



SEASON OF LENT

(18 FEBRUARY - 2 APRIL 2026)

WELCOME TO THE 2026 LENTEN SEASON: As we enter the **holy season** of Lent, we are invited once again into a time of *reflection, repentance, and renewal*. These forty days prepare us for the **Joy of Easter** by calling us to **prayer, fasting, and charity**. Lent is a journey. It is an opportunity to begin again, to let go of what weighs us down, to deepen our participation in communal worship, and to grow in love of **God and neighbour**. May this Lent be a fruitful and blessed time for you and your families.

First Sunday of Lent

Today's Gospel

Devil to Jesus: 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.'

Jesus: 'Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 4:1-11

Please join us.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday,
6:30PM

The Passion of our Lord



Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.



⊕ MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6 pm: Mike Totterdell INT, Annie Ryan RIP, Lucy Carton RIP.

SUNDAY 8 am: Chinedum James Ezekosi INT, Winnie Brown INT.

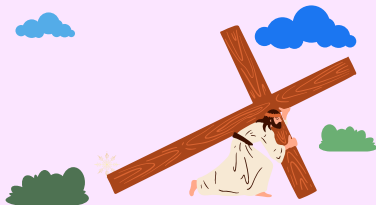
SUNDAY 10:30 am: Fr Edmond Sone INT, Val D'Souza BD, Miguel Diazon RIP, Remedios Diazon RIP, Mandy Johnson RIP, A. MacDonald RIP.

MONDAY 9:30: Carmelina Anthony D'Souza RIP.

TUESDAY 9:30 am: Fr Edmond Sone INT, Joan McKechnie RIP.

WEDNESDAY 9:30 am: Mike Totterdell BD, All Souls.

FRIDAY 9:30 am: Chinedum James Ezekosi INT, A MacDonald RIP.



As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we are invited to walk more closely with Christ. Therefore, every **Friday** during Lent, we will gather to pray the Stations of the Cross at **6:30 pm**. Please join us as we meditate on the Passion of our Lord.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Rosary & Mass Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Fridays 9:30am

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
Family Mass

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VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a **Parish Secretary** to provide administrative support to the parish of St. Anthony's Slough. The role will be 12 hours per week, working on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am to 1 pm. This is office-based. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org The closing date for applications is Friday, 27 February, with a start date as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank **Norman** and **David Picton** for preparing the ashes for our Ash Wednesday celebration. Your quiet service each year is deeply appreciated. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

RITE OF ELECTION: We congratulate **Daniella Yonko**, our RCIA candidate, who will participate in the Rite of Election this weekend at Northampton Cathedral. As she prepares to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil, we pray that this sacred time of preparation will deepen her faith and strengthen her love for Christ and His Church. Please keep Daniella in your prayers.

DIOCESAN NEWS AND INFORMATION: "Come and See" - Discernment Day for Men

Men who are wondering whether God may be calling them to the priesthood are warmly invited to a "Come and See" Discernment Day on Saturday 28 March. The day will include prayer, reflection, input on priestly vocation, and an open Q&A, offering a relaxed and supportive space to explore God's call and learn more about priestly life. It is open to men who are exploring, questioning, or actively discerning a vocation. To register your interest or for further information, please contact: Fr. Pius Amoako. Email: vocationsdirector@northamptondiocese.org | Telephone: 01753 523147

CAFOD FAST & SECOND COLLECTION: Friday 27th February is **CAFOD Family Fast Day**. On this day, we are invited to fast and pray in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world who face poverty and hardship. There will be a CAFOD collection at all Masses next weekend. Your generous support will help CAFOD continue its vital work of bringing hope, dignity, and practical assistance to communities in need.

PHOTOS & PRIVACY: From time to time, photographs are taken during Mass and parish events for publication on our website and official social media channels. We take care to ensure that images are respectful and appropriate. No names will be published without consent. Should you have any concerns about photography or wish not to be included, please write to Fr Nathaniel through the parish office. We thank you for your cooperation as we share and celebrate our parish life responsibly.

QR CODE PAYMENT: We are grateful for your faithful generosity to our parish. Alongside the traditional offertory bags and the Dona machine at the back of the church, you may also use the QR code in the newsletter to make your Sunday offering or any donation. This provides a simple and convenient way to support the mission of our parish. Thank you for your kindness and commitment.

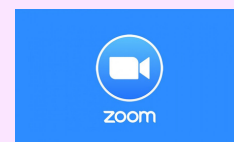


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"Jesus answered, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" John 14:6



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