



# THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT



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**29<sup>th</sup> March** **PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A** **AD 2026**

<p><b>Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>(Page 246)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p><b>HOLY MASS</b></p>	<p><b>INTENTIONS:</b> 9:00am - <b>Robin Joseph RIP</b> 11am -1) Parish 2) <b>Deacon Michael &amp; Linda</b></p>	<p><b>PARISH PRIEST:</b> Canon Christopher Perry ☎ 713015 frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p><b>Deacon:</b> The Rev'd Michael Fleming ☎ 647750 mvf@btinternet.com</p> <p><b>Priest in Residence:</b> Fr Wayne Coughlin ☎ 713015 frwayne.coughlin@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p><b>Parish Secretary:</b> Mrs Caryll Comley ☎ 713015 parish.stgregory@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p><b>Safeguarding Representative:</b> Carol McNeil ☎ 07906802615</p> <p>→ <i>Counters This Week: CC</i></p> <p><b>We gently invite people</b> to arrive before the start of Mass and to recall that as the Easter Vigil begins outside you are advised to wrap up warm!</p>
<p><b>Maundy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>  <b>Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>  <b>Holy Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School, Grange Road, Northampton NN3 2AX</p>	<p><b>HOLY MASS &amp; Watch at the Altar of Repose</b> → The Watch will last for one hour</p> <p><b>SOLEMN LITURGY</b></p> <p><b>EASTER VIGIL &amp; HOLY MASS</b></p>	<p>7:00pm - <b>Caring Work in the Parish</b></p> <p>3:00pm</p> <p>8:00pm - <b>Noel McDermott RIP</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>  <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>(Page 364)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p><b>HOLY MASS</b></p>	<p>9:00am - <b>Deacon Michael &amp; Linda</b> 11am - 1) Parish 2) <b>Janet &amp; Ross</b></p>	



## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

for our youth will be celebrated on **Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In this month of St Joseph free 'photographs' of this saint are available at the Hall entrance/exit.**

### Anniversaries of Death (since the year 2000):

Georgina Donaghue	James Quinn	Cheung Cheng
Joan O'Connell	Teresa Johnson	Francis O'Neill
Elizabeth Moynihan	Winifred Charles	Christine Fitzjohn
Luke Heath	Percy Walton	Mary Brennan
Tom Robson	Cristian Frent	Bridget Walsh
Anna Delaney	<i>Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...</i>	

**Repository:** Items for sale after Mass include cards for £1 and rosaries for £1.50 (cash only); for other items contact Kathleen: 629103. To mark the 470<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the closing of the original parish and the 80<sup>th</sup> year of the founding of the new Parish of St Gregory the Great a "Guild of the Holy Rood in the Wall" badge and magnet will soon be available to buy for £5. Pope St Gregory the Great: Pray for us!

### Please 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 (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

For the final time a **petition slip** can be left before the Altar for any intention, e.g. thanksgiving; these are located at the doors of the hall. Janet Northing will privately pray for every intention that is left.



**Gregory Care** is offering a gentle **mini pilgrimage** to Our Lady of Walsingham Church, Corby on **Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April**. The day is designed for those with limited mobility, etc. and will consist of Mass, the Rosary, a time for private prayer in the Holy House, coffee in the Hall

and a visit to East Carlton Park Café on the way home. We have booked a minibus and there is no cost for pilgrims. If you are interested speak to a Gregory Care team member or call 07434669011.



**The Blessed Tansi Prayer Group** next meets via WhatsApp on Holy Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. Let us continue in our prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Tansi and the Beatification of the Ven. Fulton Sheen (the Titular Archbishop of Newport, Wales).

**Marriage Support:** From relationships that are ‘in a rut’ to those with serious issues, Retrouvaille can be part of the solution. This organisation has helped many couples to get their relationship back on track as they rediscover trust. For more details telephone: 07973380443 or visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

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

You are all invited to join the Priests, Deacons and Religious of our Diocese in the Cathedral for the annual **Chrism Mass on Holy/Spy Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April** at 12noon; this is followed by refreshments.

The **Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April) Walk of Witness** begins at 9:30am in Abington Street (near the BBC Radio Northampton) with a short act of worship and a witness to the Christian Faith. All are welcome.

✠ **Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April** is a day of fasting and abstinence from eating meat. ✠✠ **Easter Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April** is not a day of fasting and abstinence!

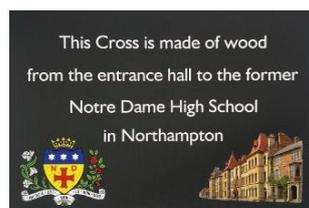
**Easter Sunday Collections:** These will be divided equally between Canon Christopher and Fr Wayne who, in advance, offer their sincere appreciation for your generosity. Our Priests receive a small ‘wage’ and thus the collections on Easter Sunday form a very sizeable part of their annual taxable income.

The next **novena**, in honour of St Peregrine, who was miraculously healed, will start on 1<sup>st</sup> May and is to be offered for all those living with cancer and other illnesses. A Novena Pack will cost £3 and £1 from every sale will be donated to Marie Curie to support its cancer-related work. Janet Northing will launch this novena at Mass on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> April. More details to follow. St Peregrine: Pray for us and especially those living with cancer. Amen

**John Sherrington**, the Archbishop of Liverpool and the lead bishop for life issues for the Bishops of England and Wales, has published a statement after the House of Lords’ decision to keep clause 208 (which decriminalises abortion up to birth in some circumstances) in the Crime and Policing Bill. He expressed his distress at this and has warned that this “is likely to lead to more late-term abortions putting pregnant women and their babies at risk.” The statement is available on the Conference of Bishops website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) • To learn more about SPUC: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, as it works to protect human life from conception to natural death, contact William Currie: [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com) / 07393965643. • If you are experiencing a difficult pregnancy, help is available from the “Pregnancy Crisis Helpline” and “Life”. • If you are seeking healing following an abortion please contact: “Rachel’s Vineyard”.

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

**Penitential Liturgy (with individual Confession):** Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the Cathedral.



We give thanks to God for those connected with the now-closed **Northampton Notre Dame Convent High School** who have generously sponsored this plaque ↑ which is to be placed beneath the Cross in St Gregory’s Church car park; they have likewise paid for all the plaques to be affixed to the walls.



Each grey and black garden screen on the car park walls is **numbered with a plaque** bearing an image of the Westminster Sanctuary Cross; these can be sponsored for just £10.

**Slate plaques** with St Joseph & Pope St Gregory, the names of our national patron saints, the names of saints connected with our parish patron and the names of saints associated with pivotal moments in the history of the Church in this country, can now be sponsored for £20. For details and to **sponsor a plaque** please contact our Parish Secretary. **All the plaques will be dedicated in an outdoor ceremony.**