

The Church is open for prayer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (9:30am to 12:30pm).

Forthcoming Retiring Collections:

Today - 24th May: Diocesan Bishop's Office Fund
31st May: Catholic Communications Network

Blessed Tansi Prayer Group: Saturday, 6th June in the Church (or via WhatsApp) from 9:30am.



We congratulate those young people who have received the **Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ** in Holy Communion for the first time! Please continue to pray for them and for their families: that they will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith. We invite their parents to bring their child(ren) to Holy Mass

every Sunday and to encourage them to regularly celebrate the Sacrament of Confession. We also offer our very sincere appreciation to our parish catechists, to those who have supported them and to the Parish of the Sacred Heart for their hospitality.



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

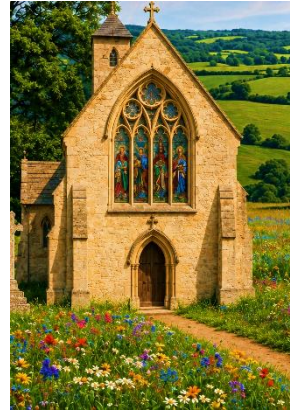
Saturday, 13th June. The coach will leave from St Gregory's Church at 8am and depart the Shrine at 5:00pm. The cost is £20 per person (payable in advance). To book, contact Caryll, the Parish Secretary.

Anniversaries of Death (since AD 2000):

Martin Keegan	Grainne Morris	Philip Ndekwe
Lolo Grace Ndekwe	Annie Desmond	Vanantie Nakobonye
Daniel Quinn	Ellen Osborne	Ronnie-Boy Huarns
David O'Grady	John Finn	Michelle Achong
Charles Attard	Rosario Anzalone	William Johnson
<i>Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.</i>		

Numbered slate plaques (with an image of the Westminster Cathedral Cross on), and **large slate plaques** with the names of saints on, are available to sponsor for any occasion! For more details, please contact Caryll, our Parish Secretary.

Trading Places: Three young men swap their 'hedonistic lifestyle' for a week with the Carmelite Friars in Oxford. Discover how they coped with the routine of prayer, silence, work and community living by watching episode three of Channel Five's 'Trading Places' tonight (Sunday, 24th May) at 10:00pm or via its catch-up service.



AD 2026: The 470th year of the closing of the original parish of St Gregory.

The Church of St Gregory the Pope was established by the end of the 11th century, and excavations suggest it was of Saxon foundation. People often left bequests in their wills to the parish, including James Holfcroft, who gave a silver Cross.



The loss of the angel carved image known as the **Holy Rood in the Wall** was truly catastrophic for the Church and led to its closure; the building became the Free School. In 1840 fragments of Norman architecture were discovered on the site.



← **This 2023 picture** (© Historic England) shows the east wall of the former Church and is one of the surviving structures of the building. Characteristic of Northampton's medieval architecture, the wall is made of local ironstone and limestone. Still to this day, traces of window arches

and masonry can be identified by historians. The remains of the former Church (and the subsequent school) are part of an ancient scheduled monument. The Church of St Gregory the Pope was one of the most significant in the whole country in promoting devotion to this Pope (whom we call our Patron).

AD 2027: The 80th anniversary of the new parish!

Mass intention cards are available this weekend; for other items please contact Kathleen Healey: (01604) 629103 / kath.healey.789@gmail.com

New Eastertide stickers will be offered to all of our young people before Mass this Sunday!