



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	4 December	8:00am	Barbara Mary White (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	4 December	9:15am	Brian Woods RIP (20 year anniversary)
Our Lady	Monday	5 December	6:00pm	Priest's Intentions
Our Lady	Wednesday	7 December	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	10 December		<b>There will be no Mass or Exposition today</b>
St Anselm	Sunday	11 December	8:00am	George & Peggy Whitehead (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	11 December	9:15am	For the parish

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	6 December	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	6 December	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	8 December	7:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena
Sacred Heart	Saturday	10 December	10:00am	Advent Retreat

**Feast Days.** Monday – St Birinus, Wednesday – St Ambrose.

**Prayer Advocates' Intention.** For the Graces and Blessings of Advent for all.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 35: 1-6. 10, Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R.cf.Is 35:4, St James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £228.78 St. Anselm: £223.60 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

### **Fr Jerry's Advent Reflections. SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

One of the personalities that we encounter during the Season of Advent is John the Baptist. In today's Gospel, he calls us to repentance. His life bore witness to the message that he preached. He lived a somewhat austere life surviving on locusts and wild honey. He preached a baptism of repentance to all without mincing words. Very characteristic of John, he took a swipe at the Pharisees and the Sadducees and invited them to show their true repentance by bearing good fruits. He showed his own unworthiness compared to Jesus. Jesus' baptism is superior to his for Jesus will give the Holy Spirit to those who receive his baptism. What is still needed is repentance and bearing good fruits for there will be a time of judgement when the wheat will be separated from the chaff.

The repentance that the Baptist describes is a very decisive one- a change of heart and mind, a radical and a conscious one. For us who are already baptized, we can fan into flames our baptismal promise in order to bear the required good fruits. We know very well that John the Baptist will not mince words with us. Our repentance should be true in order to bear the good fruits as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

**Diocesan Patronal Festival Mass in honour of Mary Immaculate.** There will be a special Mass at the Cathedral to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7pm on Thursday 8 December. All are welcome.

**Advent Retreat.** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 1pm at Sacred Heart. Fr Edmund Niezer, who kindly helped out when Fr Jerry was away, will lead the retreat. The day will begin with Mass and will include a talk and the opportunity for confession. All are welcome. There will be tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

**Family Christmas Mass:** There will be a family Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to come to this Mass dressed as any character in the Nativity story.

**Catholic Schools Advent Carol Service.** On Tuesday 6 December at 6:30pm, our Catholic Schools will be celebrating Advent with a Carol Service at the Cathedral. Please do come and help us as we are 'waiting in Hope.'

**Festival of Carols & Lessons.** Wednesday 14 December at 12pm & 6:30pm in the Auditorium at Thomas Becket Catholic School. Limited availability so please secure your ticket by contacting Mrs Harrison on 01604 493211 or email [office@thomasbecket.org.uk](mailto:office@thomasbecket.org.uk). Light refreshments will be served following each celebration.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.** The school is seeking staff for January 2017. Please see their website [www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk) for their current vacancies or contact them on 01604 403511.

**A day of creativity and reflection at Turvey Monastery.** Saturday 17 December 9.30am to 5pm. Take a retreat away from the festive celebration rush. Using guided meditation and poetry for the morning to inspire our inner creativity, you may then choose to draw, paint, write, sew or just relax embraced by the peace of Turvey Monastery. Experience as an artist is not necessary. Some art materials supplied. Lovely lunch, tea and coffee included, cost is £35 and full payment goes to support the Monastery. For more information or to book contact Johan Barber on 07900 864674 or [barberjohan@gmail.com](mailto:barberjohan@gmail.com).

**Prayer and praise for Northampton.** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.30-9.30pm at Ss Francis and Therese Church, Overslade Close, East Hunsbury NN4 0RZ. Refreshments from 7pm. Come and pray together for Northampton, with Christians from many different churches. All welcome.

**Food Bank.** The SVP will have enough funds to provide hampers this year and ask if we could support the local Food Banks instead, which provide vital food and supplies for those in need. Christmas is a time when a lot of families struggle and the Food Banks' work becomes even more vital. Thank you so much for your very generous donations last week. Supplies will be collected again today.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December Weston Favell Centre.** From 1:30pm -3pm next Sunday, Churches Together in the Eastern district will be holding 'an event'! There will be free gift wrapping and an opportunity to watch the Bible Society's 5 minute Christmas film 'The Well Good News of Christmas'. For anybody interested there will be a free book handout about the film and from 2pm-3pm there will be carol singing. Why not come along and help out or just enjoy?

**Help Needed.** Thomas Becket Catholic School need new linens and altar cloths for their chapel at the school. Unfortunately, funds will not stretch to brand new ready made items. They have a plain white linen cloth and wonder if any of our very talented parishioners would be kind enough to embroider it. Please contact Lorraine at the parish office if you are able to help out.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Please note the Christmas Mass times for all three churches will be as follows:

**Christmas Eve:** Sacred Heart: 5:30pm Family Mass  
St Anselm: 9:30pm, preceded by carols at 9pm  
Sacred Heart: 11pm  
**Christmas Day:** Our Lady's: 9:15am  
Sacred Heart: 10:30am

**Job Vacancy.** Business Manager. European Christian Mission (ECM Britain) is looking for a new Business Manager for up to 4 days per week (to be negotiated), to be based in their Northampton office. The salary is £28,665.71 p.a. pro rata, thus the 4 day equivalent would be £22,932.57. You would be responsible for the financial planning, management and reporting of ECMB. This role will be for a 2 year fixed-term period initially. For more information please contact Sarah Hay, HR Manager, at [sarah.hay@ecmi.org](mailto:sarah.hay@ecmi.org)