



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	26 August	8.00am	Maureen Mullins RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	26 August	9.15am	Alan Thomas O'Connor (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	27 August	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	29 August	6.00pm	<b>No mass today</b>
Our Lady	Friday	31 August	1.30pm	Funeral of Chau Nguyen
Our Lady	Saturday	1 September	10.00am	Chris Beche & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	2 September	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	2 September	9.15am	Joe & Angela Garvey (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	28 August	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	29 August	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** August: Month of Prayer for Marriage and Family Life. We celebrate with our pilgrims to the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 24-31 August and to the World Meeting of Families, 22-27 August in Dublin.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** August: for the treasure of Families - that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8, Ps 14:2-5.R.v1, St James 1:17-18.21-22.27, Mark 7:1-8.14-15. 21-23.

**Last week's collection:** Our Lady: £251.90 St. Anselm: £279 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, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson and Rae Dakin.

**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme:** "It is the Spirit that gives Life".

Jesus continuous to teach about the gift of his body and blood. Although Jesus has been with the disciples closely, they found his teaching quite complex to understand and even more difficult to accept. We realized that there were some of those who listened to Jesus but turned away at this point and followed him no longer (John 6:66). However, those whose minds were open to God were able to receive the promise of eternal life, even though their understanding remained incomplete. This contrast between those who left and those who remained illustrates an important spiritual truth: A mind dominated by the flesh insists upon understanding before believing. However, the spiritual mind will seek to believe before wanting to understand fully. The church teaches that "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves" (#Fides et Ratio).

If we try to grasp the truths about God's kingdom with our human mind alone, we will conclude that the gospel is foolishness (I Cor. 1:18). In order to understand what pleases God, we must call upon the Holy Spirit for enlightenment through prayer, scripture and in celebrating the Sacraments. Christ reminds us: "It is the Spirit that gives life, the flesh is of no avail" (John 6:63). It is only through the Holy Spirit that truths can come to life for us and bring us into a new relationship with God. Come, Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, Did instruct the hearts of the faithful. Grant that by the same spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His Consolations.

**Chau Nguyen RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Chau Nguyen who died this week. His funeral will be on 31<sup>st</sup> August at 1.30pm here at Our Lady's. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**Joan Bollins RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joan Bollins who died last week. Her remains will be received into Our Lady's on Wednesday 19 September at 5.45pm, followed by evening Mass, and the funeral will be on Thursday 20 September at 12.30pm. Please keep Joan and her family in your prayers.

**Michael Hayden RIP.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Hayden who died last week. His remains will be received into Sacred Heart on Monday 3 September at 4.30pm and the funeral will be on Tuesday 4 September at 10.30pm. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

**Parish Coffee Mornings.** We will be holding a coffee morning immediately after Mass on Sunday 16 September at St Anselm's and on Sunday 7 October at Our Lady's so please make the effort to stay behind and meet other parishioners who you worship with week in and week out. We are surprised that so many people just don't know the names of people in their communities so this is a great opportunity.

**Many Congratulations to the Students and Staff of Thomas Becket Catholic School.** Students and staff at Thomas Becket Catholic School are quite rightly celebrating after securing wonderful examination results at both 'A' Level and GCSE. More than 20 per cent of **all 'A' Level results** attained at Thomas Becket Catholic School were A\*-A grades, with two thirds of all results secured achieving at least a C or equivalent. Mr Ciran Stapleton, Headteacher, said: "We are so proud of what our students have achieved. They have worked hard to get the top grades they needed in some really difficult qualifications...What is really pleasing is that so many students haven't just secured the grades they were aiming for, they have surpassed and exceeded their targets. They really have shown what can be achieved with dedication and belief."

**The GCSE results** were similarly pleasing; "In maths, for example, our students were, on average, half a grade up on what was predicted and of national expectation. There is a similar story in English and a host of other subjects. This is testament to the talent and commitment of everyone in our community". Mr Stapleton added: "I really do think that these results are a huge milestone for the school. In fact, they are game changing. When I joined this school just over 12 months ago what was needed more than anything was belief. Moving our Progress 8 score from a negative figure to what, I believe, will be a positive figure shows what has been achieved. "It has now set the standard for our next cohort of Year 11s and it means that we are able to welcome a record number of students into our Sixth Form. It will act as the platform for our staff to continue to embrace new ideas and challenge themselves and our students. "I am very proud of our community. The future is very bright indeed."

**Forty Hours Exposition.** To coincide with the "Adoremus" congress in Liverpool, there will be continuous exposition from 7am on Thursday 6 September until 11.00 pm on Friday 7 September at St Gregory's, Part Avenue North, Northampton. Any groups who would like to take responsibility for part of this time, especially through Thursday night, please talk to Fr Andrew at St Gregory's.

**Rosary Link for Vocations September 2018.** The Mass and Rosary will be offered for Vocations on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am at St Francis of Assisi, Shefford, Friday 7 September at 8.30am at St Thomas Aquinas – Bletchley and at 7pm Rosary, 8pm Mass at Church of Divine Mercy, Slough, Saturday 8 September at 10.30am at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W'boro. Jesus told us to pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers and we are greatly encouraged to continue our prayers for vocations as our Diocese is currently blessed with eight seminarians amongst other religious vocations. We pray also for each one of us to fulfil our God given purpose. All welcome to join us as we unite our prayers with those around the Diocese for this cause. For further information call Donna, 07940 228227.

**Kerala floods: an SVP appeal.** As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

**SPUC.** A SPUC 2018 Campaign Tour meeting will take place on 15 September 2018, 2 pm - 4 pm at St. Gregory's Church, 22 Park Avenue North, Northampton, NN3 2HS. An opportunity to get up to speed with the current threat of abortion decriminalisation. Find out about campaigns to protect women and their unborn babies from abortion and how you can make a difference. For more information please contact Edward Gibbons at SPUC on 020 7820 3140 or email [edwardgibbons@spuc.org.uk](mailto:edwardgibbons@spuc.org.uk).

**NORES day retreat:** As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation, NORES are offering a day retreat called 'Your God will be my God' and will be based on the Book of Ruth. The retreat will be at The Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Rd, Iver Heath SL10 0NR on Saturday 20 October 11am-4pm, and is £30 per person, which includes lunch, tea and coffee. For further details, please contact NORES on [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or on 01582 723312 or speak to Lorraine in the parish office.

**Modern Day Slavery and Trafficking:** Northampton Justice and Peace Commission Conference on Saturday 13 October 2018 at St John's Parish Hall, 296 Sundon Park Road Luton LU3 3AL. 10:30am – 1:30pm followed by a shared lunch. Speakers will be Sr Patricia Mulhall csb and Michael Duthie (Deputy Director Santa Marta Group) - both have a wealth of experience in these areas. For more details contact Stephen Forster – 01494 875 485; [franforster2@gmail.com](mailto:franforster2@gmail.com) If you'd like to share a lift, please contact Frank - 077121 60064 or [frank\\_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk).