



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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**1<sup>st</sup> March** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A** **AD 2026**

<p><b>Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>(Page 159)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p><b>HOLY MASS</b></p>	<p><b>INTENTIONS:</b> 9:00am - 1) Parish 2) Confraternity 11:00am - 1) Puklics Maria 2) Janet and Ross</p>	<p><b>PARISH PRIEST:</b> Canon Christopher Perry ☎ 713015 frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p><b>Deacon:</b> The Rev'd Michael Fleming ☎ 647750 mvf@btinternet.com</p> <p><b>Priest in Residence:</b> Fr Wayne Coughlin ☎ 713015 frwayne.coughlin@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p><b>Parish Secretary:</b> Caryll Comley ☎ 713015 parish.stgregory@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p><b>Safeguarding Representative:</b> Carol McNeil ☎ 07906802615</p> <p>→ <i>Counters This Week: CC &amp; JH</i></p>
<p><b>Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>	<p>Saint Matthew's Church, Kettering Road</p>	<p><b>Stations / Way of the Cross</b></p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	
<p><b>Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>(Page 164)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p><b>HOLY MASS</b></p>	<p><b>INTENTIONS:</b> 9:00am - George McCaren RIP 11:00am - 1) Parish 2) Janet and Ross</p>	

**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.

**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.**



More details coming soon about the founding of the **'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby'** in our parish. Life Membership is £5. **Janet Northing will be available today to answer any questions you have about the Confraternity.**

See the newsletter area of the website for a **booklet** about the **Lent and Easter liturgies** in the parishes of the Pastoral Area; hard copies are now available.

→ **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:** This can be celebrated with Fr Wayne (after the 9:00am Mass and before the 11:00am Mass) on Sundays: 8<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



**March** is dedicated to St Joseph and to honour this tradition, and to participate in Missio's great novena of prayer,  **specially made chaplets**  will be available to buy **today** (Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March) and **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March** at the cost price of **£3**. £1 from the sale of each Chaplet will be given to the children's branch of Missio and are available in a limited number. The novena will be offered for our own intentions, the Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) and the Saint Joseph Missionary Society of Mill Hill, which was founded in AD 1866.

As 1<sup>st</sup> March falls on a Sunday this year we don't observe the **Feast of St David of Wales**; however, we assure our Welsh parishioners, and those with Welsh ancestry, of our prayers! *St David of Wales: Pray for us. / Dewi Sant: Gweddïwch drosom.*



The **thirteen decorative black and grey screens** that now grace the long wall and hall wall of the Church car

park will soon be joined by **floral slate plaques** with some of the historic titles for Our Lady from across the UK. Further slate 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 closely associated with each saint and/or nation (like that above). The screens will be **numbered with slate plates** bearing an image of the sanctuary Cross from Westminster Cathedral; these can then be used to pray the Way/Stations of the Cross with the 'Notre Dame School Cross' on the Church wall being the Fifteenth Station (Jesus' Resurrection).

In addition, further large slate plaques will feature the **names of local saints connected with Pope St Gregory the Great** plus names of saints associated with pivotal moments in the history of the Church in this country, e.g. St Thomas Becket. This is an exciting project! If you would like to **sponsor** any of the following plaques (saints: £20 / numbers: £10) please contact Caryll our Parish Secretary:

- Numbers 1 to 15.
- St George and St David.
- St Andrew and St Patrick.
- St Joseph and Pope St Gregory the Great.
- St Thomas of Canterbury, St John Fisher and St Thomas More.
- St John Henry Newman.
- St Bertha of Kent and St Ethelburga of Kent.
- St Æthelthryth of Ely & St Hildelith of Barking.
- St Mildrith of Minster-in-Thanel and St Eanswythe of Folkestone.
- St Ethelbert of Kent and St Paulinus of York.
- St Justus and St Mellitus.
- St Augustine of Canterbury & St Laurentius of Canterbury.

→ To keep it updated, in the first instance an online **commemorative booklet** will give details of each plaque including a biography of the saint(s) featured on it and by whom it has been sponsored. NB: The slate plaques are obviously outdoors and so will be susceptible to weathering and possible vandalism.

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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer **residential** work experience for **20 young adults**.

Candidates must be in their **first** or **second** year at **university**.



**21st- 26th June 2026**



All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the Office throughout the week are covered.



**CAFOD National Office, Romero House, Waterloo, SE1 7JB**



For more information, please contact  
• **KeziaH@svp.org.uk**

**Closing date for applications: 6th April**



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

Fr. Philip Swingler	Joe Linney	Liam
Michael Spowart	Khan Phanh	Linda Fleming
Catherine Stratten	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	Paul Gilbert
Michael Woolmore	Liam Murphy	Chris Hill
Tomi (learn to speak)	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. Lourdasamy	Teresa Brown
Kathleen Eyre	Mrs Taylor	Colin Smith

### Anniversaries of Death (since the year 2000):

Maura Turner	Brendan Halloran	Margaret Kirwan
Giovannina Irons	Terence Jones	Betty Fryer
Jacqueline O'Toole	Patricia Coyle	Jeanette Charalambou
Antony Barnett	Thomas Mullahy	Fr Damian Warne

*Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.*

You can now use the **giving terminal** in the hall, before or after Mass, to financially support the parish!



**The Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group** next meets via WhatsApp on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. For more details, speak to Maggie. **All are welcome!**  
<https://stgregory.org.uk/blessed-cyprian-tansi/>