



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT



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22nd March **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A** **AD 2026**

<p>Sunday, 22nd March <i>5th Sunday Of Lent</i> (Page 177)</p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>HOLY MASS</p>	<p>INTENTIONS: 9:00am - The Parish 11:00am - The Cause for the Canonisation of Blessed Tansi</p>	<p>PARISH PRIEST: Canon Christopher Perry ☎ 713015 frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p>Deacon: The Rev'd Michael Fleming ☎ 647750 mvf@btinternet.com</p> <p>Priest in Residence: Fr Wayne Coughlin ☎ 713015 frwayne.coughlin@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p>Parish Secretary: Mrs Caryll Comley ☎ 713015 parish.stgregory@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p>Safeguarding Representative: Carol McNeil ☎ 07906802615</p>
<p>Friday, 27th March</p>	<p>Saint Matthew's Church, Kettering Road</p>	<p>Stations / Way of the Cross</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	
<p>Sunday, 29th March <i>Palm Sunday</i> (Page 246)</p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>HOLY MASS</p>	<p>INTENTIONS: 9:00am - Robin Joseph RIP 11am - 1) Parish 2) Deacon Michael and Linda</p>	

→ *Counters This Week: CC & CP*

Come and See - Discernment Day: Men who are pondering a vocation to the Priesthood are invited to the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Lawrence in Olney on **Saturday, 28th March**. For more details contact Fr Pius: (01753) 523147.



More details coming soon about the founding of the **'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby'** in our parish. Life Membership is £5.

The Sacrament of Confession can be celebrated after the 9am Mass **today** (Sunday, 22nd March).

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 (to speak & eat)	Sheila Frost	Peter Frost
Denise Faulkner	Jim O'Connor	Ester Snelling
Margaret Refoy	Sheila Dowling	Mary Rumsey
Clare Sefton	Mark	Josephine Ahern
Alec Unsworth	Fr. Lourdasamy	Teresa Brown
Kathleen Eyre	Mrs Taylor	Colin Smith
Maureen Moriarty		

Anniversaries of Death (since the year 2000):

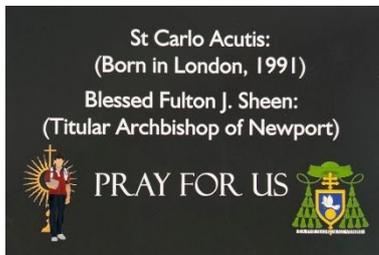
Frederick Poidevin	Elizabeth Parker	Anastasia James
Patrick Tydings	William Carroll	Patrick Loughran
Margaret Madden	Paul Eckett	Stuart Parry
George Witszuk	Penelope Beadon	Mary Friary
Bernard O'Donovan	Barry Smith	Patricia Phillips
Anne Conroy	Jane Loveridge	Lena Marciano
Irmgard Wraxall	<i>Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...</i>	



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

for our youth will be celebrated on **Sunday, 20th September 2026 at 2pm**. Candidates and a parent/guardian, who are expected to participate in the Sunday Mass every weekend, are asked to speak to Fr Christopher after Mass.

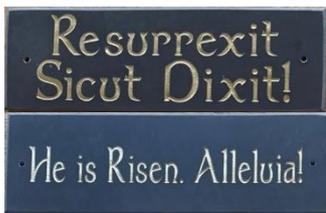
To honour this month of Saint Joseph photographs of a painting of this saint are available for free at the entrance/exit of the hall.



Did you know that the floral slate plaques adorning the car park walls carry some of the historic titles for Our Lady from across the UK?

Slate plaques with St Joseph, St Gregory the Great and the names of our national patron saints can be sponsored for £20. Each screen is **numbered with a plaque** with an image of the Westminster Cross (see below) and can be used to pray the Stations of the Cross; these can be sponsored for £10.

There are also **slate plaques** featuring the names of saints connected with St Gregory the Great and other slate plaques with the names of saints associated with great moments in the history of the Church in this country, e.g. St Carlo Acutis (see above). The following slate plaques will be installed under the ‘Notre Dame School Cross’ and can be sponsored:



- Resurrection heavily engraved slate plaque: *Latin text* (£20)
- Resurrection heavily engraved slate plaque: *English text* (£20)

If you would like to **sponsor a plaque** (see the cost above and below) **or the cost of installation** (£250) please contact Caryll, our Parish Secretary, ASAP:

- Westminster Station of Cross Numbers: £10
- Notre Dame School Cross Dedication: £20.
- Guild of the Holy Rood - XV Station: £20.
- Guild of the Holy Rood - Garden Crucifix: £20.
- St George & St David • St Andrew & St Patrick • St Thomas of Canterbury, St John Fisher & St Thomas More • St Ethelbert & St Paulinus • St Justus & St Mellitus • St Augustine of Cant. & St Laurentius of Cant. • All Saints of England & Wales • St Æthelthryth & St Hildelith • St Carlo Acutis & Blessed Fulton Sheen.



A **commemorative book** will give details of the saint(s) on each slate plaque and by whom it has been sponsored. The slate plaques will be dedicated in an outdoor ceremony.

A **petition slip** can be left before the altar for any intention, e.g. thanksgiving; these will be available for the final time next weekend. → Janet Northing will privately pray for every intention that is left.

See the newsletter area of the parish website for a book of prayers called: **“Lord I am not Worthy”**.



Gregory Care is offering a gentle and inclusive **mini pilgrimage** to Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Corby on **Tuesday, 14th April**. The day is designed for all those with limited mobility, etc. We propose a peaceful day with Mass, the Rosary, time for prayer in the Holy House, coffee in the hall

and a visit to East Carlton Park Café for a snack. We have booked a minibus and there is no cost for pilgrims. Anyone who is interested can speak to one of the Gregory Care team or call/text 07434669011.

→ **The above image is the card** that the children at the 9:00am Mass last Sunday placed at the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham; the message inside reads:

A.M.D.G / A.D. 2026 / J.M.J.

To: Mother Mary, With all our love on Mothering Sunday! From: The children of our Parish.

Our Lady of Walsingham: Pray for the children of the Parish of St Gregory the Great.

We gently invite people to arrive before the start of Mass and to recall that as next weekend is ‘Palm’ Sunday the liturgy begins outside so wrap up warm!



The Blessed Tansi Prayer Group next meets via WhatsApp on Holy Saturday, 4th April. Prayers for the Canonisation of Blessed Tansi will be offered at the 11:00am Mass this Sunday and there will be a short address before the Dismissal.

St Gregory’s School Council and the Mission Team are holding a **Coffee Morning** in the Hall in aid of Mary’s Meals on Wed., 25th March from 10:15am to 11:15am; the children invite you to join them!

Repository: Items that escaped the Church fire will soon be available for sale after Mass: cards will cost £1 and rosaries are £1.50 (cash only). For details or requests contact Kathleen: 629103. From Eastertide a “Guild of the Holy Rood in the Wall” *badge* and *fridge magnet* (see the image on the front page, top left) will be available to buy to mark both the 470th anniversary of the closing of the original St Gregory the Pope Parish and the 80th anniversary of the founding of the new Parish of St Gregory the Great; more details to follow soon.

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