

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

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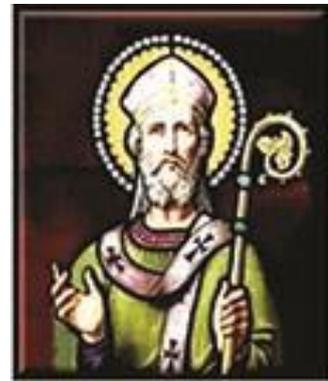
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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	30 July	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	30 July	9.15am	Charles & Teresa Padbury (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	31 July	7.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	2 August	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	5 August	10.00am	Deceased Clergy of the Diocese (Foundation Mass)
St Anselm	Sunday	6 August	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	6 August	9.15am	Thomas & Catherine Shervin (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	1 August	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	1 August	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	3 August	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Feast Days.** Monday – St Ignatius of Loyola.

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray in thanksgiving for the many Graces and Blessings we receive.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Kings 3:5.7-12, Ps 118:57.72.76-77.127-130.R.v97, Romans 8:28-30, Matthew 13:44-52.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £252.18 St. Anselm: £238.00 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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

**17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.** Theme: Our Choice for the Kingdom...

"It's your obligation to speak the truth, and everyone can either take it or leave it.

But truth must be in us. We live in such a poverty of truth today."-Mother Angelica

The two parables underscore the priceless value of the Kingdom of God for which no sacrifice is too great. Are we prepared to sacrifice everything or even offer any ultimate sacrifice of our life in order to attain whatever we treasure in life? The two parables of the treasure and the pearl, suggest that the Kingdom of God (reign of God) is the supreme value of life, so important that no sacrifice is too small for it.

The ultimate value of the Kingdom of God or God's Kingly rule is a question of priority of values. In a society, which is ever more doing away with values that used to be sacred to the Christian life such as the value of life, sound judgment, respect for authority etc. we need a priceless treasure like the TRUTH. The Truth is the greatest treasure that can be known through the Holy Spirit. Our entire spiritual life consists of searching for the TRUTH and the JOY of finding. Those who respond to Christ's invitation to the Kingdom of heaven will find the TRUTH, while those who do not do so will remain puzzled by the parables he preached.

May the Holy Spirit touch our hearts and lead us to a deeper understanding of the truth about the kingdom of God.

**The Shrine.** The decorating of the inside of the Shrine has finished and 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).

**Make a difference in our schools with CAFOD.** Retiring soon or have some time? CAFOD is looking for people to inspire and empower children and young people in our Catholic schools to act on their sense of justice by giving assemblies and/or workshops. All training is provided and travel cost reimbursed. We would love to hear from you or someone you know who might be interested: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) or 01844 274 723. (DBS checks are a prerequisite for these posts.)

**Planned giving envelopes.** For those parishioners who sometimes attend Mass at the Cathedral, please note that the Cathedral no longer send envelopes from other Parishes back. So if you occasionally attend Sunday Mass there, please do not put our parish envelopes into the collection, but save them until you are next here.

**Food Bank.** The Food Bank at Restore in Northampton is quite low on a stock of products and is appealing to parishes to see if they can support a summer restock. There is a list on the notice board of items that they stock and if anyone can help with these by bringing them to church on July 30 and August 6 and leaving them in the porch that would be much appreciated.

**Feast of St Gregory:** The Feast of St Gregory falls every year on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, which this year falls on a Sunday. This day is also the day on which the church was consecrated in 2004. The celebration of the anniversary of the consecration of the church is celebrated on the Sunday, and we will be celebrating the feast of St Gregory on the Friday evening, 1<sup>st</sup> September, with Mass at 7pm and usual reception afterwards. This year they are also celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishing of the parish, and Bishop Peter will be celebrating the Mass, together with the priests of the Pastoral Area. Everyone is welcome to join them.

**Eucharistic Adoration at Sacred Heart:** Following recent thefts, and as a number of their regular 'watchers' are on holiday during the next few weeks and they do not want to have just one person on their own, they have regretfully decided to reduce the hours for adoration until September. **Adoration will only be on Mondays from 10.00 - 12.00 and not on Saturdays.** They will review the situation for September.