



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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22nd February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

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Sunday, 22nd February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> <i>(Page 153)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am - 1) Parish 2) Confraternity 11:00am - Julia Vittorio Ruocco, RIP	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
Friday, 27th February	Saint Matthew's Church, Kettering Road	Stations / Way of the Cross	7:30pm	
Sunday, 1st March <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> <i>(Page 159)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am - Parish 11:00am - 1) Puklics Maria 2) Janet and Ross	

→ *Counters This Week: CC & LA*

Mission Northampton invites anyone who has a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come to a gathering on Saturday, 14th March from 10:30am to 4pm in Sacred Heart Church, Leighton Buzzard.

ADoRE Spiritual Mini-Retreat:

Saturday, 28th February between 10am and 1pm via Zoom with Holy Mass, Adoration, Praise, etc. and a spiritual talk. Details: www.altonrenewal.com

The CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day is on Friday, 27th February; here we are encouraged to reduce what we eat and to give the money we save to our Bishops' charity as it assists those who are hungry.

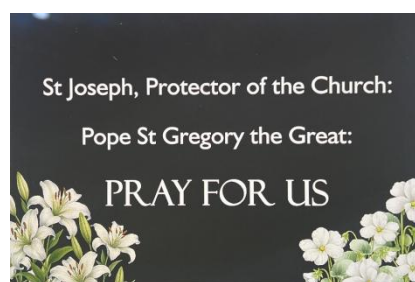
Encounter Ministry Healing Service: A special healing liturgy will be offered in the Cathedral on Saturday, 28th February at 7:30pm. All welcome.

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, 28th 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.**



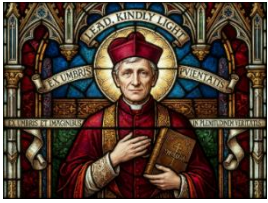
Over the coming months look out for details regarding the founding of the '**Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby**' in our parish. Please do prayerfully consider joining this. **Life Membership is just £5.**



Thank You!

We extend our very sincere appreciation to those parishioners who have recently

purchased (and then paid for the installation of) decorative screens for the long wall and hall wall of the Church car park. These are very striking and will soon be joined by floral slate plaques with some of the historic titles for Our Lady from across the UK. Further screens have now been affixed to the aforementioned walls and soon slate plaques will be added featuring the names of St Joseph, St Gregory the Great (like that above) 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.



• **St John Henry** •
Newman: Pray for us!

The (optional) Memorial of **St John Henry Newman**, a Doctor of the Church, has been added to the liturgical calendar (9th October) for the whole Church by Pope Leo. Led by the “kindly light” of God’s grace, his journey from Protestantism to the safe harbours of the Catholic Church speaks to each of us: that we be lead “out of shadows and images into the fullness of truth” that is Jesus Christ. → → → Copies of the above image are available for free at the entrance/exit of the hall.

Pope Leo, Lent 2026: “Dear brothers and sisters, Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the conversion it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.”

A young man from Manchester who “committed himself totally to God” could one day be included among the rank of saints as requests are made for him to be canonised. Pedro Ballester died in 2018, aged just 21, of bone cancer after a life of heroic prayer, sacrifice and virtue. Vatican officials are now in the process of gauging whether a ‘cause’ for his canonisation should be formally opened.



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 on **Sun., 1st** (when they will be blessed) and **Sunday, 8th March** at the

price of £3. £1 from the sale of each Chaplet will be given to the children’s branch of Missio and will be available in a limited number. This novena will be offered for our intentions, the Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) and the Saint Joseph Missionary Society of Mill Hill, which was founded in 1866.

A Tribute to Breda Coleman and the Choir:

“She gave her voice singing with the St Gregory’s Church Choir for many years and welcomed all of us who joined in later years. She joins the heavenly choir with those gone before us: May Murtagh • Peter Kenny • Ken Grey • Joe McDonald • Mary Vickery • Paddy Coleman • Lucy Willett • Tony Refoy • Irmgard Wraxall • Barbara Murray • Mrs Williams • Connie Unsworth • Eunice Williams • Anthony Healy • Pat Sheehan & Jim Dowling. All of whom made up the choir during Breda's time; my apologies if there are people I have not mentioned. An end of an era for us. May they all rest in peace in the company of the Angels. God bless them and may we be as strong in our Faith and voice.” *Brigid*

Please see the newsletter area of the parish website for a **PDF booklet** from the **Pastoral Area Council** about the liturgies of **Lent** in each of our Churches.



The Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group next meets via WhatsApp on Saturday, 7th March. For more details please speak to Maggie.

All are welcome!

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

Please pray for those who are unwell, especially:

Fr. Philip Swingle	Joe Linney	Liam
Michael Spowart	Khan Phan	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. Lourdusamy	Teresa Brown
Kathleen Eyre	Mrs Taylor	Colin Smith

Anniversaries of Death (since the year 2000):

Bernadette Gaye	Patricia Howard	Ann O'Connell
Mary Bernie	Thomas O'Shea	Mary Doveston
Margaret Gayton	Michael Kenny	Richard Power
James Davies	Kazimierz Skorzewski	Catherine Jones-Shaw
David Neville	Robin Joseph	Rachel Rushton
Teresa Cullis	John Nolan	Michael Head

Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord

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