



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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8th February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AD 2026

Sunday, 8 th February <i>5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 706)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am – Leemarove Joseph's Intentions 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
Sunday, 15 th February <i>6th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Page 709)</i>	Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School	HOLY MASS	INTENTIONS: 9:00am – Dec'd Members of the Moen Family 11:00am - Parish	

Counters This Week: CC & FrW

Sacred Scripture Resource 1: 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. Please register your interest by emailing Dcn Peter: deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org.

Sacred Scripture Resource 2: "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. For more details visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/lenten-journey/>

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. Details from William: wpcurrie@btinternet.com.

→ **Car Park:** The School and the Parish accept no liability for any damage, theft or accident by users.

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

Nazareth House are looking for new volunteers to escort residents to and from the Sunday Mass in the onsite Chapel. 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.

Encounter Ministry Healing Service:

A special healing liturgy will be offered on Friday, 28th February at 7:30pm in the Cathedral and all are invited to participate. This forms part of a healing school that is taking place which will welcome over one hundred participants from across the UK.

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. Please pray for more vocations to the Priesthood.



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 just £5. **This is being promoted by the Diocese!** Please do consider joining this.

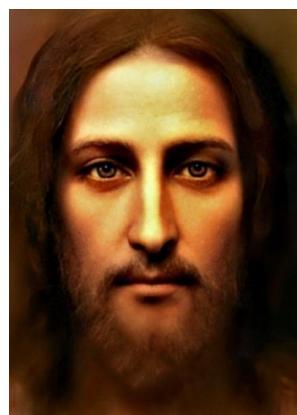
Mission Northampton invites anyone who has a heart for sharing the Gospel with others to come to a gathering on Saturday, 14th March from 10:30am to 4pm in Sacred Heart Church, Leighton Buzzard. Parking is available. Please bring a packed lunch.

In preparation for Ash Wednesday, we are each invited to return last year's Palm Cross to the basket at the entrance/exit of the hall. These Palm Crosses will be burned to create the ash for Ash Wednesday.

The Catholic Union Charitable Trust announces its recently launched Catholic Young Artist Award; this is open to all primary school-aged children. The theme is: Forgiveness and the winner will be announced at the end of the academic year and will receive a cash prize. This Award runs alongside the Catholic Young Writer Award: this is open to Catholic pupils of secondary school age and it invites our young people to reflect on the question: "Why do we go to Confession". See the "Latest News" section of: <https://catholicunion.org.uk/>

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 our 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

TODAY - 8th February - and will contain a prayer Card, a card to give/send to the Deacon, Priest or Religious for whom you are praying this Novena and Chaplet beads handcrafted by **Janet Northing**.



• Holy Face • Petitions Cards

These can be found at the exit of the Hall and are used to leave a prayer at the Holy

Face of Jesus image that is before the Altar. These petitions will be offered privately by Janet Northing (whom we sincerely thank).

The Diocese is seeking to recruit 3 Property Area Coordinators to be responsible for the maintenance, compliance and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within a specific geographic area. For details visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs>

Thank you # 1!

The new sanctuary carpet (in a colour appropriately called "Gilded Chalice") has been generously donated by Mrs Maggie N. Ndekwe and her family to the greater glory of God. In particular: The dais carpet is donated in thanksgiving for the graces received through the intercession of Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi. The ambo carpet is donated in loving memory and for the repose of the soul of Mr Philip C. Ndekwe and all the faithful departed. *Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray*. We sincerely thank Maggie and her family for their munificence.

Thank you # 2!

We extend our very sincere appreciation to those parishioners who have made financial donations to the parish, some very considerable in size, toward the restoration of our Church following the fire.

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
Kathleen Eyre	Josephine Ahern
Teresa Brown	Liam

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

Bank: NatWest.

Sort Code: 60-06-11

Account Number: 46898093

Account Name: Northampton Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust

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