



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	29 January	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	29 January	9:15am	Stanislaw & Emilia Indyk (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	30 January	6:00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	1 February	11:00am	Funeral of Phyllis Lee Sang
Our Lady	Wednesday	1 February		<b>No evening Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	4 February	10:00am	For the sick, followed by Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	5 February	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	5 February	9:15am	Annelie Johnson RIP

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	31 January	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	31 January	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	2 February	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for all who are trapped in poverty.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 58:7-10, Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R.v4, St Paul to Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £259.25 St. Anselm: £194.00 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Humanity always stands in need of God. Our relationship with the Lord must always be characterised by total dependence, trust and reliance on God.

Jesus, the New Moses, addresses the crowds on a mountain about a new moral code. Jesus opens the Beatitudes with blessedness for those who are poor in spirit. The addition of the phrase "in the spirit" changes the emphasis from socio-economic to personal moral humility, detachment from wealth and voluntary poverty. The New English Bible renders this verse as: "How blessed are those who know their need of God", meaning, those depend on, trust and rely on God.

The meek are those who are slow to anger and gentle with others. Meekness, therefore, connotes a form of charity towards others. Mourners, as used by Matthew, are similar to those who hunger for justice. They mourn because of evil reigns on earth. They hunger and thirst rather for justice to reign. The merciful are those who pardon the sins of others. Surely, those who show mercy will have mercy shown them. Only the pure in heart will see God since He is all Holy. Peacemakers are those who seek the total well-being of humanity and the universe as a whole. Those persecuted for righteousness sake and on account of Jesus will surely receive their reward in heaven.

Let us not fill our hearts and lives with pride by relegating God to the background, for our lives are meaningless without any reliance or dependence on God in Christ Jesus. May Jesus Christ fill our hearts with boundless happiness.

**Wednesday Evening Mass.** Please note that there will not be Mass on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

**Emergency Calls.** If your loved one is in Northampton General Hospital and needs the Sacrament of the Sick IN AN EMERGENCY please inform the nurses who will contact the on call Catholic Priest. If it is not an emergency and you would like a regular Chaplaincy visit for someone in hospital, please call the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556.

**Traidcraft.** Liz will be holding a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's this morning. Please support this wonderful organisation.

**Diocesan Directory 2017.** These are now available at the back of the churches for £6.

**Parish Team.** Our Parish Team represents The Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and St Anselm. It was formed by Fr Damien in 2008 to support the parish and parishioners with general direction, property, finance and parish activities in general. Our role is not liturgical and this aspect is led by Fr Jerry with Deacon Peter supporting him. Deacon Peter has the spiritual responsibility for developing the activities of the Shrine. Our current team is made up of James Bellamy (Chair), Fr Jerry Manomey, Mary Brooks, Linda and Bernard Hewitt, Elizabeth Lewis, Pauline and Peter Osborne and Karen O'Rourke and we meet every six weeks. We are currently working on projects which include the internal redecoration of Our Lady's, significant electrical work at St Anselm's, ongoing maintenance of the Catholic cemetery and the reorganisation of the parish meal. We are waiting for a final decision on the removal of the sequoia tree at the entrance to the church and, when this decision is received, we will restart discussions with the Bishop in the summer on the longer term plans for the Shrine. Would you like to be contribute? Volunteering as a Parish Team member in the future, supporting activities or providing feedback/ideas. If so please contact Lorraine Foster, the parish admin assistant, e-mail: sacredheartrcchurch@btconnect.com or Tel: 01604 402301. Our next Parish Team meeting is on Monday 13 March 2017.

**Parish Meal.** We are pleased that the numbers are now over 50 for our parish meal on 1 February 2017. Tickets are still available either at the back of the church or through Karen O'Rourke (tel 07896 660113) or Pauline Osborne (tel 07590 378933). We will close ticket sales on Sunday 29 January when we need to confirm numbers to the restaurant.

**Divine Mercy Talks.** The theologian, author and director of the John-Paul II Institute in Massachusetts, Dr Robert Stackpole STD, is giving talks on the Divine Mercy message and devotion in four parishes of the Diocese. For more information please contact Wanda Leckie on 01536 511200. 17<sup>th</sup> February 6:30pm at St. Patrick's, Gainsborough Road, Corby NN18 0RJ, 18<sup>th</sup> February 11:30am – 3pm at St. Edward's, London Road, Kettering NN15 7QQ (Bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee provided), **19<sup>th</sup> February 5 – 7pm at Sacred Heart** and 20<sup>th</sup> February 7 - 9pm at St. Edmund Campion, Henshaw Road, Wellingborough NN6 2AY.

**Vacancy – Diocesan Representative for The Medaille Trust.** 16 hours per week. The Medaille Trust was founded in 2006 by a number of religious congregations and exists to raise awareness of the plight of trafficked men, women and children, to provide relief to these victims through safe housing, opportunities for physical and psychological healing and rehabilitation. They are now looking for a Diocesan Representative for the Northampton Diocese with sympathy for such a charity who has good people skills, the ability to make presentations in schools and churches, help raise awareness and achieve sustainable funding. For a full Job Description and an application pack please visit their website, [www.medaille-trust.org.uk](http://www.medaille-trust.org.uk) or email [recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk). Closing date is 30th January 2017.

**Diocesan Mass for Married Life.** Bishop Peter Doyle warmly invites you to this Mass at Christ the King Catholic Church, Harowden Road, Bedford MK42 0SP on Saturday 11 February at 12 noon. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage, i.e. 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn and Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517 or at [mfl@nores.org.uk](mailto:mfl@nores.org.uk). All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

**CAFOD Supporters' Meeting.** Join us at our Supporters' Meeting on Saturday 4 February at St Martin de Porres, 366 Leagrave High Street, Luton LU4 0NG or Saturday 18 February at St Joseph – Austenwood Common, Chalfont St Peter SL9 8RY. Both days are from 10am – 1.30pm followed by shared lunch. There will be a message from Bishop Peter and our Lenten focus will be on our project in Zambia. Please book a place in advance via 01844 274724 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk).

**Reflection Morning.** Saturday 11 March, 10am - 1pm at St Peter's Church, Higham Road, Rushden, NN10 6AG with Brian Purfield from CAFOD including Prayer of Stillness and time with Prayer Stations from Do you love me? (Our Bishops' practical Guide for Catholic Spirituality). All are very welcome. Please email: [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) to let us know you will be attending or telephone: 01582 723312 Extn.6