



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

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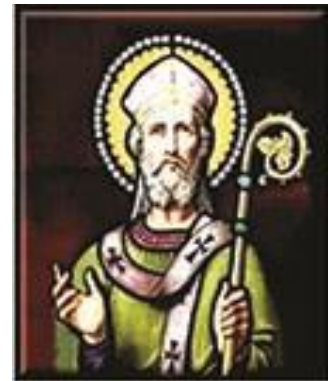
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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	17 June	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	17 June	9.15am	Reg Anstey (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	18 June	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	20 June	6.00pm	Maureen Taitt
Our Lady	Saturday	23 June	10.00am	Ross & Sheila Watson (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	23 June	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	23 June	9.15am	Jan Grzesiukowicz RIP

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	19 June	7.00pm	Prayer Group
Our Lady	Wednesday	20 June	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** June: for our Vocations to ministry in the Church - priesthood, diaconate, lay ministries.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** June: that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 49:1-6, Ps 138:1-3.13-15.R.v14, Apostles 13:22-26, Luke 1:57-66.80.

**Last week's collection.** Our Lady: £355.20 St. Anselm: £396 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

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

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme:** The Kingdom of God is like the Smallest of all Seeds.

The Word of the Lord is compared to a seed, which is sown in a field. The idea of the seed reminds us of how Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables. The two Parables of the Growing Seed and the Mustard Seed invite us to always recognize the power of God working imperceptibly in our lives.

Although human beings have to work hard like a farmer by preparing the land, to sow the good seeds, to keep the field free of competing weeds and harmful insects, the sprouting and growth depend on God; how? he does not know. albeit gradual. Since God himself is concerned about us, we should expect that he would lead us in paths that promote genuine and abundant fruit. Our expectation should be based on our knowledge that growth is something God himself desires for us. Once the seed is sown, God cares for the growth. It is the invisible action of the Holy Spirit that causes the growth of the Kingdom of God. Like the farmer, we can nurture this growth by removing the thorns and thistles in our lives. We can make the decisions to avoid the things that hamper our personal growth – avoiding certain books and television programmes, certain sites on the internet, festering resentments, concern only for ourselves and our interests and indifference to the needy. We can nourish the seed of our faith by reading God's words, Personal prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments.

If we allow God to work in us, we will grow – even though we may not be aware of it at the time. The seeds in the Parables of today's gospel are meant to show that great things come from God and usually from small beginnings.

Let us pray that in doing small things with great love we shall please God always.

**Fr. Jerry** wishes to thank parishioners for their wonderful cards, prayers and presents on the occasion of his birthday. I love you all.

**Missio Red Box appeal:** This weekend we welcome Fr Vincent Oates MHM who will take the opportunity to thank the Parish for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be NO cash collection, the thank you and appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by the APF – Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their "Red Boxes".

**Parish Open Meeting.** We will be holding a meeting in the Institute on Wednesday 4 July starting at 6.45pm and following Mass at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to provide an update on the parish, its finances and any matters you may wish to raise. All parishioners are invited.

**Annual SVP trip to Walsingham.** Sunday 1 July 2018. The sacrament of the sick is available for those in need during the pilgrim Mass. The day ends with Benediction before leaving the shrine at 5pm. A coach with wheelchair access has been booked and will collect and drop off from Billing and Earls Barton. Any pilgrims wishing to attend this wonderful day please complete a booking form and add your name to the list at the back of the churches or speak to one of the SVP members.

**Andrew Francis Diego Lobo.** Please pray for the soul of Andrew Lobo who was recently buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Great Billing. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.** 24-31 August 2018. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage as an assisted pilgrim or helper, please visit [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) or contact Deacon Michael Fleming on [mvf@btinternet.com](mailto:mvf@btinternet.com).

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage.** Walsingham on Sunday 22 July. Chief celebrant will be Bishop Alan Hopes of East Anglia. The day begins at 11am with reconciliation at 11am, Mass at 12 noon, The Walsingham Story (children's costume pageant) at 2.30pm and Adoration, Benediction and prayer balloon launch at 4pm. A day of faith and fun for all the family. Bring a picnic lunch. All welcome.

**CAFOD. Share the journey.** Many thanks to those of you who joined us at Sywell Country Park on Sunday 10 June. In total 28 adults, one young person under 18, and twins of five months Shared the Journey. We walked a total of 90 miles which we have added to the CAFOD totaliser, bringing the total to 22,052 miles walked of the target 24,900. These miles are a sign of your commitment. CAFOD will share the amazing total with our government to send a powerful message that they too need to step up and protect the rights of refugees and migrants. Please keep checking back to the totaliser to see how far we've travelled together, and to discover new inspiring stories of the Church's work with refugees and migrants around the world. Each time we reach a new stage on our 24,900-mile journey, CAFOD will share a new story, video or blog. And please continue to remember the plight of refugees and migrants in your prayers.

**Thank you!** Bishop Peter celebrated his Golden Jubilee of his Ordination to the Priesthood at the Jubilarian's Mass on Friday 8 June and would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady's and Sacred Heart for their lovely cards and spiritual bouquets.

**Diocesan Vacancies: Parish Youth Liaison Worker (Full Time)** We are currently recruiting for a Parish Youth Liaison Worker to join our youth office, NYMO. The closing date for applications will be Monday 25th June 2018.

**Marriage and Family Life Project Worker (15 hours per week – 2 year fixed term contract)** We are currently recruiting for Marriage and Family Life Project Worker to develop Catholic Marriage Preparation in the diocese. The closing date for applications will be Monday 16th July 2018.

For further details of these vacancies, please visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies) or call 01604 714840.

**Photography competition.** Emmanuel Church in Weston Favell Centre is running a photography competition to celebrate the beauty that surrounds us in Northampton East. Three age categories: Ages 0 - 11, 11 - 18 and 18 - 100+. It will be split into two photography categories - Nature/Wildlife and Urban/Buildings. The competition will run from 4-30 June. First prize is £40 voucher and second prize is £20 voucher. Please see the poster in the porch at Our Lady's for more details.

**Summer Reflection Day.** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Jack's Lane, Turvey MK43 8DH. Theme: Talking of Love with tasters in prayer. Coffee at 10.15am and start at 10.45am. Mass, Prayer of Stillness and Time with Prayer Places. The day finishes at 3.45pm. Keynote address by Br John OSB. Places are limited so booking is essential via NORES office [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or ring 01582 723312. For disability enquires ring 01234 888858. Cost of day is £15 with booking, tea, coffee available all day, please bring a packed lunch.

**Eucharistic Congress - Adoramus:** September 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. We have a number of places assigned to us in our Pastoral Area, but early booking is recommended as we can only hold onto those places for a short period of time. Booking forms and information are available at the back of Church. Any questions, contact Cath Worthington on 07817320934 or go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/> and go to the Adoremus link.