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PARISH GIVING: In addition to the other options to make donations, see https://northamptondiocese.org/, you can also call the Diocese each Tuesday between 10.00am and 4.00pm, a member of the Cathedral team will be available by phone on 01604 712065 for you to make a Parish donation.

Thank you to all our stewards who are working hard and keeping us safe. Please support our stewards and follow their direction. **URGENT:** we need new stewards to assist with all of the Masses, in particular, the 11.30am Mass. If you are interested and able to help please contact:- Rose Bluett Tel: 07933 948934

DIOCESAN TRUSTEES: If you are interested in becoming a volunteer Diocesan Trustee now or in the future, then please contact Tony McNiff at COO@northamptondiocese.com

4th April 2021 Easter Sunday

Confessions: Thursday and Friday 12.00pm - 12.30pm

A very special thank you for all of your many cards and gifts. I wish you a Joyous and Peaceful Easter.

May the light of the Risen Christ fill your mind with Joy and lead you into his Peace! Stay Safe. God Bless.

Fr. Dariusz.

THE COLLECTION at today's Masses will be your personal gift to Fr. Dariusz. Envelopes for your gift are attached to the newsletter and also at the back of the church.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS – The e-newsletter from our Diocesan communications department is now weekly. All are welcome to subscribe through the Diocesan website or use the link below www.northamptondiocese.org/signup

<u>Divine Mercy Sunday</u> – Sunday 11th April, 3 - 4 pm. Holy Hour (Adoration, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet). The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday (Friday 2nd Apr). For Information about the Novena: https://centrefordivinemercy.org/novena

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE - Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on 7th April 2021 at 7pm (Eight Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed from the afternoon of Wednesday 31st March until Wednesday 7th April. Please do not come to the office. Emails only to:-ourladysluton@googlemail.com

THE ROAD TO SAINTHOOD FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PRIEST

Pope Francis has declared that a nineteenth century priest, who grew up in a Northamptonshire village is to be known as Venerable Ignatius Spencer, the Vatican has announced.

If the name Spencer sounds familiar, it may be because Ignatius' great, great niece is known to the world as Princess Diana.

Born in London as George Spencer on 21st December 1799, he went to live at the Northamptonshire stately home of this prominent, aristocratic family.

In his Anglican parish of Althorp, where he was ordained a priest in 1824, he worked tirelessly for the local community. He had a special care for the poor and those on the fringes of society.

Ignatius turned his back on the family's great wealth to convert to Catholicism in 1830 and joined the Passionist order and was ordained a priest in 1832

He died in 1864 of a heart attack whilst walking in Scotland. He worked tirelessly throughout his life for church unity. He is buried in the church of St Anne's. Sutton, St Helens, Merseyside.

Althorp is still owned by the Spencer family with Princess Diana's brother, Charles in residence there today. The home is now the resting place of Princess Diana.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: Free professional online job hunting and self employment coaching, information and activities for Parishioners seeking work can be found at www.vitaeopus.co.uk. Please pass the web link on to anyone who might find it helpful.

Catholic Easter Prayer

Lord the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope.

Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen