



Diocesan Shrine & Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St. Anselm

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	14 May	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	14 May	9.15am	Felix & Monique Durocher-Yvon MBE & William Rymer (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	15 May	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	17 May	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	20 May	10.00am	Leslie & Joanna Cooper (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	21 May	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	21 May	9.15am	Leon Lagodzinski (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	16 May	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	16 May	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	18 May	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for our parish.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8.14-17, Psalm 65:1-7.16.20, St Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £146.55 St. Anselm: £208.65 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last week's second collection. £227.14 for Priests' Training Fund.

Please pray for our sick. Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Kate Gosshawk, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Langerdon and Betty Picknell.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER. Theme: I am the way, the Truth and the life.

All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding His life we find that He is the best example- Saint Teresa of Avila.

As Jesus was about to depart from this world, he assured his disciples that he was going to prepare a place for them in heaven so that they would be with him in his Father's house. He reminded Thomas and the other disciples that he is the Way, the Truth, meaning the Life to the Father. He is the only way to the Father. There is no other way. By his resurrection, he has opened the Way to heaven to us. In Acts 4:12, Peter told the Sanhedrin that Jesus is the only name by which one is to be saved.

In answer to Philip's question: "Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied"; Jesus clearly relates the unique relationship between him and the Father. The Father is present in the Son; "To have seen me is to have seen the Father". This unique relationship validates Jesus' words and works. The words he has spoken are from the Father and the works he has accomplished are the works of the Father. Those who believe in this peculiar relationship between the Father and the Son will be enabled to do similar works of the Son and even greater works than he has done. The Father and the Son share the same divinity; they share the same words and works. Jesus has revealed to us all that we want to know, learn or hear from the Father. In Jesus Christ the Son, we see the true identity or revelation of God, the Father.

May Christ lead you through the busy moments and task of life to your vision in Life.

Prayer Request. Please pray for all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. Please also pray for the children preparing for the sacrament of confirmation.

Pentecost Novena. The 2017 Diocesan Pentecost Novena at St. Gregory Catholic Church and at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The Novena Starts at St. Gregory Catholic Church on Friday, 26th May and continues at Our lady of Perpetual Succour until Saturday, 3rd June 2017. Time: 6.30pm each Night. The novena is based on prayers, songs and the Church teachings on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Preparing for Pentecost 2017: Friday 26th May at St Gregory's Church for a Prayer Service. You are welcome to come and stay for as long or short a time as you are able. The service is in three parts: 4pm: Adoration & Worship Music, 4.30-5.15pm: Pentecost Novena Prayers, 5.15-6pm: Adoration & Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Forthcoming events at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Sunday 18 June Corpus Christi Procession. For more information, please contact Deacon Peter on 01604 811432 or topcroft@ebarton.co.uk.

Help please. The SVP would like to ask if anyone can offer a lift to Sunday mass at Billing for a lady who lives on Rectory Farm. If anyone can help on a regular basis please contact the SVP by phone or e-mail.

SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual St Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Sunday 2 July 2017. A coach with a tail lift has been will leave the Great Billing turn at 8.15am and then collect from Earls Barton library at 8.30am. The pilgrimage leaves Walsingham at 5pm and will return at around 7.30/8.00pm. For those who are sick, the sacrament of the sick will be made available during the pilgrimage. Cost is £15.00 per person or £5.00 per child. Any surplus raised will go to the SVP conference funds. You will need to bring a packed lunch and suitable clothing. To book your place, please complete one of the booking forms at the back of each church or from any member of the Local SVP to ensure you are included, on 07802 878518 and our e-mail is svp@ourladyandstanselm.org

Sacred Heart Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The pilgrimage this year is 4 -11 August. Staying in the Astoria Hotel. Price includes full board, flights and Lourdes transfers. Cost is £699 plus UK transfers. There will be a reduction for those who come as helpers. Further details and booking forms are available from Wendy Brassil on 07899 954013.

Cantare Singers: They will be hosting another great evening's entertainment in the Cathedral on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm). Tickets are £5 each and are available from the Cathedral Parish Office. All profits from the evening will go towards the Cathedral Centre Campaign.

'Now Thank We All Our God': A Diocesan music day with Martin Foster on Saturday 27th May, 11am - 4pm at Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford. Cost: £5. See Diocesan website for booking details.

The Month of May is the Month of the Holy Rosary.

For Mary's month of May, Pope Francis has recommended the "simple and effective" prayer of the rosary.

He gave this advice: "At the beginning of May, let us invoke the heavenly intercession of Mary, Mother of Jesus." While to young people, Francis urged, "learn to pray with the simple and effective prayer of the rosary," to sick people, he encouraged, "may the Blessed Virgin be your support in the trial of suffering."

It is within that context that I encourage and remind all Families and every child of God to pray the rosary for their personal intentions and peace lasting peace in the World.

May 15 – Mary: at Cana. Let us offer to our Mother today: Prompt obedience, when we are called or asked to do some errand or some act of service.

May 16 - Mary: at the foot of the Cross. Let us offer to our Mother today: An act of contrition, said many times, asking her to offer our sorrow for our sins to Jesus crucified.

May 17 - Mary: the Sorrowing Mother. Let us offer to our Mother today: The mortification of keeping quiet about any pain or discomfort, any inconvenience or disappointment, uniting it with her pain as she stood by her crucified Son.

May 18 - Mary: the Co-Redemptrix. Let us offer to our Mother today: Five small hidden sacrifices in honour of the five major wounds of our Lord.

May 19 – Mary: her Faith. Let us offer to our Mother today: The "Memorare" for the person in our family who most needs the help of our Lady.

May 20 – Mary: our Hope. Let us offer to our Mother today: A smile when we do not feel like smiling.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine. 11th June 2017. £599 per person sharing. Includes flight, taxes, transfers, 4 nights at Knock House Hotel with Breakfast and Dinner. All tours and entertainment included. Single room supplement £50.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557. Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

Vacancy. Adviser for Secondary RE and Theological Development. We are currently seeking to appoint an Adviser for Secondary RE and Theological Development to support our secondary school RE provision and develop theological resources and support for teachers in all of our schools. Full information for the position and an application form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese Website www.northamptondiocese.org and going to The Diocese/Diocesan Departments/Human Resources. The closing date for applications will be Friday 19th May 2017.