



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	22 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	22 April	9.15am	Patricia & Gerard Green (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	23 April	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Wednesday	25 April	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	28 April	10.00am	Iolanthe Mary Clarke (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	29 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	29 April	9.15am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	24 April	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	25 April	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer
Our Lady	Sunday	29 April	2.45pm	Rosary in support of Rosary on the Coast

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** April: celebrating our Baptismal Vocation especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** April: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Apostles 9:26-31, Ps 21:26-28.30-32.R.v26, St John 3:18-24, John 15:1-8.

**Next Week's Second Collection:** Priest's Training Fund.

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

### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY PASTORAL LETTER 2018. A summary of Bishop Peter's Pastoral letter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this Good Shepherd Sunday in the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation, we are invited to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and to respond to his call.

That call, first of all, is a call to live a holy life. Bishop Peter cited Pope Francis in his latest Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete Et Exultate*, "I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile. Very often it is a holiness found in our next door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence." Our vocation, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, requires a conscious commitment. But how many of us run away at the thought of commitment. Mistakenly, we think that a commitment restricts our freedom. But commitment gives meaning and value and direction to our lives. And it is a response to God's commitment to us. As St. John writes in today's second reading, "Think of the love the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are." (1 John 3:1). Jesus himself in today's Gospel speaks of his commitment – "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep." (John 10:11)

As people with a sense of vocation, we are asked to pray especially today for vocations to the priesthood, to the permanent diaconate and to the religious life. I have to confess that I am praying, in particular, for those men whom God is calling to the priesthood, including our eight students in the seminaries.

So now I want to encourage men to be brave at a time when commitment is not fashionable, and to put their trust in God. The vocation of the priest to gather together God's people, to preach and teach the Word of God, to celebrate the Mass and the sacraments, to be the shepherd of the flock on our pilgrimage to heaven is a wonderfully rich calling – a calling which is only possible with the gifts of the Holy Spirit with which the priest is anointed at his ordination. There is no need to be afraid. It is God who is calling. And you will be joining a brotherhood of great priests in our Diocese.

It is true for us all that God the Father takes the initiative in our lives that his Son, the Good Shepherd, accompanies us, and that the Spirit guides us. May Mary, our Mother, pray for us all, saints and sinners, and intercede for those whom God is calling to the priestly service of her Son, the Good Shepherd. Amen.

**R.I.P.:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Henry Worthy. His funeral will be at Sacred Heart on Thursday 3 May at 12.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family and his brother, Fr Edmund Worthy.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham:** Saturday 10 June. This year the programme is a little different, beginning with Mass at the National Shrine at 12 noon celebrated by Bishop Peter, then at 3pm gathering outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for the procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds and on arrival at the Abbey Grounds there will be a short service at the site of the original Holy House. If you wish to attend, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory.** On Saturday 5 May 2018, a coach will leave St Gregory's Church at 8am and return at approx. 7.45pm. Cost £12.00. Please bring a picnic lunch to have after Mass at 12noon. Rosary procession through the beautiful grounds at 3pm. All welcome. To book a place contact: Maureen Salter – 01604 315112

**CAFOD.** "Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) or call 0303 303 3030."

**CAFOD - Share the Journey: Sunday 10 June.** Pope Francis has launched Share the Journey, a new global campaign to stand up for the rights of people on the move. CAFOD asks us to join together in walking around the world. On **10<sup>th</sup> June** we will walk in solidarity with our global neighbours fleeing their homes. We will be walking around the reservoir at Sywell Country Park – a distance of only 2.5 miles. The miles we walk will be added to the total from across England and Wales. Please make a note of the date and prepare to join us for a Sunday afternoon walk. Further details nearer the time. If you wish to know more please contact Val Sudlow - [vsudlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vsudlow@yahoo.co.uk).

**Adoremus Eucharistic Congress.** Friday 7 September 2018 to Sunday 9 September at The ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Friday: Speakers and presentations on: The Scriptural Context; the Eucharist in the life of the Church; teaching the Eucharist; preparing Children for the Sacraments of Initiation; the ministry of the Eucharist in hospitals and prisons; Eucharistic Liturgical Rites outside of Mass; the Eucharist as a sign of the Church's Unity; the Eucharist and Social Justice; teaching children to pray; John Henry Newman and Dominic Barberi; musical resources for Adoration; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ministry and Practice. Mass on Friday at 7pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral. Saturday: Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron Mass on Saturday at 8.15am in the Metropolitan Cathedral. Sunday: Main Pilgrimage Day: Solemn Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am. Outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Local contact: Cath Worthington (07817 320934).

**你好, Ahoj, Sveiki, Helo, Përshëndetje, Ρωπτιλ, Dia dhuit, cześć, Ciao.** At the Sacred Heart, we are blessed with many people from different nations from across the globe. We are blessed with the ability to pray and blessed that we able to share all these blessings freely. During the month of May, we have the opportunity of sharing together in an International Rosary. Each week we will be gathering together to pray the Rosary in our native tongue. After the prayer time, another opportunity to experience our cultural diversity, as we bring and share snacks of our countries taste/cuisine. Please fill in the sheets at the back of church for each date with your 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> languages and what foodstuffs you will be bringing to share. For further details, please contact Felicity on 01604 403869.

**2018 Pentecost edition of 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration.** The Holy Catholic Church professes her faith in the Holy Spirit as "the Lord, the giver of life." As we prepare for Pentecost Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour and Diocesan Shrine will be hosting a 24 Hour Eucharistic adoration of the Lord on Friday 18 May. The Eucharistic adoration begins with a Holy Mass at 7pm on Friday and will be concluded with a Vigil Mass of Pentecost on Saturday at 8pm. This is an initiative intended to give an opportunity for people to pray and receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is an opportunity "to discern and celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the context of Eucharistic adoration. Interested persons can put their name down for a slot on the sign up sheet in the porch or contact Lorraine in the office on the email address or telephone number at the top of the newsletter. Come let us worship the risen Lord "in Spirit and Truth." (John 4: 24).

**Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s).** 25-27 May 2018. Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Location: Liverpool. 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 our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org).

**Rosary on the Coast.** For those who cannot get to the coast to pray the rosary, The Legion of Mary invite you to join us at Our Lady's at 2.45pm on 29 April to pray in unison with those praying around the coastlines of the UK. We will begin with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy then the four mysteries of the rosary. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Abortion Act, so we will be praying for life, for families and for Faith to be rekindle in the British Isles. For more information, contact Wanda on 01536 511200.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** 24-31 August 2018. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Michael Fleming on 01604 347750 or [mvf@btinternet.com](mailto:mvf@btinternet.com).