wayne have an immense devotion to Mary, particularly under her title “**Our Lady of Walsingham**”.



to them co-founding **The Confraternity of the Holy House** in Corby, where as the Parish Priest, Canon Christopher wonderfully admitted more than forty people to membership and where Fr Wayne, as the Priest Director, arranged for enamel badges on blue and red striped collars to be made for the founding

officers, including its Lay Guardian. Members of the Confraternity also wear this badge, just as medieval pilgrims did when visiting the shrine at Walsingham.



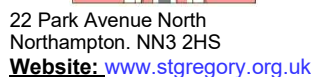
Perhaps we could form a branch of the Confraternity here at St Gregory's Church?! Lifetime membership costs £5 (which includes the enamel badge and a prayer card). The commitment would be to daily offer the **Our Lady of Walsingham Prayer** and to pray the Rosary as a group, ideally, in Church. It is certainly something for us to ponder in this month of the Rosary and as “The Apostle of the Rosary” (JP II), **Barto Longo, is declared a Saint of the Church!**



← On the right is the large banner that, as mentioned in last weekend's newsletter, is in the Church Our Lady of Walsingham, Corby. This was brought to our **Cathedral in 2019** as part of the visit of the statue from the Slipper Chapel to our town, when on its nation-wide tour; perhaps you were present for it?

In a recent two volume book about Pope Benedict XVI there is mention of how as members of the Church we can fall into the temptation of forgetting our origins and thus of losing our identity. In so many ways our origin as Catholics, in this 'sceptred isle set amidst a silver sea', can be traced back to our Celtic forebears, to the arrival of St Augustine on the shores of Kent (**sent by our Parish Patron: St Gregory the Great!**) and to the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Walsingham in Norfolk; so affectionately known for centuries as: “England's Nazareth”.

The message of Walsingham is to be full of joy! As Catholics we must radiate the full joy of the Gospel, which finds as its centre the message of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary: that she is to be mother of Jesus, the Saviour. Uniquely we Catholics in England have believed for centuries that this land was gifted to Our Lady by St Edward the Confessor in the eleventh century. Ever since, this land has been set apart for Mary. Devotion to Mary once marked out this county as being the one with the greatest love for the Mother of God. We therefore believe that England belongs in a particular way to Our Lady. *See the back page.*



19th October 2025
Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year
CTS New Sunday Missal
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Sunday <i>29th Sunday Of the Year</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro Malabar Rite)	Bob Maine The Parish
Monday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Burke (Fdtm)
Tuesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Marina Bonner
Wednesday St John Paul II	9.00 am	Mass	Lambart Agubuzu & Family's Intentions
Thursday Feria	9.00-11.00 7.00 pm	Holy Hours of Adoration Mass	Patrick Mullan RIP
Friday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Staples (Fdtm)
Saturday Our Lady on Sat.	9.00 am	Mass	Georgina Donaghue RIP
Sunday <i>30th Sunday Of the Year</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)	Albert Francis Rowe RIP The Parish

<u>Your Offering to the Parish:</u>	Last Week Was £448.50. Thank you!
<u>Standing Order gifts to the Parish:</u>	Each week £557 is given through standing orders.
<u>Donations through the Diocese:</u>	An average of £75 is given each week.
<u>Second Collection This Week:</u>	World Mission
<u>Gift Aid benefits to the parish:</u>	The value of Gift Aid averages £171 per week.
<u>Cleaners This Week:</u>	The Church is cleaned & sanitised on a regular basis.
<u>Counters this Week:</u>	CC & JH.

Readings for this Sunday: ~~see inside for details~~

Exodus 17: 8-13:	<i>Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel Prevailed.</i>
2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2:	<i>That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.</i>
Luke 18: 1-8:	<i>God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.</i>

Readings for next Sunday (CTS New Sunday Missal Page 1079)

Sirach 35: 15b-17, 20-22b; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14.

<u>During This Season of Ordinary Time, Autumn, We Are Asked to Pray For:</u>	Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest; The Spread of the Gospel; Victims of War; Prisoners & Their Families; Children & Young People.
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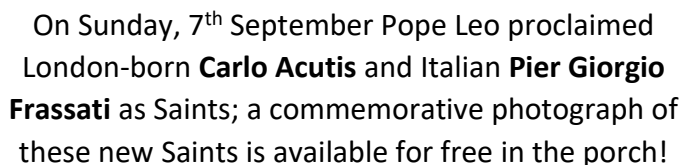
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Please Pray for the Sick:

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Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Kathleen Robson	John Horrigan
Ellen Kneeshaw	Theresa Byrne
Patrick Mullan	Elizabeth O'Connor
Minnie Warwick	Leon Smith
Emily Lewin	Gary Prentice
Mary Berrey	Patricia Howell
Andrea Amalfitano	Phyllis Rowell
Kathleen Stanton	Olga Martyniak
W. Michael Gibson	Violet Alcock
Patrick O'Riordan	Brendan McQuaide
Siobhan Kemp	Shaye Valentine
Phyllis Salmon	Istuan Turesanyi
David Linnell	Frederick Wrighton
Bertie Pond	Mary Riley
Marie Wilkins	Teresa George
Ada Churchyard	Michael Enright
Genoweja Wozniak	John Martin

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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

Repository: The Repository is open after Sunday Masses for the sale of cards and religious goods. Weekday Missals are now available @ £55. Due to the price I will be ordering by request, so if you want one please contact me at the Repository or the email below. Any queries or volunteers please contact Kathleen on 01604 629103 or Kath.healey.789@gmail.com

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 in the narthex wall.

Parishioners With Young Children: Please, please, do not allow your child to play with/throw around pamphlets/leaflets/booklets etc which are displayed either in the Narthex or the Foyer. They are not toys. Thank you!

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!

Choir Notes: next practices are from 11-12 on the 2nd Saturday of the month: Nov 8. *Alec*

Today is World Mission Day: Parishes worldwide celebrate this day. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity & action. We are called to be "Missionaries of Hope among all Peoples" as all deserve to hear that God loves them & to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries & give what you can to this collection, bringing God's compassion, peace & justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 02078219755 (office hours), visit missio.org.uk to give a gift or set up a Direct Debit; Gift Aid your donation if possible. Speak to Alec or Dorothy or one of the priests if need be.

Bl. Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group prays together online via Whatsapp & telephone on the 1st Saturday of the month, in the Hall: 10 am-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.

First Holy Communion 2025/6: First Holy Communion 2026 Registration will be on Sunday 19th October after the 11am Mass. If you know that you cannot come on that date, there is an alternative after the 10.30 Mass at Sacred Heart, Weston Favell on Sunday 12th October. Whichever day you register, it is for the same course, and makes no difference to where First Holy Communion is received.

Confirmation in 2026: Confirmation details for 2026 will appear here in due course.

Church Cleaning: Helpers needed to clean the Church on last Sat. every month (**next – 25th October**), after morning Mass. All welcome, especially the younger, more energetic ones!

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

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.

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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:	<i>The Bible Society</i>

Alpha in the Autumn 2025 — Dates and Subjects

Third Session	October 7 th	Why did Jesus die?	Alpha is a basic introduction to faith in God, in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It is not a complete teaching scheme for the entire Christian faith. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Daniel Davighi or speak to Fr Andrew. For more information and to book please see: https://stgregory.org.uk/alpha
Fourth Session	October 14 th	How can I have faith?	
Fifth Session	October 21 st	Why and how do I pray?	
Sixth Session:	November 4 th	Why and how should I read the Bible?	
Seventh Session	November 11 th	How does God guide us?	
Eighth Session	November 18 th	Does God heal today?	
Alpha Away-Day	November 22 nd (Saturday)	Who is The Holy Spirit?	
Ninth Session	November 25 th	How can I resist evil?	
Tenth Session	December 2 nd	Why and how should I tell others?	
Eleventh Session	December 3 rd	What about the Church?	

Let's get *inviting.* 
alpha.org.uk/promote

Continued from the front page:

Mary is our protectress and, through her powerful intercession, she acts as our heavenly protectress; this is what we mean when we speak of **“The Dowry of Mary”**. It is an official title for England which was established by a King in a Royal Act and proclaimed by a Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury; it is still our title in law for it has never been rescinded by either the Monarch or Parliament!



The above image is the **Wilton Diptych** and it serves to remind us that for centuries England has enjoyed the singular privilege of being called: “The Dowry of Mary”. Here Mary again receives England as a gift, this time from King Richard II, who kneels in prayer to Our Blessed Mother. Notice how the Infant Christ reaches out to grasp the standard/flag that prefigures His resurrection. Notice too the ranks of angels and St John the Baptist, St Edward the Confessor and St Edmund the Martyr. Almost imperceptible to the naked eye is the fact that Christ’s halo is decorated with a crown of thorns and nails which allude to His Crucifixion. Imagine how the gold halos of Our Lord, Our Lady and the three saints would shine in the light of numerous flickering candles offered in prayer. Again, invisible to the eye, in the orb of the flagpole, is a depiction of England as **“The Dowry of Mary”**!

The title “The Dowry of Mary” was officially renewed by the Bishops of England and Wales in **2020**, when every parish was invited, amidst the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic, to participate in the **Solemn Rededication of England to Our Lady**.

Mary was the first disciple of her Son, and she has continually guided the Church since: she accompanied her Son from the moment of His conception at the Annunciation, to His death and Resurrection and was present at the ‘birth’ of the Church at Pentecost.

This was the cause of Mary’s immense joy: that she witnessed the events of the entire life of her Son. It is an **authentic joy that is renewed in us** each time we invoke Mary’s intercession under her title: Our Lady of Walsingham. Let us ponder that wonderful reality when each Sunday at Mass we seek the prayers of Our Lady of Walsingham as we pray the Hail Mary!

Intimately connected with the understanding that this country belongs to Blessed Mary as her ‘Dowry’, is Walsingham. The establishment of the **Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham** arose out of the devotion of Lady Richeldis, who had a great desire to honour the Mother of God. It was in Walsingham that Our Lady asked for the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth to be built so that ‘all could share in the joy of my Annunciation’. If we promote true Marian devotion amongst the people of this land, then great things will be achieved through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham! For as it was prophesied:

“The Faith in England will flourish when the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is flourishing.”

Cardinal Griffin in 1954

“When England goes back to Walsingham, Our Lady will come back to England.”

Pope Leo XIII in 1897



“This is your dowry, O Holy Virgin, wherefore, O Mary, may you rule over it.”

Our Lady of Walsingham: Pray for us!

Further to last weekend’s newsletter: It was in 2017 that Fr Wayne was appointed as Parish Priest of The Holy Cross and Ss Philip and James, Bedford (and there continued as the Diocesan Director of Missio).