



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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25th January AD 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Sunday of the Word of God

Sunday, 25 th January <i>3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 698)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am 1) Robin Joseph, RIP 2) The St Francis Leprosy Guild 11:00am - Parish	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
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Sacred Scripture Resource 1: This Sunday, 25th January, is the “Sunday of the Word of God”

(instituted by Pope Francis in 2019) and is when we consciously remind ourselves to more attentively engage with the Sacred Scriptures proclaimed at Mass; for truly Jesus Christ “is made present” as He speaks to us both individually and as a community.

Sacred Scripture Resource 2: This Sunday, 25th January there is a special Liturgy of the Word with reflections by Fr Jerome Ituah in our Cathedral at 3:00pm to celebrate the “Sunday of the Word of God”. The liturgy will include the commissioning of Lectors/Readers to proclaim the Holy Scriptures.

Sacred Scripture Resource 3: Join a very special gathering on Saturday, 31st January from 11am to 3pm for Lectors/Readers of the Holy Scriptures at Mass to reflect on their important liturgical role. Holy Ghost Centre, Luton. Refreshments available.

Sacred Scripture Resource 4: A series of online sessions exploring the Holy Scripture readings and the seasons of the liturgical year. The next session is on Wednesday, 11th February (exploring Lent and Holy Week). Each online session is from 7:30pm to 8:30pm and includes prayer, input and the chance to comment and ask questions. This is offered by the diocesan Liturgical Formation Team with many different presenters, including Fr Andrew Behrens.

Sacred Scripture Resource 5: “Journey with Jesus through Lent” by participating in an online group session once a week for six weeks beginning on 16th February. Facilitators will be using the St Beuno's Outreach Prego resource to pray and reflect on the Sunday Scripture Readings. Sessions will be on various days and times. The introductory webinar is on Tuesday, 27th January at 7:30pm. For details: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

→ **You might like to know that our Deacons and Priests** are to have several gatherings this year and in 2027 focusing on Holy Scripture and preaching.

Lent Quiz: The Knights of St Columba are to hold a quiz on Friday, 27th February in St Francis and St Therese Church, East Hunsbury at 7pm. £5 entry and children are free. This is in aid of the Diocesan Vocation Fund, and there's a prize for the winners! Details from William: wpcurrie@btinternet.com.

School Car Park: Please be aware that users of the car park do so at their own risk. The School and the Parish accept no liability for any loss, damage, theft or accident that takes place by users of the car park.

The St Francis Leprosy Guild: This UK Catholic charity encourages us, especially today, to hold in prayer those who live with leprosy and those who support them in any way.

Gregory Care: The “Table-Top Sale” planned for Saturday, 28th February has sadly been postponed.

Let us pray for Dulcie Miranda, RIP whose funeral takes place in the Cathedral (5th February at 11am).

Nazareth House are looking for new volunteers to escort residents to and from the Sunday Mass in the onsite Chapel. Many residents have cognitive and mobility difficulties and need your assistance; some use wheelchairs and/or walking frames and others are ambulant. Appropriate training will be given. Volunteers would need to be at Nazareth House from 10:30am to 12:00noon. Details from Cliff: cliff.snelling@btinternet.com / 07809 875266.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today; the theme is “There is one body and one Spirit”.

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.

Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1): This online training course is suitable for new and experienced catechists. The first session: 27th February from 7:30pm. Details: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-february-2026/>

The 2025 Gregory Care Review and Summary:

This has been sent to those who have signed up to Caspar; for those haven't done so, a paper copy is available on the table near the hall entrance/exit.



Over the coming months look out for details regarding the founding of the **‘Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby’** in our parish. Life Membership is £5. **This is now being promoted by the Diocese!**
Please do consider joining this.



The Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group next meets via WhatsApp on Saturday, 6th February. The meeting involves reflecting on the Holy Scriptures, the Holy Rosary, etc.

For more information, please speak to Maggie.

All are welcome!

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation AD 2026:

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



The Holy Face of Jesus Novena

This begins on Monday, 9th February and concludes on Tuesday, 17th February and is being offered for all Clergy and Religious or a specific Deacon, Priest or Religious known to you.

Packs will be available at a **cost price of £2** after Mass

on **Sunday, 8th February** and will contain a prayer Card, a card to give/send to the Deacon, Priest or Religious for whom you are praying the Novena and a set of beautifully handcrafted Chaplet beads.

Please pray for those who are unwell, especially:

Fr. Philip Swingler	Joe Linney
Michael Spowart	Khan Phanh
Catherine Stratten	Deacon Rory
Anne Stewart	Brenda Paintin
Teresa Watts	Terry Hammond
Leo Bell	Maureen Bell
Michael Rowback	Marion Gilbert
Paul Gilbert	Liam Murphy
Peter Frost	Sheila Frost
Denise Faulkner	Jim O'Connor
Margaret Refoy	Sheila Dowling
Janet Reader-Moore	Jayne Miller
Linda Fleming	Florence Dunn
Glynis Garibaldi	Theresa
Barbara Dmochowska	Ester Snelling
Michael Woolmore	Mary Rumsey
Chris Hill	Mark
Bishop Peter Doyle	Fr. Lourdusamy
Clare Sefton	Mrs Taylor
Baby Dali	Colin Smith
Tom Nicholson	Josephine Ahern
Teresa Brown	Kathleen Eyre

The easiest way to financially support the parish is through a standing order and are details are:

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Account Name: Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust

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