



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	5 November	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	5 November	9.15am	Les & Maria Colantonio (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	6 November	11.00am	Funeral of Tony Martin RIP
Our Lady	Monday	6 November	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
St Anselm	Tuesday	7 November	7.00pm	Mass celebrated by Fr Tony Reader-Moore
Our Lay	Wednesday	8 November	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	11 November	10.00am	William Bird (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	12 November	8.00am	For the parish; Mgr Frank Diamond (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	12 November	9.15am	Alfons & Urszula Solujan (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	7 November	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	7 November	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	8 November	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	9 November	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena
Great Billing	Sunday	12 November	11.00am	Service of Remembrance, Great Billing War Memorial

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for those who work as school and street pastors.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Wisdom 6:12-16, Ps 62:2-8. R.v2, Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13.

**This Week's Second Collection.** Bishop's Maintenance Fund.

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

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: The True Religion of Jesus Christ

"One of the principal rules of religion is, to lose no occasion of serving God. And, since he is invisible to our eyes, we are to serve him in our neighbour; which he receives as if done to himself in person, standing visibly before us." - John Wesley (1703-1791).

The Christian world marks 500 years of the Christian Reformation led by Martin Luther. The blessings of the Reformation are tolerance and openness among different religions. The presence of Jesus among the Scribes and the Pharisees can sometimes challenge the status quo of religion. He admired the work of the Pharisees and Scribes as they preaching and teaching, but in so doing, he realized they were trying to draw attention to themselves: "Everything they do is done to attract attention". They sought the place of honour at feasts, the best seats in synagogues and reverent titles. They have become victims of their own pride and vanity. They had forgotten whom they were serving.

Jesus words to the Scribes and the Pharisees remind us that when we are doing his work, we must be seeking to serve not to be served. It is natural for us to want to draw attention to ourselves. Perhaps because of our fallen nature, we enjoy being at the centre of events.

The greatest – those in positions of leadership and authority – must possess the largest heart, a servant's heart. When we find ourselves consumed by prideful attitudes, we need to repent and ask the Lord to help us serve as he served. In the Religion of Jesus Christ, it is the greatest who become the servants of all.

**Fr Jerry.** Please note that Fr Jerry will be away until 19 November.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School and Nursery.** If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2018 or starting nursery, there are a number of open days next week for parents to have a look round the school/nursery and meet the staff. The open days will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November 6pm-7pm, 9<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-11.30am and 2pm-3pm.

**Our Lady's Church Roof.** Maintenance on the church roof will be carried out during week commencing 6 November when the walls by Our Lady's statue will also be painted. Some of this work may coincide with prayer times.

**Remembrance Sunday Service.** 12 November at the War Memorial in Great Billing Starting at 11am.