



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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Welcome to Bishop Peter

Our Lord chose his Apostles who, with the exception of Judas Iscariot, became the first bishops of the Church, receiving the fullness of the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Every bishop in the Catholic Church follows in a direct line from the first apostles.

Some 60 years after the great Pentecost experience, St Ignatius of Antioch wrote about the relationship of the bishop with his clergy and people.

You should act in accord with the bishop’s mind, as you surely do. Your priests, indeed, are as closely tied to the bishop as the strings to a harp. Wherefore your accord and harmonious love is a hymn to Jesus Christ.

(Letter of St Ignatius to the Ephesians)

In the early years of the Church, congregations were centred around cities, and were led by the bishop, but as the number of the faithful grew, cities needed more than one centre of worship, and bishops

ordained priests to serve other congregations, and eventually also more rural congregations as the Church continued to grow.

As the Roman Empire collapsed, the power vacuum was filled by the Church as a matter of necessity; Leo the Great and our own patron, Gregory the Great were example in Rome, but throughout the empire, bishops were looked up to, not just for spiritual authority but also secular. This was the foundation of the mediaeval system.

The Council of Trent reformed the Church, and gave bishops a duty to visit every parish in their diocese and ensure that everything is in accordance with the disciplines of the Church.

Every five years each bishop is required to make a report to the Pope to assure the Holy See that the diocese is in good order — Bishop Peter will be doing this later this year.

Our bishop is the spiritual head of the diocese; we pray for him at every Mass, and today we are happy to welcome him to the parish.

On Offer for you this Autumn (More offers inside!)

Bible Timeline of Tuesday Evenings

If you want a better understanding of our faith, and a deeper relationship with God, then you should join us for The Bible Timeline Study, beginning this week. By being a part of this study, you will not only benefit personally, but you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we all grow closer to Christ.

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God’s Word. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible and brings you deep into each period of salvation history, so that you can discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. The Bible Timeline has helped hundreds of thousands of people to have a better understand the Bible and a deeper relationship with Christ, and it will help you too.

The study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. Everyone who participates will receive a color-coded Bible Timeline Chart, as well as a The Bible Timeline Study Kit. (£32.00) If the cost is a problem, please come anyway as we can offer easy terms at 0%!

Ephesians on Tuesday Mornings

One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God’s grace, we have become his adopted sons and daughters. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God—an heir to his promises and blessings? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of his family, the Church? To help you uncover this meaning, St Gregory’s will begin Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance this Tuesday. For more information or to register, or contact Catherine Mulligan at [01604 643221 EMAIL mulligancatherine@hotmail.com]. You will not only discover your unique gifts and calling as a member of Christ’s Church; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish as we grow closer to Christ together.

Participants of Ephesians will receive a workbook (£19.99) and will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by Jeff Cavins, will guide you through St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, helping you discover the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God.

Please commit to a time of prayer and adoration during the 40 hours — Thursday to Friday



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Please pray for the sick

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| Sylvia Marlow | Kelly-Ann |
| Cecilia Pereira | Robert Fleming |
| Fr Philip Swingler | Joan McAllister |
| Michael Spowart | Jean O'Neill |
| Dominic Nicholls | Clara Korejwo |
| Alf Shipman | Ziadi Family |
| Frank Burke | Khanh Phan |
| Kath Seamark | Robert Moore |
| Fr Ed Worthy | Sarah Dunster |
| Liam Murphy | Kim Do |
| Margaret Farragher | Sr. Margaret |
| Dulcie Miranda | Chris Butler |
| Joan Healy | Lily Butler |
| Irgard Wraxall | Rachel |
| Sylvia Clark | Phyllis Albon |
| Maurice Murphy | Doris Old |
| Sylvester Dauksta | Rita |
| Lorraine Wollard | Rita Barry |
| Dolores Behan | Vera Curly |
| Richard Redmond | Chau |
| Teresa Redmond | Damien Darkko |
| Br Paul Greaves | Michael Graney |
| Paul Mandel | Fr. John O'Brien |
| Tony Refoy | Candy Docherty |
| Leo Bell | Elaine Donnely |
| Jennifer Ogbata | May Eamons |
| Constance Unsworth | Michael Folon |
| John Bosco Cullen | N. Donegan |
| Philomena Fraher | Michael Fraher |
| Maureen Smith | Edward Taylan |
| Fr. Malachy Eleanya | Peter |
| Nancy Ginnelly | Mary Rumsey |
| Maire West | Owen |

Anniversaries:

May they Rest in Peace

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| Ian Kennedy | Leslie Coelho |
| Lawrence O'Toole | Loretta Newby |
| Mary O'Donoghue | Matthew Boulos |
| Mary Williams | Bridget Hanrahan |
| Florence Thompson | Louise Battye |
| Robert Snelling | Margaret Currid |
| Alfred Lack | Norman Jepson |
| Mary Oliver | Doreen Moyles |
| Clare Gilbert | Anthony Cotton |
| Doris Gallati | Derek Rumsey |
| Fr. James Marks | John McKernan |
| Dom Eric Phillips | Lucia Gambuti |
| Michael Ginnelly | Ben Jacobs |
| Kathleen Costello | Stephen Cahill |
| Thomas McKinney | Francis Phelan |
| Bill Frost | Margaret Lynch |
| Baby Andrinavicius | Maud Clarke |
| Thomas English | |

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR
SEPTEMBER**

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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| Sunday <i>Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church</i> | 9.00 am | Mass | Dante Davighi |
| | 11.00 am | Mass | The Parish |
| Monday St. Gregory the Great | 9.00 am | Mass | Martin Cloherty |
| Tuesday Feria | 9.00 am | Mass (Followed by prayers for the sick) | Fr. James Marks RIP |
| Wednesday Feria | 9.00 am | Mass Celebration of Word & Communion (St Andrew's) | Canon Dom Eric Phillips RIP |
| | 11.00 am | | |
| Thursday Feria <i>40 hours adoration begins at 7.00 am</i> | 7.00 am | Mass of Exposition Celebration of Word & Communion Benediction Mass | Louise Battye RIP |
| | 9.00 am | | |
| | 6.45 pm | | Patrick O'Brien RIP |
| | 7.00 pm | | |
| Friday Feria <i>40 hours adoration continues until 11.00 pm</i> | 9.00 am | Mass | Tufsey & Jack Whyte |
| | 11.00 pm | Mass to conclude 40 hours | The Alpha Course |
| Saturday Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9.00 am | Mass | In Thanksgiving for Paul & Clare Sefton's 60 th Wedding Anniversary |
| Sunday <i>23rd Sunday of the Year</i> | 9.00 am | Mass | Edith Eyre's Intentions |
| | 11.00 am | Mass | The Parish |

Your Offering To The Parish:

Last Sunday's collection was £756.57. Thank you!

Standing Order gifts to the Parish:

Each week £300 is given through standing orders.

Gift Aid benefits to the parish:

The value of Gift Aid averages £137 per week.

Special Collection Last week:

Kerala Flood relief (through CAFOD): £609.75

Counters This Week:

M. Bonner, Mrs Morgan.

Cleaners This Week:

George & Another.

Readings for This Sunday

Ezekiel 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12.

I saw a stream of water coming from the Temple.

1 Corinthians 3: 9-11, 16-17.

You are the temple of God.

John 2: 13-22.

He was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 35: 4-7; James 2: 1-5; Mark 7: 31-37. (Page 69)

During this season of

Teachers & Pupils; The Harvest;

Ordinary Time, Autumn,

The Spread of the Gospel;

we are asked

Prisoners & their Families;

to pray for:

Victims of War; Young People.

In Hospital? Let the Chaplaincy know on 01604 714556

**If you are in need, please ring Gregory Care on 07982 235379,
Someone will respond as soon as possible. Please be patient.**

Are you new to the parish? You are welcome! Please introduce yourself to one of the clergy

Live Video streaming from the Cathedral: <https://www.churchservices.tv/northamptoncathedral>

**Please pray for the soul of Eunice Williams who died last Friday.
May she rest in peace.**

Notices of Interest

The Repository is open in the Foyer after Sunday Masses for the sale of cards & other devotional items. We still welcome offers of help, especially after 11 o'clock Mass. *Kathleen Healey. Tel 629103.*

Fairtrade: There will be Fairtrade products on sale in the hall after the 9.00 Mass this Sunday. Please always try to shop fairly!

Bible Alive for September is now available in the lobby area. Please give this publication a try - it has daily readings & good articles - all for only £2:50! **Please remember to put money in the box marked 'Books & Papers' in the entrance lobby.**

Communion to those with limited mobility: Holy Communion is brought to those in the FRONT ROW on EITHER SIDE and to wheel-chair users, but not anywhere else in church.

Vianney Mission Prayer Group meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month in the Sacristy, 6pm - 7pm. **Next meeting 12th September.** All welcome. (Followed by Mass at 7.00 pm)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please remember this important spiritual powerhouse of the parish. Exposition begins after the morning liturgy of Word and Communion on Thursdays and continues until 6.45 pm.

Adoremus Eucharistic Congress: Friday 7th Sept. to Sun. 9th Sept; The ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool & Liverpool Met. Cathedral. Local contact: Cath Worthington (07817 320934)

Choir Matters: Practices will be after Thurs. evening Mass on Oct 4, Nov 1 (Holy Day: All Saints), Nov 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, 20, not Jan 3. New members always welcome as are the old ones!
Forty Hours Exposition, Sep 6 & 7. The choir would like to take part in this act of devotion. We aim to have a "Songs of Praise" type service from after Thurs. Mass (Sep 6th) till 9pm. Choir who attend will be asked to select their favourite hymns based on, (1) the Eucharist, (2) Our Lady (whose birthday is on Sep 8th), (3) other by Sunday 2nd Sept. Any parishioner who wishes to attend is more than welcome & can let me know, in writing, which hymns they would like included, or just be there (singing). *Alec*

Tots @St Gregory's: Tots @ St. Gregory's: Tuesdays during school term-time from 9.30 - 11.30. Refreshments provided. 50p per family. All welcome!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation: The next Baptism Preparation will be on Monday 10th September at 7.00 pm. Please meet in the Church.

First Holy Communion — 2019 Registration for preparation for First Holy Communion in 2019 will be after either Sunday Mass on 16th September and 23rd September. Full programme available soon.

Confirmation Preparation: Information about next year's Confirmation preparation will be published soon. Keep looking!

The Prayer Group meets every Thursday in the Sacristy from 2pm until 3.30pm for Praise, reading of Scripture and Intercession. We are a small group, and would warmly welcome newcomers!

Blessed Cyprian Tansi Prayer Group continues monthly on 1st Saturday of each month in the Sacristy at 10am. (Next is October 6th) All welcome.

Becoming a Catholic: For adults interested in becoming Catholic the parish runs Journey in Faith process (RCIA). This is also offered for adults who are Catholic but have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Please speak to Alex Heath who leads the Journey (07963032175), Fr Andrew or Maria Heath.

SPUC 2018 Campaign: A SPUC 2018 Campaign Tour meeting will take place on 15 September 2018, 2 pm - 4 pm at St. Gregory's Church, 22 Park Avenue North, Northampton, NN3 2HS. A great opportunity to get up to speed with the current threat of abortion decriminalisation. Find out about effective campaigns to protect women and their unborn babies from abortion and how you can make a difference. For more information please contact Edward Gibbons at SPUC on 020 7820 3140 or email edwardgibbons@spuc.org.uk

5th N'pton St Mary's RC Scout Group: Did you or your family ever belong to the 5th Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group? If so, the group wants to contact you about its 100th anniversary celebrations starting with Mass & a reunion, which takes place at 2pm Sat, Oct. 20 @ Scout Camping Ground, Overstone. Although the 5th St Mary's is attached to the Cathedral, most of the time it was the only Catholic Scout group in town & attracted members from all over Northampton. Please email former leader Pat Percival on patpercivalnn@aol.com or message her on 07526 661228.

Ceili Dancing: Wednesday evenings, starts 8pm. Learn Ceili Dancing in a friendly atmosphere at St Gregory's Hall from 8pm – 9.15pm. All ages welcome! Ceád Mile Failte.

CAFOD: Opportunity to inspire our students: CAFOD invites you to be part of our education programme inspiring students to act on their sense of justice. Background in education not necessary. We're looking for people with good interpersonal skills, passion for CAFOD's work & who connect well with children & young people. The volunteer will go into local Catholic schools to deliver prepared assemblies and workshops once a term. All training, travel expenses & resources provided with the ongoing support of a local team. Contact northampton@cafod.org.uk for more details. We look forward to welcoming you to our team.

Fundraising Event for Northampton Cathedral Centre: Fri. 21st Sept, Monks Park WMC, Wellingborough Road, 7.30pm-11.30pm. Entertainment/dancing by The Geripatricks (local Irish folk duo). Admission by ticket only at £10. Raffle prize donations would be welcome. Tickets from Cathedral Shop. Please support this worthy cause. Tenders for the Cathedral Centre have now been received. Our hope is that we will start building the Centre in the near future, so let us support these great fundraising initiatives.

An important message for any who sometimes attend Mass at the Cathedral:

The Cathedral no longer send envelopes from other Parishes back, so if you occasionally attend Sunday Mass there, please do not put St. Gregory's Envelopes into the collection, but save them until you are next here, or consider setting up a standing order (see Fr. Andrew)

Support the Hope Centre: Anne-Marie Burke is planning to run the Northampton half-marathon on 9th September and is seeking sponsorship for the Hope Centre. Please visit <https://localgiving.org/charity/northamptonhopecentre> to make a donation

Pilgrimage to Walsingham — Reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life. Sunday 7th October 2018; coach leaves from the Cathedral at 7.30 am, Sacred Heart, Weston Favell at 7.40 am. To book, ring Caroline (07753105918). Cost £15.00

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Facebook page: St Gregory's has a page on Facebook, and frequently carries news before it gets into the newsletter as well as reminders for events. Address:

<https://www.facebook.com/StGregsNorthampton>

Forty Hours Exposition [PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION OF DATE]

To coincide with the “Adoremus” congress in Liverpool, there will be continuous exposition from 7.00 am on Thursday 6th September until 11.00 pm on Friday 7th September. There is a chart for people / groups to sign up and indicate whether silent prayer, music, scripture readings or other devotions.

Scripture Readings 2nd September 2018, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel was deported to Babylon with the Jews in 598 BC. He explained the fall of Jerusalem and destruction of the temple as God’s punishment for his people, and predicted a new day and a new temple for Israel. Today we hear about the extensive supply of life-giving water that will pour from this new temple, enough even to make the Dead Sea fresh enough for fish.

The psalm is a hymn of victory: we trust in the Lord, he will protect us in his city.

The Jews believed God dwelt in the temple in Jerusalem. But, writing from Ephesus around AD 54, Paul tells the Corinthians that “you are God’s sanctuary” since “God’s Spirit dwells in you”. They are being built into “God’s holy temple”. They should stop quarrelling among themselves and be a community united in

loving service. Sowing dissension damages God’s temple and will be punished.

Near the beginning of John’s gospel, after the disciples are chosen and the marriage at Cana, Jesus proclaims his mission by cleansing the Jerusalem temple. The temple had become a business, in which those in religious authority profited from the spiritual needs of the people. His Father’s house should not be misused: trade and power have no place in it.

Psalm Response: **The waters of a river give joy to God’s city, the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 45(46); 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Chris Oliver

More offers for you this Autumn

The Psalms: Monday afternoons at St Gregory’s

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Session subject</u> |
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| 17 th September 2018 | Introduction |
| 24 th September 2018 | Getting the Big Picture |
| 1 st October 2018 | Seeing and Hearing the Psalms |
| 8 th October 2018 | Learning to Pray with the Psalms |
| 15 th October 2018 | The Responsorial Psalms |
| 22 nd October | Royal and Messianic Psalms |
| 29 th October | Royal and Messianic Psalms |
| 5 th November | Thirsting for God (51:06) |
| 12 th November | Psalms of Pilgrimage and Ascents |

Matthew Study in more detail the Gospel of Matthew and see how the Old Testament is fulfilled in the new. On Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart, starting on September 5th at 7.00 pm — There is a course book which costs £27

The use of the word “temple” takes us back to the Dedication of the Temple of Solomon, which is recorded in 1 Kings 8 and 2 Chronicles 6-7. God says: “I have consecrated this house that you have built, and put my name there for ever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time.” (1 Kings 9:3)

O God, who year by year renew for us the day when this your holy temple was consecrated, hear the prayers of your people and grant that in this place for you there may always be pure worship and for us, fullness of redemption.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Bible for Beginners Please join us for a series of short meetings to discover and read the Bible: What is the Bible? Who wrote it? How do I read it? What does it mean? Friday evenings during Autumn and Spring terms, starting 8.00 pm, finishing promptly at 9.30. First meeting Friday 7th September. Meetings will be in a private house less than a mile from St Gregory’s Church. Everyone welcome!! For details please call or text Chris Oliver on 07481 476 333 or Marcelle Brown on 07941 915 255.

Psalms The rest of the Bible tells of God’s saving plan, revealed in stories and history, and prophesy. The Psalms are the response of mankind, raised in prayer and praise. In this course we learn of the prayer of Jesus and of a real school of prayer for ourselves. On Monday afternoons at St Gregory’s from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. — There is a course book, priced at £21.

Acts of the Apostles See how the Gospel was spread in the early years of the Church, bringing the centre of Christianity to Rome. On Tuesday mornings at Sacred Heart starting at 10.15 on September 4th. — There is a course book which costs £27

“Pure worship” takes us to the words of Jesus to the woman at the well: “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth. (John 4:24).

We ask that God will help us to offer pure worship here, but there is a second intention — which takes us to the eternal worship of heaven, which is the meaning of “fullness of redemption.

Alpha Course: Come and bring a friend!

On Monday evenings at St Gregory’s, starting on September 10th, and continuing on 17th and 24th September, 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th October (22nd is in school holiday-time), 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th November with an overnight stay on 2nd to 3rd November.

Autumn Courses

Alpha An excellent introduction to Christianity — this is an opportunity to come and bring a friend

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Ephesians Study one of the beautiful letters of St Paul and discover the life of the early Church in Ephesus

On Tuesday mornings until Christmas at St Gregory's starting at 10.00 am — There is a course book, exact price uncertain, probably about £20

Psalms We read from the psalms at every Mass — it was the hymn-book that Jesus used. Let them come to life for you.

On Monday afternoons at St Gregory's from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. — There is a course book, exact price uncertain, but probably about £20

John The fourth Gospel gives a unique insight into the nature of Jesus, of God Himself; of the Holy Trinity and our salvation

On Tuesday mornings at St Gregory's after Christmas, starting on 8th January at 10.00 am.