



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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24th MAY **PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A** **AD 2026**

<p>Sunday, 24th May <i>Pentecost Sunday (Page 419)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>HOLY MASS</p>	<p>INTENTIONS: 9:00am 1) Robin Joseph, RIP 2) Ross, Janet and the parishioners of Corby 11:00am - 1) Parish 2) Alec Unsworth, RIP</p>	<p>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 McNeill ☎ 07906802615</p>
<p>Sunday, 31st May <i>The Most Holy Trinity (Page 818)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>HOLY MASS</p>	<p>INTENTIONS: 9:00am 1) Joan Kottler RIP 2) Those living with cancer at this time 11:00am - 1) Parish 2) Alec Unsworth, RIP</p>	

Counters - 27th May: CC & FrW



On Saturday, 6th June at 2:00pm all are invited to the **blessing of the new gazebo** in the Healing Garden of the Cathedral. Please RSVP by Saturday, 30th May to: bishopssecretary@northamptondiocese.com

Final day to collect FREE Easter photographs!

Please pray for the soul of Alec Unsworth, RIP whose unstinting efforts in so many areas of parish life will be greatly missed. *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.*

D-SUMMER 2026 - 17th to 19th July:

Buckden Towers, St Neots. This residential gathering, for those aged 11-18 years, will offer times of prayer, games, discussions and socialising. To confidentially discuss the cost contact NYMO: www.nymo.org/d-summer

Raising Teenagers in a Catholic Family:

Online on Tuesday, 8th June at 8:00pm with Mike and Alicia Hernon from "Messy Family Project". www.tickettailor.com/events/celebratetrust/2138479

Χριστός ανέστη! - Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
Christ is truly risen, alleluia!

Pray for those who are unwell, especially:

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



Fulton J. Sheen

was Titular Archbishop of Newport. On Sunday, **28th June** we will begin a **novena** praying for more vocations to the **Sacred Priesthood**. Chaplets will be available to purchase on 17th & 21st June. To start our preparations for the novena and to pray for Sheen's beatification, **free keyrings** will be available on Sunday, 7th June!

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:

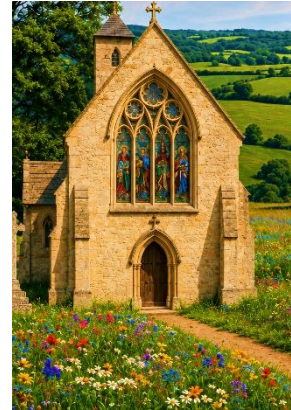
Saturday, 13th June. The coach will leave from St Gregory's Church at 8am and depart the Shrine at 5:00pm. The cost is £20 per person (payable in advance). To book, contact Caryll, the Parish Secretary.

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!