



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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**1<sup>st</sup> February AD 2026**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 702)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	<b>HOLY MASS</b>	<b>INTENTIONS:</b> <b>9:00am</b> 1) Special Intentions 2) Margaret Brannan, RIP <b>11:00am 1) Parish</b> <b>2) Muriel Morris</b> <b>Brett's Intentions</b>	<b>PARISH PRIEST:</b> Canon Christopher Perry ☎ 713015 frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org  <b>Deacon:</b> The Rev'd Michael Fleming ☎ 647750 mvf@btinternet.com  <b>Priest in Residence:</b> Fr Wayne Coughlin ☎ 713015 frwayne.coughlin@northamptondiocese.org  <b>Parish Secretary:</b> Caryll Comley ☎ 713015 parish.stgregory@northamptondiocese.org  <b>Safeguarding Representative:</b> Carol McNeil ☎ 07906802615
<b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 706)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	<b>HOLY MASS</b>	<b>INTENTIONS:</b> <b>9:00am -</b> <b>Leemarove Joseph's</b> <b>Intentions</b>  <b>11:00am - Parish</b>	

**Sacred Scripture Resource 1:** A series of online sessions exploring the Holy Scripture readings and the seasons of the liturgical year. The next session is on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 2:** "Journey with Jesus through Lent" by participating in an online group session once a week for six weeks beginning on 16<sup>th</sup> February. Facilitators will be using the St Beuno's Outreach Prego resource to pray and reflect on the Sunday Scripture Readings. For more details visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

**Lent Quiz:** The Knights of St Columba are to hold a quiz on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February in St Francis and St Therese Church, East Hunsbury at 7pm. £5 entry and children are free. This is in aid of the Diocesan Vocation Fund, and there's a prize for the winners! Details from William: [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com).

**St Gregory's Catholic School Car Park:**  
Please be aware that users of this 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 this car park.

**Gregory Care:** The "Table-Top Sale" planned for Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February has sadly been postponed.

**Let us pray for** Dulcie Miranda, RIP whose funeral takes place in the Cathedral (5<sup>th</sup> February at 11am).

**Nazareth House** are looking for new volunteers to escort residents to and from the Sunday Mass in the onsite Chapel. Many residents have cognitive and mobility difficulties and need your assistance; some use wheelchairs and/or walking frames and others are ambulant. Appropriate training will be given. Volunteers would need to be at Nazareth House from 10:30am to 12:00noon. Details from Cliff: [cliff.snelling@btinternet.com](mailto:cliff.snelling@btinternet.com) / 07809 875266.

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> March in the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence, Olney. Please contact Fr Pius for details: (01753) 523147.  
**Please pray for more vocations to the Priesthood.**

**Encounter Ministry Healing Service:**  
A special healing liturgy will be offered on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Cathedral and all are invited to participate. This forms part of a healing school that is taking place which will welcome over one hundred participants from across the UK.

## The Sacrament of Confirmation AD 2026:

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

## Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in

**Catechesis (Level 1):** This online training course is suitable for new and experienced catechists. The first session: 27<sup>th</sup> February from 7:30pm. Details: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-february-2026/>



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 £5. **This is now being promoted by the Diocese!** Please do consider joining this.



**The Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group** next meets via WhatsApp on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. The meeting involves reflecting on the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Rosary, etc. For more information, please speak to Maggie. There are also details on our website:

<https://stgregory.org.uk/blessed-cyprian-tansi/>

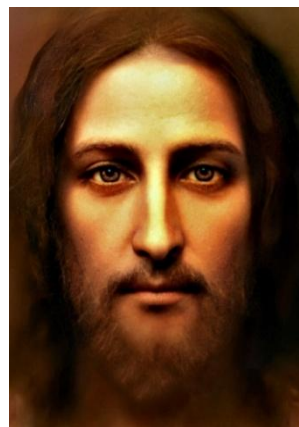


Photograph copies of this image of St Veronica are **available for free** this weekend so that each of us can participate, in a way suitable to ourselves, in adoring the **Holy Face of Jesus** in preparation for the season of Lent. You

might like to look at this image whilst reciting the **Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus** (this is available on the parish website below the current newsletter).

**O Jesus, Whose Adorable Face,**  
Mary and Joseph worshipped with  
profoundest reverence: *Have mercy on us.*

**O Jesus, Whose Adorable Face,**  
ravished with joy the angels, shepherds and Magi  
in the stable at Bethlehem: *Have mercy on us.*



## The Holy Face of Jesus Novena

This begins on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February and concludes on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February and is being offered for all Clergy and Religious or a specific Deacon, Priest or Religious known to you. Packs will be available at a **cost price of £2** after Mass

on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February** and 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 set of beautifully handcrafted Chaplet beads.

**Mission Northampton** invites anyone who has a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come to a gathering on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March from 10:30am to 4pm in Sacred Heart Church, Leighton Buzzard. Parking is available. Please bring a packed lunch.

## Please pray for those who are unwell, especially:

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

## The easiest way to financially support the parish is through a standing order and are details are:

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