



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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8th March **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A** **AD 2026**

<p>Sunday, 8th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> <i>(Page 164)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>HOLY MASS</p>	<p>INTENTIONS: 9:00am - George McCarron RIP 11:00am - 1) Parish 2) Janet and Ross</p>	<p>PARISH PRIEST: Canon Christopher Perry ☎ 713015 frchristopher.perry@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p>Deacon: The Rev'd Michael Fleming ☎ 647750 mvf@btinternet.com</p> <p>Priest in Residence: Fr Wayne Coughlin ☎ 713015 frwayne.coughlin@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p>Parish Secretary: Mrs Caryll Comley ☎ 713015 parish.stgregory@northamptondiocese.org</p> <p>Safeguarding Representative: Carol McNeil ☎ 07906802615</p>
<p>Friday, 13th March</p>	<p>Saint Matthew's Church, Kettering Road</p>	<p>Stations / Way of the Cross</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>	
<p>Sunday, 15th March <i>Lent Four: Laetare Sunday</i> <i>(Page 171)</i></p>	<p>Saint Gregory's Catholic Primary School</p>	<p>HOLY MASS</p>	<p>INTENTIONS: 9:00am - 1) William Carroll 2) All mothers 11:00am - 1) Parish 2) All mothers</p>	

→ *Counters This Week: CC & RM*

Maureen Gill, RIP: Some of you may remember Maureen who was a long-standing parishioner at St Gregory's Church. Sadly, Maureen passed away on 2nd March and your prayers for the repose of her soul would be much appreciated by her family.

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.

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.**

More details coming soon about the founding of the **'Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby'** in our parish. Life Membership is £5. **Janet Northing will be available today to answer any questions you have about the Confraternity.**



→ **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:**

This can be celebrated with Fr Wayne (after the 9:00am Mass) **today**, 15th March and 22nd March.

See the newsletter area of the website for a **booklet** about the **Lent and Easter liturgies** in the parishes of the Pastoral Area; hard copies are now available.



March is dedicated to St Joseph and to honour this tradition, and to participate in Missio's great novena of prayer, **specialty made chaplets** will be available to buy **today** (Sunday, 8th March) at the cost **price of £3**. → £1 from the sale of each

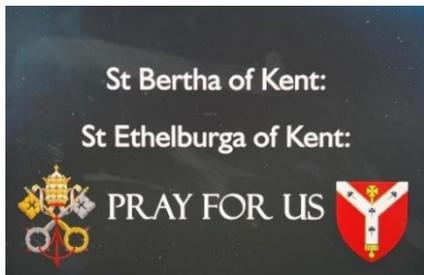
Chaplet will be given to the children's branch of Missio. The chaplets are available in a limited number. The novena will be offered for our own intentions, the Pontifical Mission Societies (Missio) and the St Joseph Missionary Society of Mill Hill.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

for our youth will be celebrated on **Sunday, 20th 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.



THEY ARE UP!
The decorative **black and grey garden screens** that grace the Church car park walls have now been adorned

with **floral slate plaques** with some of the historic titles for Our Lady from the UK. Further slate plaques have been added to the garden wall featuring the names of **St Joseph, St Gregory the Great** and the **Patrons** of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, as well the flowers that are linked with each saint or nation. The screens are **numbered with plaques** bearing an image of the Westminster Cathedral sanctuary Cross (see below) so that these can be used to pray the Way of the Cross; the 'Notre Dame School Cross' is the XV Station (The Resurrection).

Six large slate plaques feature **saints connected with St Gregory the Great** (see above), plus two plaques featuring the names of saints associated with pivotal moments in the history of the Church in this country. • If you would like to **sponsor a slate plaque or the cost of the installation** (£250) please contact Caryll, our Parish Secretary, ASAP – *they are being sponsored quite quickly!*

- Station Numbers (Westminster Cross): 1 - 15 (£10)
- **New:** Resurrection: *Resurrexit Sicut Dixit!* (£20)
- **New:** Our Lady of Walsingham (£10)
- **New:** Confraternity of the Holy House (£10)
- **New:** St Carlo Acutis & 'Bld' Fulton Sheen (£20)
- **New:** All Saints and Blesseds of E&W (£20)
- St George & St David (£20)
- St Andrew & St Patrick (£20)
- St Thomas of Canterbury, St John Fisher & St Thomas More (£20)
- Ss Ethelbert of Kent & Paulinus of York (£20)
- St Justus & St Mellitus (£20)
- Canterbury: St Augustine & St Laurentius (£20)
- St Æthelthryth of Ely & St Hildelith of Barking (£20)
- St Mildrith & St Eanswythe (£20)



The plaques are outdoors and so are susceptible to weathering and vandalism. Firstly, an online **commemorative book** will give details of the saints on each slate plaque and by whom it has been sponsored. We will also arrange

that the plaques are **dedicated in a special outdoor ceremony** (details to follow); if you can help with the refreshments, please speak to Fr Wayne ASAP!

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer **residential** work experience for **20 young adults**.

Candidates must be in their **first** or **second** year at **university**.



21st- 26th June 2026



All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the Office throughout the week are covered.



CAFOD National Office, Romero House, Waterloo, SE1 7JB



For more information, please contact
• KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Closing date for applications: 6th April



Please pray for those who are unwell, especially:

Fr. Philip Swingler	Joe Linney	Liam
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 (learn to eat)	Sheila Frost	Peter Frost
Denise Faulkner	Jim O'Connor	Ester Snelling
Margaret Refoy	Sheila Dowling	Mary Rumsey
Clare Sefton	Mark	Josephine Ahern
Baby Dali	Fr. Lourdusamy	Teresa Brown
Kathleen Eyre	Mrs Taylor	Colin Smith

Anniversaries of Death (since the year 2000):

Paddy Barry	Norah Milton	Bridget Wall
Mary Bridge	Paul Goodwin	Edith McGarry
Margaret Bryant	Margaret Osborne	Joseph Loveridge
Gwynne Woodford	Jack Bull	Gerald O'Rorke
Patrick Parkes	Dmytro Wrlyczko	Michael Royde-Smith
Maureen Moriarty	Alec Unsworth	Margaret Walsh

Jesu Mercy, Mary Pray.

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

As **March is dedicated to St Joseph**, an image of this saint has been placed before the altar and at which you can leave petition slips to request the prayers of him who is **the Most Chaste Spouse of Our Lady**. Petition slips (which are near the hall entrance/exit) can be left for any intention, e.g. healing, thanksgiving, a departed loved one, a happy retirement, employment, etc. The **petition slips** will not be read by anyone other than by Janet Northing as she **privately offers them in prayer**.