



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	5 February	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	5 February	9:15am	Annelie Johnson RIP
Our Lady	Monday	6 February	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
Our Lady	Wednesday	8 February	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
Our Lady	Thursday	9 February	11:00am	Funeral of Maria In Thi Tran RIP
Our Lady	Saturday	11 February	10:00am	Pat McNevin RIP, followed by Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	12 February	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	12 February	9:15am	Bridget Leary RIP (Anniversary)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	7 February	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	7 February	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	9 February	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for all those who are suffering in mind, body or spirit.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20, Psalm Ps 118:1-2.4-5.17-18.33-34, St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10, Matthew 5:17-37.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £193.04 St. Anselm: £103.00 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Next week's Second Collection.** Racial Justice Day. This collection is to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

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

Jesus Christ symbolises our lives as Christians with two essential items; salt and light. The comparison with salt and light shows the positive influence of our lives as Christians. Kingdom citizens, like salt and light, we are to be useful. Salt is used for flavouring and preserving. It makes food taste well. Disciples are to be the sweetening and tasty elements in the community. Salt also preserves certain food items from going bad. Disciples are to prevent the quality of life from getting bad. But if salt loses its saltiness, it is bad and cannot retain its usefulness. Disciples lose their usefulness if they do not sweeten and preserve society.

The usefulness of light is to drive away darkness. Without light there will always be darkness. God first created light. "Let there be light, and there was light" (Gen. 1:3). As light, disciples are to drive away darkness for people to see clearly. The world must see us disciples of Christ, as light that leads others from darkness to light. Christians are expected to be useful like salt and light.

**May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the light of the Word and the Spirit of grace. And may the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all. Amen.**

**Weekday Masses.** Please note that there will not be any midweek Masses this week, however there will be services of Word and Communion, led by Deacon Peter, at **7pm** on both Monday and Wednesday.

**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.** The stall raised a total of £40.90, 10% of which will be given to the SVP. Thank you all for your continued support of this wonderful organisation.

**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 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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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