



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	17 September	8:00pm	May & Michael Irwin (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	17 September	9:15am	For the parish
Our Lady	Monday	18 September	7:00pm	No Mass today
Our Lady	Wednesday	20 September	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	23 September	10:00am	Mary Ann, Marcella and Sean Wilson RIP and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	24 September	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	24 September	9:15am	Ray & Pat Bridgman (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	12 September	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	12 September	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	12 September	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	14 September	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention For those around the world who have been affected by the destruction of the last few days.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Isaiah 55:6-9, Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18.R.v18, Philippians 1:20-24.27, Matthew 20:1-16.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £399.00 St. Anselm: £284.98 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

This week's second collection. Home Missions.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. "He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." --St. Faustina.

Theme: "...Unless you each Forgive... from your heart."

Jesus invites us to forgive those who sin against us unlimitedly just as our heavenly Father forgives us our many sins. There is no denying the fact that forgiveness is one of the most difficult and painful virtues in Christianity. Although it is difficult to forget an injury, our forgiveness and prayers for that person open the way for a great showering of Grace.

The basis of forgiveness is in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our sins and not on theories or psychology. In the story of the unforgiving servant, which crowns the Lord's teaching on ecclesial communion. In this parable, we encounter the great mercy of Christ and the debt of sin that he has forgiven. It ends with these words: "So also my Heavenly Father will do to every one of you if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." It is there in the depth of the HEART, that everything is bound and loosed. It is not in our power not to feel, or to forget an offence but the heart that offers itself to the Holy Spirit turns injury into compassion and purifies the memory in transforming the hurt into intercession. (CCC#2843)

Forgiveness is a high point of Christian prayer. Forgiveness bears witness that, in our world, love is stronger than sin. Also, the attitude of forgiveness is the fundamental condition of the reconciliation of the children of God with their Father and with one another. (CCC#2844) As Christians, we are called not to seize our neighbours "by the throat and began to throttle him" but to forgive them from our hearts.

May the Lord grant us the courage to forgive those who sin against us so that we may receive the Lord's forgiveness.

First Holy Communion. Registration for children who are to make their First Holy Communion in 2018 will take place in September. Forms are now available in the porch. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass on 15 October. If you would like further information, please contact Lorraine.

Traidcraft. Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's on 17 September. Please support this wonderful organisation.

The Shrine. Everyone is welcome to join in each week for Holy Hour on Thursday afternoons, 1-2pm. Our Holy Mother Church calls us to come to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In response to our petition, Mary, the mother of God, offers to teach us how to pray with our hearts and not only with our lips. "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy." – St Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897).

“Prayer at the Shrine”. Commencing on Wednesday 13 September at 2pm. This event will be held each week. It will initially be led by Deacon Peter and will always be led by a Priest or Deacon. It will comprise a guided recitation of the rosary, followed by a short homily related to Our Lady and then a period of silent prayer. The devotion will conclude at 3pm with the prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Those who have particular needs or causes that require the intercession of Our Blessed Mother are encouraged to place them in writing in a sealed envelope and place them before the altar during this devotion. The other devotional events that take place at Our Lady’s will continue as usual.

Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart. Adoration will resume from Monday 4 September, but with reduced hours. It will be on Mondays from 10am - 6pm and on Saturdays from 10am - 2pm. This is to ensure that there will be a minimum of two people every hour. If anyone would be willing to commit to an hour either on a regular basis or as a stand in when someone else is away, please contact Sue (786077), Carmel (404227) or Jean (07980 866516).

Parish Safeguarding Representative. Mary Brooks has been our representative for many years and, now that she has moved outside of the parish, she feels it is time to hand over to someone else within our two churches. We would like to thank Mary for representing us and carrying out her work so thoroughly over this time. Our new Parish Safeguarding Representative will be Lorraine.

Retreat for Young Leaders. NYMO are launching their programme for young leaders in October, ‘The Salt and Light Project’. It is a year long programme for young people aged 16+ who wish to take on a leadership role within the parish. The programme begins with a retreat for young leaders on 13-15 October. The young leaders will receive support from NYMO and an adult mentor from the parish. The programme concludes with a project in the parish and for the parish, led by the young leader. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the programme, please contact Fr Jerry.

Divine Mercy Retreat. Run by Marian Fathers Saturday 30th September 11am - 4:30pm at the Parish of Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP. Includes Praise & Worship, Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, talks, Divine Mercy/Benediction, Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St Faustina and Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. More info: Divine Mercy Apostolate – Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY. 020 89980925; email: info@divinemercury.org.uk www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

NORES Children’s Liturgy course: Sunday 30th September, 10.30am-1pm (registration from 10am) at NORES Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. The course is for both those who are new to working with Children’s Liturgy and those who already do. Cost of the course is £5 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

SVP Awareness Month. A quote from SVP National President Adrian Abel, on how SVP members share the love and care of Christ. “Our members are not just followers, not just disciples, not just apostles, they are ambassadors for Christ. An ambassador is sent out by the leader, and puts their own thoughts and point of view into their work. Our members are called to go out and seek those in need and put their own personalities and life experience into the friendships they develop.” If you want any more information, please contact us by either calling 07802 878518 or emailing svp@ourladyandstanselm.org and one of the SVP team will get back to you.

Holy Hour at the cathedral. 21st September at 7.30am. It will be led by the cathedral choir. There will also be adoration. All are welcome.

Prayer and Praise for Northampton. Monday 2nd October 7.30-9.30pm at Emmanuel Church, Weston Favell Shopping Centre NN3 8JR. (Free parking for 4 hours at the shopping centre. Due to building works inside the centre, please use the entrance downstairs by the bus stop.) Join us for a lively time of praise and to pray together with Christians from different churches for the needs of the people of Northampton. All are welcome. Entrance is free. Refreshments are served from 7pm.



St Vincent de Paul Society

GREAT BILLING CONFERENCE REPORT (2017)



CONFERENCE UPDATE

In 2016 (April 2016 to March 2017) we managed to help 35 individuals and 6 families. We totaled over 523 visits, averaging 10 visits per week within the local community.

Since last year our biggest achievement is the "Vinnies Drop In" at Bellinge Community House (BCH).

With the help of the Michelle at BCH we completed the required training and managed to open, for the first time on February 4th. On February 18th, Councillor Christopher Malpas, the then Mayor of Northampton, visited and officially opened us.



We aim to be better known in the community as another means of support. Opening on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month will provide an opportunity of engaging with a wider section of the community, than we have traditionally, and building up trust in the community with a regular presence.

We are also attempting to join forces with our local schools and aim to support families that are struggling, need guidance or support.

If you are interested in joining us or can spare any time to help, please contact us on the details below. We are a small group with challenges ahead we're grateful if you can spare anytime to come and join us.

SVP MEMBERS

Johan Barber (Treasurer)
James Bellamy
Kathy Forsdyke (Secretary)
Pat Henry
Peter Henry
Liz Hurrell (Vice President)
Renate Musson
Matthew Osborne (President)
Melba Osborne
Chris Webb

SVP CALENDAR

More details will appear in the weekly newsletter but to give you a taster, below are some of the planned events coming up in the next 12 months.

November/December 2017

We will be reaching out to your generosity for this year's Christmas appeal.

April/May 2018

You will be invited to attend the 2017 SVP Coffee Morning (date/location will be confirmed).

June/July 2018

The SVP will support the Parish Summer Event, we hope to see you all there.

July 2018

The next SVP trip to Walsingham is planned for July 1st (date to be confirmed).

Every Month (1st & 3rd Saturday)

Vinnie's Drop in Centre and Bellinge Community House, pop in for a tea and a chat.

CONFERENCE CONTACT

If you think the SVP can help in anyway, if you can help the SVP or if you want any more information, please contact any of the SVP members, call us on 07802 878518 or email us at svp@ourladyandstanselm.org