



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Sunday	6 December	8.00am	For the Parish
St Anselm			9.15am	Barbara Mary White (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady			11.30am	Margaret Mary Moran RIP
Our Lady	Monday	7 December	7.00pm	Anna Fischer (Foundation Mass)
The Cathedral	Tuesday	8 December	7.00pm	Inauguration of the Year of Mercy
Our Lady	Wednesday	9 December	6.00pm	For the Sick
Sacred Heart	Saturday	12 December	10.00am	Advent Retreat
Our Lady	Sunday	13 December	8.00am	For the Parish
St Anselm			9.15am	Josie Kenny
Our Lady			11.30am	Alf Miller RIP

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	8 December	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time.
St. Anselm	Tuesday	8 December		There is no Prayer Group at St. Anselm this week.
Our Lady	Thursday	10 December	7.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena.
Our Lady	Saturday	12 December	10.30am	There are no Confessions here this week.

Prayer Advocates' Intention is to pray for ourselves to be open God's Mercy and to show it to others.

Last week's collections: Our Lady's: £313.61: St. Anselm's: £217: 2nd collection for the Bishop's Maintenance Fund: £234.30. Many thanks.

Christmas Cards with details of Christmas Masses are at the back of the church. Please take one copy per family.

SVP Christmas Appeal. The SVP (St. Vincent de Paul Society) will again be helping needy families from Bellinge and Ecton Brook Primary Schools this Christmas with Tesco Food Vouchers. If you feel that you can support us financially with this appeal then the SVP will be at the back of the church after Mass on 6th December.

St. Anselm Prayer Group will meet at the Cathedral in Northampton instead of St. Anselm in order to attend the Jubilee Mass. Please contact Miriam or Kathy if you would like a lift from Earls Barton.

Parish Office move. The Presbytery will be let to new tenants from 10th December so that the church will no longer have access to the house. Irena and her office will therefore move to the Children's Liturgy room at St. Anselm's in Earls Barton until her retirement on Friday 19th February 2016 at which point the office for Sacred Heart, Our Lady's and St. Anselm's will be run from Sacred Heart. The new office will be up and running with e-mail from Monday 7th December. The phone number for the parish has now been changed and you can either ring the Sacred Heart on 01604 402301 or ring Irena on our parish mobile number which is 0802 878481 which Irena will use through to retirement. Relocating Irena to Earls Barton will give a period of time to adjust to not having her "always around" but we are sure that we will adjust to our new way of working. If there are frustrations and things are not working for you as a parishioner, please feel free to ring Deacon Peter or James Bellamy who will provide whatever support is required.

Sacristan at Our Lady's. We are pleased to say that Fred Toolaram will take an even more active role in looking after sacristy requirements at Our Lady's as we begin to work more closely with Sacred Heart. Fred will also be responsible for the servers at Our Lady's.

Fr. Damien's books. There is a selection of these in the Institute for anyone to take free of charge. Some of the books are ones which were written by Fr. Damien and Joan.

Advent Retreat – Saturday 12th December: This event will take place at the Sacred Heart Church from 10am – 12 noon approx. It will consist of a brief welcome and introduction to the day, a talk entitled "Journey to Christmas" from Fr. Jerry, followed by a small group discussion and feedback, time for questions and suggestions, Exposition, a Penitential Service and it will conclude with Mass. All welcome. Please bring your Bible and something to write with and on.

Lux.Mercy A fun residential retreat weekend for 11-18 year olds – 29th – 31st January 2016 - £90 – King's Park, Northampton. Please contact Fiona at NYMO for more details, booking forms or for information on bursary places at Fiona@nymo.org or ring 01582 720627 or visit www.nymo.org Closing date for bookings is Friday 8th January 2016.

My Experience of the Synod. Bishop Peter shares his impressions of the Synod on the Family which he attended in October and also his thoughts on what this event means for our Diocese and what he asks of us now. This will take place on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm at St. Augustine's Parish, Langcliffe Drive, Milton Keynes MK13 7PL. All are welcome.

Billing Covenanted Churches Together Advent Carol Service featuring The Watling Singers: Sunday 13th December at 6.30pm at All Saints Church, Little Billing. All are welcome.

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom: Week 14: Monday 14th December: Session: Converts and Conflicts: Turning the world upside down. Please read Acts 17.

