



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	8 January	8:00pm	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> ; John Wilson RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	8 January	9:15am	Edith Nicholls (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	9 January	6:00pm	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
Our Lady	Wednesday	11 January	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	14 January	10:00am	Edith Alexander (Foundation Mass) Followed by Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	15 January	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	15 January	9:15am	Angela Cox (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	10 January	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time
St Anselm	Tuesday	10 January	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	12 January	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Feast Days.** Monday – Baptism of the Lord.

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for those who are lonely and vulnerable.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 49:3. 5-6, Psalm 39:2.4.7-10. R.vv8.9, St Paul to Corinthians 1:1-3, John 1:29-34.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £151.48 St. Anselm: £149.50 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you!

**Second Collection Next Weekend:** Peace Sunday.

**From Fr Jerry.** I would like to thank you all for your Christmas offerings, Christmas cards and gifts and may God keep you safe throughout the coming year.

## EPIPHANY

People travel and pay a substantial amount of money to attend a pop show where a famous artist makes an appearance. For the Greeks, the word "Epiphany" was used to describe the appearance or manifestation of a god among human beings. Today, we celebrate the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ to the whole world. The celebration of Epiphany brings out a prominent aspect of Christmas; the manifestation of the Universal new born King.

A very superstitious Herod is upset by the enquiry made by the three Wise men. He realises that his position and authority are under siege and about to be usurped. His quest is not to worship the new boy King of the Jews but to eliminate him before he takes his position away from him. The gifts of the three Wise men have symbolic meanings: gold signifies the kingship of Christ, incense his divinity and myrrh his redemptive suffering.

May Jesus Christ, the Light of the world light up our journey of faith so that we may see clearly and make the right choices in life that we will one day see him face to face.

**Parish Meal.** Our parish meal is on Wednesday 1 February. Tickets will be available at both churches on Sundays 8 and 15 January. To collect your tickets, please see Karen O'Rourke at Our Lady's and Pauline Osbourne at St Anselm's.

**Washing Machine & Kitchen Chairs.** The SVP are looking for a washing machine for a family relocated by the Women's Refuge and six kitchen chairs for a family with five children who have no chairs. Please email [svp@ourladyandstanselm.org](mailto:svp@ourladyandstanselm.org) or ring 07504 465707 if you can help.

**First Holy Communion:** The second preparation session for the children is on Saturday 14 January between 2pm and 5pm at St Gregory's Primary School. The Parents' Session is between 4pm and 5pm.

**Confirmation:** The next preparation class for Confirmadi will be on Saturday 14 January 3:30pm-7pm in Sacred Heart hall.

**Evangelisation Day.** 'A Heart for Mission' 10am – 3pm on Saturday 4 February at St. Mary Magdalene RC Church, 105 High Street, Stony Stratford, MK11 1AT. A day for parish evangelisation teams (or potential teams) and leaders of Bible Timeline Groups.

**New Year's resolution.** Make a difference with CAFOD. Make 2017 the year you meet new friends, inspire others to act for social justice, and use your skills to help those working to overcome poverty around the globe. CAFOD is looking for people who would like to go into schools to give assemblies, support the two Fast Days a year in the parish or give talks in the parish or at other parishes. All training is provided and travel cost reimbursed. If you enjoy social media and writing you could contribute to our blog and e-news. We would love to hear from you: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) or 01844 274 723.

**Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s):** Theme: Discerning God's Call Dates: 27th - 29th January 2017 Location: New Cross, London. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters! For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org).