



The Catholic Parish of Saint Gregory the Great Northampton



PART OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON, REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 234091

OUR
VISION

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

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The Lord your God is a consuming fire... (Deut. 4:24)

NEWS OF THE FIRE

News of the fire at St Gregory's Church spread very quickly around the town and diocese last week. We have received many kind messages of support, and many prayers and Masses have been offered for the parish community, and we are particularly touched by the kindness of our ecumenical brothers and sisters.

For the time being our new home for the celebration of the **Sunday Mass at 10:00am** will be the auditorium in **St Thomas Becket Catholic School, NN3 6HT**. We are deeply grateful to Mr McCahill (the Head) and Mrs Darwin (School Chaplain) for their generosity and support at a time of great sadness for us all.



It is uncertain when we will be able to return to the Church and its facilities. A rather substantial portion of the electrical system was damaged due to the intense heat of the fire, and this will need to be replaced. The Foyer area must be gutted, plastered and

painted plus the installation of new fire doors. The flat roof and skylights will likely need to be replaced or fixed. Thankfully the Church itself, the sacristy and the hall escaped any visible damage but there is evidence of smoke, etc. We are now working with our insurers to employ the services of a surveyor and project manager to oversee the necessary restoration.

Our Faith teaches us that God can bring good out of any catastrophe, and although this situation is painful for us all, it is bringing us together in many new and dynamic ways. It has also demonstrated the love in which our parish is held within the town and beyond.

I know Deacon Michael, Fr Wayne and our retired Priests join me in assuring you of our prayers and we ask that you please pray for us, **Canon Christopher**





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Sunday <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Saint Thomas Becket Catholic School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: Fr Christopher: The Parish Fr Wayne: Eleanor Comley's Intentions
Sunday <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00am Saint Thomas Becket Catholic School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: Fr Christopher: The Parish Fr Wayne: Robin Joseph, RIP

Supporting Your Parish: 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:

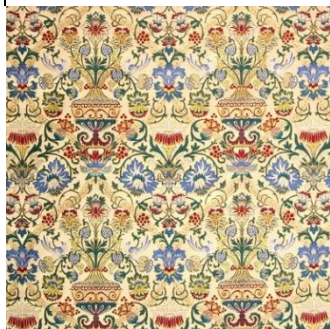
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Account Name: **Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust**
Payment Ref - Parish Name/Area: **(St. Gregory's, Northampton)**
Please remember that if you pay income tax, the Church can reclaim this on your giving: £2.50 for every £10 given; this is much simpler if you give by standing order.

Gregory Care - Next Dates For Your Diary:

28th February: Table Top Sale / **9th May:** Fun Day (Headlands celebration)

Tiny Tots: The Christmas Party will be held in the hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church NN3 8DP, on Tuesday, 9th December from 9:30am to 11:30am.

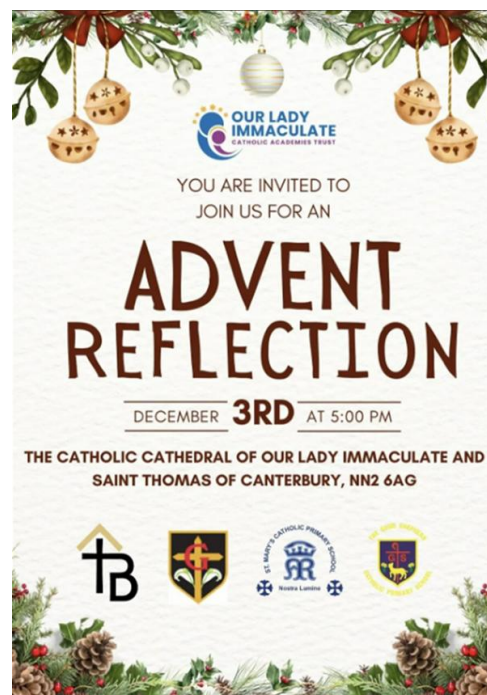
Some Joyful News: Whilst our focus is ensuring that we can safely return to St Gregory's Church as soon as possible, two 'decorative' projects remain underway! These are covering the sanctuary 'platform' and ambo in new carpet, in a shade called: "Gilden Chalice" and the creation of a tabernacle veil, ambo frontal and lectern falls in a beautiful fabric colloquially known as "All Seasons" (see below).



"A multi-coloured Indo-Portuguese design of the 18th Century. The birds have a symbolic significance; they are the mediators between Heaven and Earth and in early Christian art they signified saved souls. The elegantly decorated urn, a container for oils and perfumes, signifies Mary Magdalene, one of the most popular of Christian saints and consequently much depicted in Christian art. Amongst the many flowers in the design, it is possible to distinguish the Blue Iris, a floral symbol of the Virgin Mary and the Thistle, a symbol of the Passion of Jesus Christ and the sufferings of the Christian martyrs. Finally, the grapevine symbolises abundant life and the grapes, the Eucharist." *Please contact Fr Wayne for more details.*

Please Pray for the Sick:

Fr. Philip Swingler	Joe Linney
Michael Spowart	Khan Phanh
Catherine Stratten	Deacon Rory
Anne Stewart	Brenda Paintin
Margaret Farragher	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
Bridie Walsh	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	Teresa Watts
Janet Reader-Moore	



THE PARISH LITANY

Our Lady of Walsingham:
Pray for us!
St Joseph:
Pray for us!
Pope St Gregory the Great:
Pray for us!
St Thomas of Canterbury:
Pray for us!

HYMNS FOR MASS

Like a sea without a shore,
love divine is boundless.
Time is now and evermore
and his love surrounds us.
Maranatha! Maranatha!
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

So that we could all be free,
he appeared among us,
Blest are those who have not seen,
yet believe his promise.
Maranatha! Maranatha!
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

All our visions, all our dreams,
are but ghostly shadows
of the radiant clarity
waiting at life's close.
Maranatha! Maranatha!
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Death where is your victory?
Death where is your sting?
Closer than the air we breathe
is our risen King
Maranatha! Maranatha!
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Take me, Lord, use my life
In the way you wish to do.
Fill me, Lord, touch my heart
Till it always thinks of you.
Take me now, as I am
This I all I can offer.

Here today I, the clay,
Will be moulded by my Lord.

Lord, I pray that each day
I will listen to you will.
Many times I have failed
But I know you love me still
Teach me now, guide me,
Lord, keep me close to you always.

Here today, I the clay,
Will be moulded by my Lord.

I am weak, fill me now
With your strength and set me free.
Make me whole, fashion me
So that you will live in me.
Hold me now in your hands,
Form me now with your Spirit.

Here today, I, the clay,
Will be moulded by my Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus
Come, Lord Jesus, come again.

Born of Mary, Born of Mary,
Born of Mary. Come again.

Slain to save us, slain to save us,
Slain to save us. Come again.

Raised to new life, raised to new life.
Raised to new life. Come again

At God's right hand, at God's right hand
At God's right hand. Come again.

Send your Spirit, send your Spirit,
Send your Spirit. Come again.

Come in glory, come in glory,
Come in glory. Come again

O Jesus Christ, remember,
when thou shalt come again,
upon the clouds of heaven,
with all thy shining train;
when every eye shall see thee
in deity revealed,
who now upon this altar
in silence art concealed.

Remember then, O Saviour,
I supplicate of thee,
that here I bowed before thee
upon my bended knee;
that here I owned thy presence,
and did not thee deny,
and glorified thy greatness
though hid from human eye.

Accept, divine Redeemer,
the homage of my praise;
be thou the light and honour
and glory of my days.
Be thou my consolation
when death is drawing nigh:
be thou my only treasure
through all eternity.

*The Holy Bible contains over 500 references to fire.
Let us pray in thanksgiving for the Northamptonshire
Fire and Rescue Service & for Northamptonshire
Police who have assisted us over recent days.*

THE ORDER OF THE MASS

(Extracts)

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

THE GLORIA

This is omitted in Advent and Lent

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*After each intention that is vocalised by the
Deacon there is a short pause while the faithful
pray. Therefore, the Deacon leads us in the
Intercessions, but we do the praying, hence why
it is also called "The Prayer of the Faithful".*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

*For Catholics, the Holy Eucharist is the source
and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the
vital centre of all that the Church is and does,
because at its heart is the real presence of the
crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing
and making available his saving work among
us. Holy Communion is the literal Body, Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.*

After the Preface, the people sing:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, grant us peace.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the
world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the
Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be
healed.**

DISMISSAL

*Then the Deacon, or the Priest says one of the
following:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.
Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.
Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.