



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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St John, St John

& All Saints and Blesseds of Northampton: Pray for us!



Universalis: **The Lateran Basilica** was built by the Emperor Constantine on the Lateran Hill in Rome in about AD 324. The feast of its dedication has been celebrated in Rome on this date since the twelfth century. In honour of the basilica, ‘**The mother and head of all the churches of the City and the World,**’ the feast has been extended

to the whole Roman Rite as a sign of unity and love towards the See of Peter, which, as St Ignatius of Antioch said in the second century, “presides over the whole assembly of charity”. The Basilica is dedicated to **St John the Baptist** and **St John the Evangelist**.



Francis: It is important that every diocese in the world commemorate its own local **Saints, Blesseds, Venerables and Servants of God** on a single date. Therefore, from the Jubilee Year of AD 2025 please remember and honour, for example in the homily or at some other point, these figures of holiness, on 9th

November, which is the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Dated: 16th November 2024



“Today we do remember those who have given their lives in faith and love. Faith in the conviction of what they are doing and out love for those who they serve. Some we know through personal relationships and stories and some we know because of their notable courage and endeavours on the battlefield and their subsequent honours.”

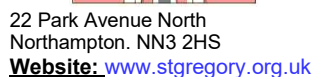
The Revd Captain J Power CF:

Westminster Cathedral: Remembrance Sunday 2024



The CTS: History has been made as Pope Leo declared **St John Henry Newman** a Doctor of the Church! Such a saint is declared a Doctor because through their writings they have helped Holy Mother Church to understand the truth of the Faith more deeply. Therefore, this saint has been recognised

for their teaching and insight into the mystery of God, which is in full conformity with the Catholic Faith.



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Sunday <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro Malabar Rite)	Victims of War The Parish
Monday St Leo the Great	9.00 am	Mass	Paul Sefton RIP Pope Leo XIV
Tuesday St Martin of Tours	9.00 am	Mass	Victims of War
Wednesday St Josaphat	9.00 am 10.30 am	Mass Funeral Mass	Maureen Brett's Intentions Collette Corr RIP
Thursday Feria	9.00-11.00 4.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Holy Hours of Adoration Reception of the body of Holy Souls Rosary Mass	Mary Gilmartin RIP Peter & Alice Curran / Holy House Confraternity
Friday Feria	 10.00 am	→ No 9:00am Mass Funeral Mass	 Mary Gilmartin RIP
Saturday Our Lady on Saturday	9.00 am	Mass	Tom & Kathleen Nicholson's Intentions
Sunday <i>33rd Sunday Of the Year</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Mass Mass Mass (Syro-Malabar Rite)	Jude Ebeneza Arthur RIP The Parish

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May they Rest in Peace

William Coulton	George Lewin
Margaret Coll	Margaret King
Eileen Loughran	Stephen Folon
Anthony Refoy	Hilary Graney
Edward Taylor	Jeremiah Buckley
Jack Norris	Elizabeth Ryan
Patrick Berrey	Jane Aneke
Daniel Cole	Diana Cornwell
Arthur Coleman	John Callinan
Paddy Streeter	Larry Scicluna
Rosie Augustine	Francis Pilsbury
Roslyn Thompson	Jaroslav Picunko
Marie Williams	Lianan Dolan
Anne Rafter	Hynek Hlustik
Jacqueline Sohal	Bartley Folon
Martin Callaghan	Arthur Cannell
Mary Barnell	Grace Pond
Bridget Lalor	Clara Woods
Rose Madden	Margaret Madeiros
Philip Joseph	

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

O God, author and lover of peace,
to know you is to live, to serve you is to reign.
Defend against every attack those who cry to you so that
we, who trust in your protection,
may not fear the weapons of any foe.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

<u>Your Offering to the Parish:</u>	Last Week Was £1310.83. Thank you!
<u>Standing Order gifts to the Parish:</u>	Each week £557 is given through standing orders.
<u>Donations through the Diocese:</u>	An average of £75 is given each week.
<u>Second Collection This Week:</u>	Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.
<u>Gift Aid benefits to the parish:</u>	The value of Gift Aid averages £171 per week.
<u>Cleaners This Week:</u>	The Church is cleaned & sanitised on a regular basis.
<u>Counters this Week:</u>	CC & FrW.

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12: *I saw water flowing from the temple.*
1 Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 16-17: *You are God's temple.*
John 2: 13-22: *He was speaking about the temple of his body.*

Malachi 4: 1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12; Luke 21: 5-19.

<u>During This Season of Ordinary Time, Autumn, We Are Asked to Pray For:</u>	Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest; The Spread of the Gospel; Victims of War; Prisoners & Their Families; Children & Young People.
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St Ignatius Maloyan · St Peter To Rot · St Vincenza Maria Poloni ·
St María Carmen Rendiles Martínez · St Maria Troncatti · St José
Gregorio Hernández Cisneros · St Bartolo Longo: Pray for us!

Please pray for the soul of Julieta Azedo Fok, sister of Maria Azedo, who passed away on 19th September. May she rest in peace.

Notices of Interest

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel:

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle.
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of
the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust down into hell
Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Repository: The Repository is open after Sunday Masses for the sale of cards & religious goods. Weekday missals are now freely available, price £55. A display of Christmas cards & other items is on display in the Foyer. Please remember we only take cash so all profit goes to our good causes! I had little response to last week's appeal for help & staff illness means we are very short. Please consider giving a few minutes of time after Mass during this very busy time. I will be at both masses this week to show you the ropes! Contact Kath.healey.789@gmail.com or 01604 629103

Bible Alive: The November/December issue is now available in the Narthex. The two-month edition is priced at £6. Extremely good value! Please put money into the 'Books & Papers' box in the narthex wall.

The Annual New Sanctuary Arrangements: Thanks to the great generosity of several parishioners a new 'platform' has been installed to make accessing the tabernacle easier, and during the coming weeks this, plus the ambo steps, will be covered in a beautiful new carpet.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Baptism Preparation: The next session will be in the Sacristy, 7pm, on Monday 1st December. Please note you will need to phone Deacon Michael on 07999808997 before you attend, to book a place.

First Holy Communion 2025/6: First Holy Communion 2026 Registration will be on Sunday 19th October after the 11am Mass. If you know that you cannot come on that date, there is an alternative after the 10.30 Mass at Sacred Heart, Weston Favell on Sunday 12th October. Whichever day you register, it is for the same course, and makes no difference to where First Holy Communion is received.

Confirmation in 2026: Confirmation details for 2026 will appear here in due course.

Supporting Your Parish: Much 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:
Bank; NatWest
Sort Code; 60-06-11
Account Number; 46898093
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) and this is much simpler if you give by standing order.

Parking: Our car-park is small, & many have to park on the road. We are in a residential district, & our neighbours also like to park. Please be considerate, & remember that there are laws regarding where you may park. *It is illegal to block a drive to a house where there is a dropped kerb or where a white line is painted indicating the needs of a disabled driver. It is also illegal to park at a road junction.* There is usually space on Wellingborough Road at the side of Abington Park opposite the bottom of Lime Avenue.

Parish Secretary at St Augustine's, Daventry: We have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to provide administration support to the parish of St Augustine's, Daventry. The role will initially be offered on a 12-month fixed-term contract, with the potential for it to become permanent subject to diocesan needs. The role will be for 12 hours per week, ideally worked Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am - 1pm. (start time is flexible) Full information for the position and an application form can be found at <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

Formation for Pastoral Councils: The Vicariate for Pastoral Development has joined with the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle to offer a series of webinars to support the development of active and flourishing pastoral councils. Topics covered include prayer in meetings, roles and recruitment, changing the culture, dealing with conflict, and letting the Holy Spirit lead. The next in the series, *Keeping Meetings Spiritual*, will be led by Fr Shaun O'Neill on Tuesday 11th November 7-8pm.
Register: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese/1861328>. The first, *Why Parish Councils Matter* with our very own Avril Baigent, is available to watch at <https://northamptondiocese.org/formation-for-pastoral-councils/>.

Ceili Dancing: Dancing continues every first & third Wednesday of the month in the Parish hall. All welcome.

Praise and Worship: St Thomas Becket Catholic School on 12th November from 6pm to 7:15pm in the Auditorium. This is a free event.

Bl. Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group prays together online via Whatsapp & telephone on the 1st Saturday of the month (next meeting 6th December), in the Hall: 10am-12pm.

Tots @ St Gregory's: If you have care of a pre-school child on a Tuesday morning we would be delighted to welcome you. Looking forward to seeing you!

Church Cleaning: Helpers needed to clean the Church on last Sat. every month (next – 29th November), after morning Mass. All welcome, especially the younger, more energetic ones!

Choir Notes: next practices, as we prepare for Christmas, are on Saturdays from 11-12: Nov 15, 22, 29 and Dec 13, 20. Alec

Gregory Care: dates for your diary:-
29th November, 6pm: Indian Unity in Diversity Event (please note change of date)
On both days the host community will be sharing their culture through food and entertainment.
28th February Table top Sale.
9th May St Gregory's Fun Day as part of Headlands celebration.
6th June Picnic in the Park.
We hope as many people as possible can join us at these events.

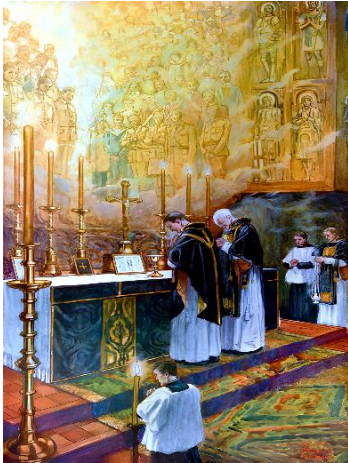
Refreshment Donations: Below is the schedule for refreshment donations through the year:

From the first Sunday in Advent to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:	The Hope Centre
From the Second Sunday in ordinary time to the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday:	Gregory Care
Through Lent and Eastertide:	CAFOD
Ordinary Time until the end of August:	Refreshment Fund
September until the Harvest collection:	CAFOD
After harvest until the beginning of Advent:	The Bible Society

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

November is the time when we specifically pray for our departed loved ones and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory as we aid them in their journey to be with God. If you write the names of your deceased loved ones on a piece of paper, and then place this list in the remembrance box, the Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for them daily during November and prayers asked for them at the Sunday Mass.



The annual
**PARISH
REQUIEM
MASS**
will be offered
on Thursday,
20th November
at 7:00pm.
All welcome

There will be an opportunity to leave a single flower in the name of your departed loved ones who you are remembering at this Mass. Please bring the name you would like to be read out clearly written on a slip of paper and hand this to the people who will be at the doors. If you are remembering more than one person, please group in family names.

Holy Souls Rosary: Do join us for this each Thursday of November at 6:30pm as we pray for these intentions:

1. All the bereaved.
2. All the recently departed.
3. Our own departed loved ones.
4. All The Holy Souls in Purgatory.
5. The Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham and The Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby.

We will begin the Holy Souls Rosary with the prayer to Our Lady of Walsingham. NB: Twenty-five specially commissioned Holy Souls single-decade rosary beads will be available for people to borrow for this devotion (and then to return to us for use the following week). The Holy Souls Rosary will be led by **Janet Northing**, who is the Co-Founder of the Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby, and its current Lay Guardian.

Sacrament of Confession: This act of the Lord's great mercy can be celebrated after the 9:00am Mass every Saturday using the 'Confessional Box' in the Church. Individuals can also request this sacrament at any time by speaking to Canon Bennie or Fr Wayne.



This prayer can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel is used in many parishes as part of the Rosary and/or after Holy Mass. In the autumn of 2018 Pope Francis asked that this prayer be regularly recited by the faithful in the wake of increasing Catholic disunity and revelations of sexual abuse by the clergy.



Cantors, choir leaders, singers and musicians are all invited to **"Sing the Season: Advent 2025"** on Sat., 22nd November from 11am to 4pm (with Holy Mass at 10am) in the Church of Our Lady and St Lawrence, Olney to explore new Psalm settings and great ideas for the Advent liturgies. Bring your lunch: tea & coffee provided.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) - Help stop abortion up to birth:

The Bill is currently awaiting its committee stage, at which amendments will be debated. The Government anticipates there will be twelve days of Committee stage, with the abortion clause listed for the last day of debate; this is currently expected to be Thursday, 22nd January AD 2026. Please pray that the sanctity of human life will be protected and visit the SPUC website to learn how to write to House of Lords members to oppose this Bill: <https://spuc.org.uk/>



We are looking to establish **The Confraternity of the Holy House, Corby** here at St Gregory's Church! The cost of lifetime membership is £5 (which includes the enamel member's badge and a prayer card). The commitment is to daily offer the Our Lady of Walsingham Prayer and to pray the Rosary, preferably as a group, once a week. **Janet Northing**, the Co-Founder of the Confraternity and its current Lay Guardian, will speak at Mass about this on **Sun., 16th November**.

Our Lady of Walsingham: Pray for us!