



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

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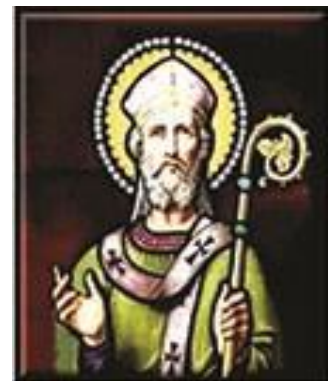
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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	7 January	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	7 January	9.15am	Alfons Solujan RIP
Our Lady	Monday	8 January	6.00pm	The Baptism of the Lord
Our Lady	Wednesday	10 January	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	13 January	10.00am	For the parish & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	14 January	8.00am	Heather Webb (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	14 January	9.15am	Edith Nicholls (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	9 January	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	9 January	7.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine.
Our Lady	Wednesday	10 January	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	11 January	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

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

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for those who have no home to call their own.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation 2018:** January's Prayer Intention: We pray together for Christian Unity and celebrate the great joy of our shared baptism.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention:** Pope Francis asks the universal Church to join him in prayer for a special intention each month. In January his prayer is for Religious Minorities in Asia - That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Samuel 3:3-10.19, Psalm 39:2.4.7-10.R.vv8.9, Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20, John 1:35-42.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £366.12 St. Anselm: £291.55 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Next week's Second Collection.** Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

**Please pray for our sick and elderly.** Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Landergan, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki and Ian Smith.

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD. Theme:** We Saw His Star And Have Come To Do Him Homage.

The Christmas that begun on 25th December reaches its climax today in Epiphany: Christ revealed to all the nations. It is the manifestation of the baby king in Christ, to the whole world. This is because the same promise has been made to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus.

The gospel gives a dramatic narration of events, every detail of which is filled with symbolic meaning. The journey of the Magi is a journey of Gentile religious sages. They represent all the nations. They have found their way to Jerusalem, not by following the Jewish scriptures but by following a wonder in the heavens. The Solemnity of Epiphany captured vividly by St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. (3:2-3, 5-6). The message of Epiphany is based on a personal encounter of Saul with the risen Jesus on the road to Damascus. He calls what happened there, a "revelation". He also calls this revelation a "grace" and a "stewardship" that is, a treasure that has been entrusted to him for the benefit of others. Further, he calls what was made known to him "the mystery." A Star led the wise men to the "mystery." The gifts of the three Wise men point to the unique identity and mission of the boy-king Jesus: Gold signifies his kingship, Incense signifies his divinity. It signifies holiness and righteousness. The priest is to open the way to God for men. The priest is a bridge builder.

And myrrh signifies his redemptive suffering. The myrrh is used to embalm the bodies of the dead. Jesus Christ came into the world to die for our sins.

Christ came for all nationalities in the world. Before God, there are no foreigners, no outsiders or strangers.

Let us see ourselves as co-partners of God manifesting Jesus Christ to each other.

**Parish Meal.** We have booked the Oriental Paradise restaurant again this year for Thursday 25 January 2018 arriving at 7.30pm to eat at 8pm. We hope that as many parishioners as possible can make it. Tickets are £16 each. If anyone would like a ticket, please contact Karen or Pauline direct, or Lorraine in the parish office.

**Dates of Easter and major feasts of the year.** Baptism of the Lord - 8 January, Ash Wednesday - 14 February, Easter Triduum - 29-31 March, Ascension of the Lord - 10 May, Pentecost - 20 May, Trinity Sunday - 27 May, Corpus Christi - 3 June, Sacred Heart of Jesus - 8 June, Christ the King - 25 November.

**Thank you.** Fr Jerry would very big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and efforts last year to help keep our parish running. There are so many people who help out on a regular basis: Fred and Hazel, Mary, James, our altar servers, flower arrangers, those who count the collection, those who deal with parish finances, readers, Eucharistic ministers, those who lead adoration, musicians, Deacon Peter and the ordinariate priests.