

THE NORTHAMPTON CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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29th November | **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** | **AD 2026**

Sunday, 29th November ***First Sunday of Advent, page 46***	**MASS** 9:00am **MASS** 11:00am	1) Robin Joseph, RIP 2) Robert Aloysius Pike, RIP 1) Mary Rumsey: Healing 2) Agnes McLoughlin, RIP	*The "Missa pro populo" ("**Mass for the people**") intention will be offered privately to allow for an urgent prayer request.*
Monday, 30th November	**MASS** *Private*	*There is no Mass from Monday to Friday; details in the 'Renovation Work' leaflet.*	St Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday, 1st December	**MASS** *Private*	*There is no Mass from Monday to Friday; details in the 'Renovation Work' leaflet.*	St Edmund Campion, Martyr
Wednesday, 2nd December	**MASS** *Private*	*There is no Mass from Monday to Friday; details in the 'Renovation Work' leaflet.*	First Week of Advent
Friday, 4th December	**MASS** *Private*	*There is no Mass from Monday to Friday; details in the 'Renovation Work' leaflet.*	First Week of Advent
Saturday, 5th December	**MASS** 9:00am 9:30am	1) The Parish (transferred) 2) The Parish (transferred) Exposition until 10:30am / Confession	St Birinus, Bishop
Sunday, 6th December ***Advent II, page 50***	**MASS** 9:00am 11:00am	1) Pat Dugan, RIP 2) Dcn Michael Fleming's Intentions 1) John Eyre, RIP	

Pray for those who are unwell, especially:

	Kaleb (to eat)	
Tomi (to eat & speak)		

The Repository has 2027 diaries and calendars plus items for Christmas! Payment is via the wall-safe and Dona machine. All requests to Kathleen: kath.healey.789@gmail.com / (01604) 629103.

The Blessed Tansi Group will next meet after Mass (in Church and via WhatsApp) on Saturday, 5th December and all welcome to participate in this.

Anniversaries of Death (since AD 2000):

Herbert Sellers	Francis Mangan	Maciej Stepen
Susan Murphy	Bridget Connolly	Nora Runton
Florence McKeown	Elizabeth Nagle	Carmela Perrina
Linda Hall	Michael Brennan	Teresa Becker
Geoffrey Cumberpatch	Alphonso Bryan	Alan Newbery
Patrick Prendergast	***May the Saints and Angels…***	

↓ This recreation of **Sir Thomas Tresham**'s 1577 reredos from Rushton Hall depicts Christ crucified, surrounded by Our Lady, St John and soldiers and is a very powerful expression of the Catholic Faith. It thus recalls Sir Thomas' life as a recusant during the period of Catholic persecution in this country; it also offers us an insight into the piety that sustained



Catholics as they **remained loyal to Christ** despite the great hardship.

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You are invited to join the four **Northampton ‘Catholic’ Schools** for a time of prayer & song to prepare for **Jesus’ Birth**: Wednesday, **2nd December** at 5:00pm in **the Cathedral**. All are very welcome!

£230+ was donated in the collection for Aid to the Church in Need’s work with persecuted Christians.

→ **Petition Slips**: These will be available in the Lady Chapel until Saturday, 12th December. As the focus of our Twelve Stars of the Blessed Virgin Mary parish devotion is “the family” you might like to write one or more petitions for: your family, a child who has lapsed from the Faith, a grandchild at university, etc.

24-Hour Exposition: This will be celebrated in Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church and starts with Mass at 9:30am on Tuesday, 8th December.

You are welcome to join choir members as they sing **carols in Nazareth House** (118 Harlestone Road) at 11:00am on Tuesday, 1st December.

Happy 80th Birthday to **Deacon Michael** and the promise of our continued prayers and friendship!

Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.
The Solemnity of Mary’s Immaculate Conception (8th December) is *not* a Holy Day of Obligation for us in England and Wales; however, everyone is invited to the midday Holy Mass in the Cathedral on that day.





The **Royal & Pontifical College of St Alban** in Valladolid took part in the city-wide observance of **Red Wednesday**. It was here in Spain that Fr Christopher and Fr Wayne began their journey to the Sacred Priesthood and in which they endured three hours of Spanish-language classes every week! Carried in the solemn procession was **Our Lady Vulnerata: The Wounded One**. This was mutilated by British troops at the sack of Cádiz in 1596 and brought to the College so that English and Welsh seminarians (and later others) could pray before it in reparation.

The Chaplet of the Twelve Stars of Our Lady will be prayed after Mass (during Eucharistic Exposition) on Saturday, 12th December.

***‘Looking unto Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith’* (Hebrews 12:2)**. It was a great joy last week for many of us to participate in two deeply spiritual celebrations. The first was that held on ‘**Red Wednesday**’ and was set aside to unite us with the Suffering Church throughout the world using some of the resources of ‘Aid to the Church in Need.’ The Holy Rosary, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, Holy Mass and Silent Prayer were the pattern of prayer and Liturgy that we followed. The second was held on the Saturday following at our Cathedral Church as a first major celebration held for the ‘**Confraternity of the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham**’ in the Diocese. Again, the Holy Rosary, Exposition and Benediction, and the Mass formed the pattern of our prayer and Liturgy, with the added privilege of being able to venerate a Relic of St Thomas Becket (St Thomas of Canterbury). These two celebrations in one week enabled us to come into the presence of Our Lord and the Saints in a deeper way as we gave our time and attention to the needs of the Church throughout the world, **our Diocese** and the parishes from which we came. *Blessed, praised and adored be our Lord Jesus Christ on His throne of glory in heaven, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, and in the hearts of all His faithful people*. Ross Northing



If you would like to sponsor a **blue candle to burn in prayer** on Christmas Eve or Day place **a £1 donation in an envelope**, with the prayer intention, and **place this in the offertory basket** at any Mass or give it to Caryll.