



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	5 March	8:00pm	William & Mary Weston (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	5 March	9:15am	Alan & Christine Breed (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	6 March	6:00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	8 March	7:30pm	Fr Damien Walne (Foundation Mass) and rosary
Our Lady	Saturday	11 March	10:00am	Margaret McClean (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	12 March	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	12 March	9:15am	Mikolaj & Wanda Galan (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	7 March	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Stations of the Cross
St Anselm	Tuesday	7 March	7:00pm	Prayer Group, Exposition and Stations of the Cross
Our Lady	Thursday	9 March	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Feast Days.** Wednesday – St John of God,

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for us to be open to all the graces that this season of Lent brings.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 32:4-5.18-20.22.Rv22, St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £176.10 St. Anselm: £213.03 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Next Week's Second Collection.** CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

### From the desk of Fr Jerry: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The cause of temptation in this world is very real. Beloved in Christ, in our daily relationships with God and neighbour we are faced with countless moments of temptation to sin against God and neighbour. We are bombarded with choices of being obedient to God or not, accepting him or rejecting him.

Just as Adam and Eve were tempted by Satan to disobey so also was Jesus tempted to disobey his Father. However, unlike Adam and Eve, Jesus disobeyed the tempter and was rather obedient to his Father. In the first temptation, the devil sought to draw away Jesus from submitting to his Father. Turning stones into bread would amount to the sin of rebellion or disobedience against the divine will, like the sin of Adam and Eve. In quoting Deut. 8:3, Jesus affirmed his total dependence on His Father. The word of God is made the chief nourishment: "Man shall not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God".

In the second temptation, the tempter urged a public display of Jesus' messiahship. Jesus responded that he who really trust the Father will trust him – not test – his word. In the third temptation, the tempter falsely promised Jesus power and wealth, should he do him homage. Jesus recognised that worship should not be divided between God and Satan. God alone is worthy of our worship (c.f Deut. 6:13). What choices do we make in life? May God deliver us from every evil.

**Lent and Easter dates:** The following are dates and activities of Lent and Easter which require active, conscious and full participation:

Stations of the Cross	Every week during Lent	Fridays <b>7:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart Tuesdays <b>1:00pm</b> at Our Lady's Fridays <b>6:00pm</b> at Our Lady's Tuesdays <b>7:00pm</b> at St Anselm's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Palm Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Maundy Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>7:30pm</b> at Sacred Heart <b>7:00pm</b> at Our Lady's	Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Renewal of commitments of Eucharistic Ministers
Good Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9:30am</b> at St Anselm's	Ecumenical Walk of Witness followed by service at the Baptist Chapel
		<b>3:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart <b>3:00pm</b> at Our Lady's	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart	Blessing of Fire and Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Mass and Renewal of Baptismal vows.

**Confessions.** During the season of Lent, Fr Jerry will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation and confessions at St. Anselm at 11am on the following Saturdays: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**Stations of the Cross.** Some of the children of St Gregory's school will be dramatizing the Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart on 10 March and at Our Lady's on 24 March, 7-8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Mass and Rosary for Vocations and in loving memory of Fr Damien Walne:** Fr Damien's second anniversary is March 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. We are praying for our 10 seminarians, deaconate, religious and laity.

**Parish Team.** Our next Parish Team meeting is on Monday 13 March 2017. 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 organisation the parish meal. 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](mailto:sacredheartrcchurch@btconnect.com) or Tel: 01604 402301.

**Planned Giving Envelopes.** The blue collection envelopes for the next year will be given out after both Masses on Sunday 19 March 2017. Collections using the envelope scheme is particularly important to the parish in that it allows us to reclaim 25% of your weekly offering through the Gift aid tax refund scheme. If you are a tax payer and would like to join this very simple scheme then please see James Bellamy after Mass on that day to complete a very quick form. For those of you with blue envelopes please note we will be confirming that the postal address that we have for you on our records is up to date.

**Bozeat Windmill Singers.** Saturday 11 March 7:30pm at Sacred Heart, there will be a fundraising concert by the Bozeat Windmills Singers to raise money for the SVP. Tickets are £5. Contact the parish office or call SVP on 07504 465707 for tickets or they will be available on the door.

**Fairtrade Fortnight.** 24 February – 12 March. By choosing Fairtrade products, we play our part in enabling farmers and workers to bring about change today in their own lives and communities, as well as sending out a signal for justice in wider international trade. Please support Fairtrade by choosing Fairtrade products where possible.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day - Friday, 10 March 2017:** Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

**Reflection Morning.** Saturday 11 March, 10am - 1pm at St Peter's Church, 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.

**Billing Covenanted Churches Together Quiet Morning.** Saturday 18 March at the Methodist Chapel. The BCCT are delighted to welcome the retired Bishop of Lewes, Wallace Benn, joining them to help in our reflections at the BCCT Lent Quiet Morning. Starting with coffee at 9.30am and concluding with a bread and soup lunch at 12.30pm. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation over lunch.

**The Gift – A presentation on a Life in the Holy Spirit course for parishes –18 March & 1 April:** Bishop Peter warmly invites representatives from the parish to a Diocesan pilot of the parish course produced by CaFE called The Gift – a Life in the Spirit course. This course is an engaging and joyful exploration of what it means to be Spirit-filled in everyday life. This informative and empowering pilot event will run over two Saturdays, 18 March and 1 April 2017, at the Holy Ghost Parish Church, Luton. The event is being run by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) with support from the Diocesan Service Team for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Each day will begin with teas/coffees at 9.30am and finish by 4pm. Please let Fr Jerry know if you are interested in attending.

**Vacancy.** HMP Grendon is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified deacon, religious or lay person to the post of Catholic chaplain. This is a part time post. We are looking for candidates who are experienced in working with people on the edge of society, who have some pastoral experience, a love for the Church and an ability to work in a multi faith environment. The job is for 20 hours a week, working arrangements will be worked out later. HMP Grendon is a cat B therapeutic community mainly focusing on enabling prisoners to examine and explore their past in order to understand the way they have been shaped in terms of offending behaviour. Further details, especially about the academic qualifications required, may be obtained from Monsignor Roger Reader, Catholic Bishops' Prisons Adviser, Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. [Roger.Reader@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:Roger.Reader@cbcew.org.uk). The closing date for applications is 13th March.

**Lenten thought.** "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet The Lord in Adoration. May all Adoration never cease" (Pope John Paul II). Adoration: a precious time to "be silent; be still; alone; empty, before your God. Let your God love you."