



The Catholic Parish of Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



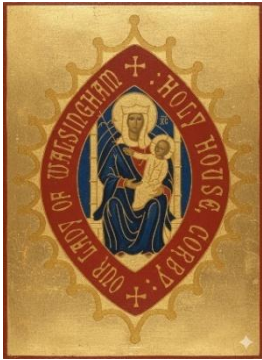
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**“A truly thriving Catholic community
confidently and humbly proclaiming the
Good News of Jesus Christ.”**

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Read all about it!



Perhaps we could form a branch of **The Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby** here at St Gregory's Church?! Lifetime membership costs £5 (which includes the enamel badge and a prayer card). The commitment would be to daily offer the Our Lady of Walsingham Prayer and to pray the Holy Rosary as a group, ideally, in Church. It is certainly something for us to ponder in this month of the Rosary. If this would be of interest to you, please speak to Fr Wayne.

Our Lady of Walsingham: Pray for us!



On Saturday, 1st November, Pope Leo XIV will officially proclaim **Saint John Henry Newman** - the most recently canonised saint from England and Wales - as the 38th Doctor of the Church. He is also to be declared a Co-Patron Saint of Catholic Education, alongside St Thomas Aquinas. To mark

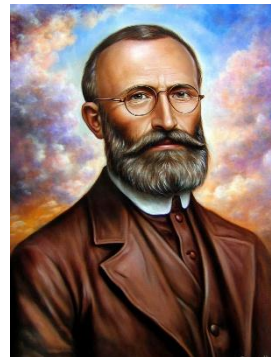
this historic moment, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have released a series of insightful teaching articles exploring this saint's enduring legacy and they offer a rich resource to rediscover Newman's wisdom for the Church today. Topics include "What is a Doctor of the Church?" and "The Development of Doctrine". You can read more about this here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/newman-doctor-of-the-church/>

St John Henry Newman: Pray for us!



Sing the Season: Advent 2025

All cantors, choir leaders, singers and musicians are warmly invited to "Sing the Season: Advent 2025," which is part of a new series of uplifting events from the Diocesan Music Liturgy Team. Join them on Saturday, 22nd November from 11:00am to 4:00pm (there is the daily Mass at 10:00am) in the Church of Our Lady, Help of Christians and St Lawrence, Olney (MK46 5HH) for a day of seasonal music, new Psalm settings and fresh ideas to enrich the Advent liturgies. Bring your instruments, voices, a packed lunch - tea and coffee will be provided. The event is free, but a £5 donation is welcome to support future gatherings.



It was from the writings of the newly canonised **Barto Longo**, that Pope John Paul II found not only the idea of mysteries covering the time of Jesus' public ministry, but also what the individual mysteries should be and what all five should be called as part of the Rosary.

When John Paul II proclaimed the new Mysteries of Light in his 2002 encyclical "The Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary," he didn't hesitate to show his admiration for this man whose conversion to Christ shows that there is always hope. **Join us for the Rosary on Thursday at 6:30pm!**

Pope St John Paul II: Pray for us!

St Barto Longo: Pray for us!



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26th October 2025 Thirtieth Sunday of the Year CTS New Sunday Missal Year C Page 1079

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Sunday <i>30th Sunday Of the Year</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro Malabar Rite)	Albert Francis Rowe RIP The Parish
Monday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	George Lord RIP
Tuesday Ss Simon & Jude	9.00 am	Mass	Maureen Moriarty's Intentions
Wednesday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Seamus Walsh
Thursday Votive of St Barto Longo	9.00-11.00 6:30pm 7.00 pm	Holy Hours of Adoration Holy Rosary: Luminous Mass	Patrick Barry RIP
Friday Feria	9.00 am	Mass	Burke K.M. (Fdm)
Saturday Our Lady on Sat.	9.00 am	Mass	Cathleen McDonald RIP
Sunday <i>All Saints</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)	Robert Fleming RIP The Parish

Your Offering to the Parish: Last Week Was £450.98. Thank you!
Standing Order gifts to the Parish: Each week £557 is given through standing orders.
Donations through the Diocese: An average of £75 is given each week.
Second Collection Last Week: World Mission £212.94. Thank you!
Second Collection Next Week: Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.
Gift Aid benefits to the parish: The value of Gift Aid averages £171 per week.
Cleaners This Week: The Church is cleaned & sanitised on a regular basis.
Counters this Week: CC & MW.

Readings for this Sunday:

Sirach 35: 15b-17, 20-22b: *The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds.*
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18: *There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness*
Luke 18: 9-14: *Luke 18: 9-14.*

Readings for next Sunday (CTS New Sunday Missal Page 1180)

Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3: 1-3; Matthew 5: 1-12a.

During This Season of Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;
Ordinary Time, Autumn, We The Spread of the Gospel; Victims of War;
We Are Asked to Pray For: Prisoners & Their Families; Children & Young People.

Parking: Our car-park is small, & many have to park on the road. We are in a residential district, & our neighbours also like to park. Please be considerate, & remember that there are laws regarding where you may park. *It is illegal to block a drive to a house where there is a dropped kerb or where a white line is painted indicating the needs of a disabled driver. It is also illegal to park at a road junction.* There is usually space on Wellingborough Road at the side of Abington Park opposite the bottom of Lime Avenue.

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Please Pray for the Sick:

Fr. Philip Swingle	Joe Linney
Michael Spowart	Khan Phanh
Catherine Stratten	Deacon Kory
Anna McGee	Frankie Daniels
Margaret Farragher	Terry Hammond
Leo Bell	Maureen Bell
Michael Rowback	Marion Gilbert
Paul Gilbert	Liam Murphy
Peter McGee	Sheila Easton
Denise Faulkner	Jim O'Connor
Margaret Refoy	Sheila Dowling
Bridie Walsh	Jayne Miller
Linda Fleming	Florence Dunn
Anna McGee	Francesca
Barbara Smochowska	Ester Snelling
Peter Hart	Mary Rumsey
Chris Hill	Mark
Bishop Peter Doyle	Fr. Lourdasamy
Christine	Mrs Taylor
Baby Dali	Colin Smith
Tom Nicholson	Josephine Ahern
Teresa Brown	Teresa Watts
Michael Woolmore	

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

Joan Smith	Michael Frawley
James Keenan	Peter Carroll
George Lord	Susan Black
Albert Vanderawan	Rosella Maritz
George Brown	Michael Connelly
Alwin Perkins	Brian Hill
Joan Billingham	Elizabeth Gorman
Horace Edwards	Wanda Gineikis
Mary Kochappan	Mary Conway
Catherine Galvin	Charles Ponting
Robert Turvey-Hardy	Eileen Clarke
Charles Traynor	Gerard Walsh
Ifeoma Akubue	Marion Murphy
Patrick Treacy	William O'Neill
Mary Lord	Elaine Patching
Mary Stratten	Peter Archer

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR NOVEMBER

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Prayer for Peace for Ukraine, the Holy Land and all places of strife. Please continue to pray for an end to wars, and for all victims of war:

O God, author and lover of peace, to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign. Defend against every attack those who cry to you so that we, who trust in your protection, may not fear the weapons of any foe. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Notices of Interest

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel:

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Repository: The Repository is open after Sunday Masses for the sale of cards and religious goods. The ordered Weekday missals have arrived, price £55.00, available from the Repository after Mass. Any queries or volunteers please contact Kathleen on 01604 629103 or Kath.healey.789@gmail.com

Bible Alive: The November/December issue is now available in the Narthex. The two-month edition is priced at £6. Extremely good value! Please put money into the 'Books & Papers' box in the narthex wall.

Parishioners With Young Children: Please, please, do not allow your child to play with/throw around pamphlets/leaflets/booklets etc which are displayed either in the Narthex or the Foyer. They are not toys. Thank you!

Tots @ St Gregory's: If you have care of a pre-school child on a Tuesday morning we would be delighted to welcome you. Looking forward to seeing you!

Choir Notes: next practices are from 11-12 on the 2nd Saturday of the month: Nov 8. Alec

Bl. Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group prays together online via Whatsapp & telephone on the 1st Saturday of the month, in the Hall: 10 am-12pm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Baptism Preparation: The next session will be in the Sacristy, 7pm, on Monday 1st December. Please note you will need to phone Deacon Michael on 07999808997 before you attend, to book a place.

First Holy Communion 2025/6: First Holy Communion 2026 **Registration will be on Sunday 19th October after the 11am Mass. If you know that you cannot come on that date, there is an alternative after the 10.30 Mass at Sacred Heart, Weston Favell on Sunday 12th October.** Whichever day you register, it is for the same course, and makes no difference to where First Holy Communion is received.

Confirmation in 2026: Confirmation details for 2026 will appear here in due course.

Church Cleaning: Helpers needed to clean the Church on last Sat. every month (**next – 29th November**), after morning Mass. All welcome, especially the younger, more energetic ones!

Ceili Dancing: Dancing continues every first & third Wednesday of the month in the Parish hall. All welcome.

Supporting Your Parish: Much the easiest way to support the parish financially is through a standing order directly from your own bank account. The information required for this is as follows:
Bank; **NatWest**
Sort Code; **60-06-11**
Account Number; **46898093**
Account Name; **Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust**
Payment Ref; Parish Name/Area: **(St. Gregory's, Northampton)**
Please remember that if you pay income tax, the Church can reclaim this on your giving, (£2.50 for every £10 given) and this is much simpler if you give by standing order.

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Refreshment Donations: Below is the schedule for refreshment donations through the year:

From the first Sunday in Advent to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:	The Hope Centre
From the Second Sunday in ordinary time to the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday:	Gregory Care
Through Lent and Eastertide:	CAFOD
Ordinary Time until the end of August:	Refreshment Fund
September until the Harvest collection:	CAFOD
<u>After harvest until the beginning of Advent:</u>	<u>The Bible Society</u>

Alpha in the Autumn 2025 — Dates and Subjects

Third Session	October 7 th	Why did Jesus die?	Alpha is a basic introduction to faith in God, in Jesus and the Holy Spirit. It is not a complete teaching scheme for the entire Christian faith. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Daniel Davighi or speak to Fr Andrew. For more information and to book please see: https://stgregory.org.uk/alpha
Fourth Session	October 14 th	How can I have faith?	
Fifth Session	October 21 st	Why and how do I pray?	
Sixth Session:	November 4 th	Why and how should I read the Bible?	
Seventh Session	November 11 th	How does God guide us?	
Eighth Session	November 18 th	Does God heal today?	
Alpha Away-Day	November 22 nd (Saturday)	Who is The Holy Spirit?	
Ninth Session	November 25 th	How can I resist evil?	
Tenth Session	December 2 nd	Why and how should I tell others?	
Eleventh Session	December 3 rd	What about the Church?	





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From the Diocese of Portsmouth:

“In a ceremony that drew tens of thousands of worshippers from all over to St Peter’s Square in Rome, Pope Leo XIV canonised **Carlo Acutis** and **Pier Giorgio Frassati** on 7th September 2025. The two saints – Frassati, from the early 20th century, and Acutis, the Church’s first millennial to be made a saint – have been at the centre of great devotion among the faithful. They were also the first to be canonised by the new *Pope. Acutis’s mother, Antonia Salzano, was present at the canonisation Mass with her family, including the new saint’s two siblings. His brother, Michele, read one of the Readings!

Carlo Acutis was born in London on 3rd May 1991 and died of leukaemia at the age of 15. His parents had moved to London from Italy in 1988 but moved back to Milan soon after young Acutis was born. He was an obedient child who insisted on going to Mass daily as a youngster. He received his first Holy Communion at age seven. In his short but extraordinary life, he was particularly devoted to the Eucharist, which he referred to as his “**highway to heaven**”, and to the Virgin Mary. Acutis was enrolled at Istituto Leone XIII, a Jesuit school. His teachers said that he was bright and had a gift for computers but was also known for being kind and for looking out for his schoolmates.

Pier Giorgio Frassati, born in Turin in 1901, grew up in a wealthy and influential family but chose a very different path from privilege. From a young age, he dedicated himself to helping the poor, joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and spending much of his free time in Turin’s poorest neighbourhoods, bringing food, medicine, and encouragement. He was also educated by the Jesuits, whose spirituality left a deep mark on his life of prayer and service. His love for prayer, the sacraments, and solidarity with the marginalized earned him the admiration of his friends, who often recalled his joyful and energetic personality.

Frassati was also known for his adventurous spirit, especially his passion for mountain climbing. On his alpine excursions, he inspired companions with his deep faith, often leading them in prayer at the summits. He died unexpectedly in 1925, at just 24 years old, after contracting polio, likely through his work with the sick. At his funeral, thousands of the city’s poor came to honour the young man who had quietly served them. Beatified in 1990 by Pope John Paul II, he is now canonised as a saint and remembered as a model for youth who unite faith, joy, and solidarity with the most vulnerable.

Together, Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati offer the Church two powerful examples of youthful holiness. Though separated by nearly a century, both lived with contagious joy, a passion for their faith, and a tireless commitment to serving others. Acutis brought his devotion into the digital age, using his skills with computers to spread love for the Eucharist, while Frassati lived his witness through direct service and fellowship, bringing Christ’s light to the poor and to his friends. Their canonisation side by side is a sign that holiness is not bound by time or circumstance, but always accessible to those who embrace faith with generosity and courage.”

Holy Souls Rosary: Do join us for this each Thursday of November at 6:30pm as we pray for these intentions:

1. All the bereaved.
2. All the recently departed.
3. Our own departed loved ones.
4. All The Holy Souls in Purgatory.
5. The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and The Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby.

We will begin the Holy Souls Rosary with the prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham. NB: Twenty-five specially commissioned Holy Souls single-decade rosary beads will be available for people to borrow for this devotion (and then return for use the following week).

Sacrament of Confession: Once more we are to use the Confessional in the Church for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation; this allows for more anonymity and is a good safeguarding practice. If you would prefer to see the Priest ‘face to face’ then an appropriate place in the Church nave will be used.

New Sanctuary Arrangements: The staging in the sanctuary at St Gregory’s Church has served us very well but has now become a health and safety concern. Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of several faithful parishioners, a project is now underway to enhance the arrangement of the Tabernacle within the sanctuary, and to ensure it is safe and accessible.