



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	7 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	7 October	9.15am	Brendan Byrne RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
Our Lady	Monday	8 October	6.00pm	Service of Word and Communion
Our Lady	Wednesday	10 October	6.00pm	Service of Word and Communion
Our Lady	Saturday	13 October	10.00am	Robert & Joan Flory (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	14 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	14 October	9.15am	Helena Indyk (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Sunday	7 October	10.15am	Coffee morning after Mass
St Anselm	Tuesday	9 October	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	10 October	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** October: for our schools, for our young people and their vocation within the church.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** October: Evangelization – The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Wisdom 7:7-11, Ps 89:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-13, Mark 10:17-30.

**This week's second collection:** CAFOD Fast Day.

**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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme:** "They are no longer two, therefore, but one body."

Humanity was created in the "beginning" for intimacy and not for isolation. How come we are isolated from each other? The Catechism teaches that the Lord himself shows the unbreakable union of two lives by demonstrating through what his plan of creation had been in the beginning. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. (CCC#1605)

The Pharisee's question on marriage was not just an innocent inquiry posed by a perplexed group. Rather, they were looking for an opportunity to trap Jesus in his own words. Although formulated as a simple "yes" or "no" answer, their question involved complex interpretations of Hebrew law.

Jesus did not allow himself to become entangled in the trap of the Pharisee. The Pharisee had missed the whole focus on God's plan for marriage. Jesus referred the Pharisees to the beginning of creation when God created man and woman in his own image and likeness. He emphasized that in marriage, the two would become one flesh (Gen. 2:24). Jesus also revealed marriage as a wonderful gift from God that is meant to reflect his union with humanity. Both kind of unions – between man and woman, and between God and humanity – are meant to be so intimate that they must not be broken by anyone.

Sadly, the union between man and woman does not always reflect God everlasting union with humanity. Marriage has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. According to Faith, the disorder we notice and experience so painfully does not stem from the nature of man and woman or from the nature of their relationship but from SIN. (CCC#1607)

Let us pray for all marriages today, that the challenges, joys, problems and pains that wives, husbands and children go through may draw them closer to God and closer to one another.

**Our Lady.** As October is the month for Our Lady, we will end each Sunday Mass in October with a hymn for Our Lady.

**Pastoral visit of Bishop Peter to the three churches.** On the weekend of 27/28 October, Bishop Peter will be celebrating each Mass at Sacred Heart, Our Lady and St Anselm. We look forward to welcoming him to our parishes.

**Parish Coffee Mornings.** We will be holding a coffee morning immediately after Mass **TODAY** at Our Lady's.

**Code for Key Safe.** For security reasons, the code for the key safes should be regularly changed. From Monday 8 October, the code for Our Lady's, the Institute and St Anselm's will be changing. Those requiring the number should email or phone Lorraine at the parish office. Please note that the code should not be given to anyone else; authorisation is through Lorraine only.

**Weekly Collections.** Following guidance from the Diocese we will no longer be showing collection figures in the newsletter as it presents a risk of security at the church where the money may be located. As a parish we will announce the monthly collection total on the first Sunday of each month.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19:** For children in School Years 3-6 only. Today is the last day the registration will be available. You will find them on the parish noticeboards at the back of both churches. Completed forms can be given to Hazel or Lorraine or sent to the parish office. The classes will start next Sunday 14 October after 9.15am Mass and parents will need to collect their children from the Institute at 11am. For any older candidates, please speak to Fr Jerry.

**Confirmation Preparation Programme.** Those wishing to be Confirmed in July 2019 should collect an Application Form from the back of the Church. The programme starts on Saturday 24 November and all the dates and venues are attached to the Application Form. Please complete and return the Application Form to Miriam Hague at the back of church after mass on Sunday 4 November or Sunday 11 November. If you would like an electronic copy, please email [frank\\_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk) asking for the Application Form and Programme.

**Room Required.** Mature Catholic lady seeking a room to rent for the month of January 2019 only, within a 2 mile radius of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Please contact Gail on [gailnava.gk@gmail.com](mailto:gailnava.gk@gmail.com).

**The St Vincent de Paul Society; Get Involved!** - "Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future" (Blessed Frédéric Ozanam)

Across the country the Society is growing steadily, however we are always on the lookout for new members. Increasing our membership will enable us to achieve our goal of helping and supporting people facing a daily struggle with isolation and poverty.

Whilst volunteering can be a challenge, it is equally rewarding. As a Member you will always have the support of your Conference, as well as that of the National Society to assist you in your charitable works.

If you do not have the time to commit to the Society but would like to make a regular contribution, you can become a Friend either via our website, or by getting in touch with Aisha McCarthy at the National Office at [aisham@svp.org.uk](mailto:aisham@svp.org.uk)/ 020 7703 3030.

Thank you for your time and attention during Awareness Month. We hope this has helped you get to know the Society better and perhaps motivate you to turn your concern into action. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with us on the above number or email address.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Open Days.** Do you have a child starting school in September 2019? St Gregory's have a number of open days over the next few months: Thursday 18 October 2-3pm, Wednesday 14 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 6-7pm.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.** We are excited to be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of serving our community. To mark the occasion, Bishop Peter will be celebrating mass at school on October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All members of our school community, especially past pupils and staff, are invited to attend. In order to prepare for the event, we are asking anyone who may have old photos, memories or memorabilia they wouldn't mind sharing with us to get in touch. If you know anyone who was part of our school community throughout these 50 years, please do either let them know or pass on their details to us so that we can invite them. You can get in touch with us on [50thcelebrations@sgcps.org](mailto:50thcelebrations@sgcps.org) or through the school office on 01604 403511. We will continue to pray for you all and any prayers you send our way will be gratefully received.

**Flower arranging.** Starting in October, taught by Margaret Ashford. We will meet on Friday mornings at 10.30am in the church hall at Sacred Heart Church. Dates: 26 October, 9 November, 16 November, 23 November and 14 December. The cost is £15 for the 5 sessions. Please let Margaret know if you are coming – telephone 07821 984875 and she will let you know what flowers, greenery etc. you need to bring for the first session.

**5<sup>th</sup> Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group:** Did you or anyone in your family ever belong to the 5<sup>th</sup> Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group? If so, the group wants to contact you about its forthcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations starting with Mass and a reunion, which takes place at 2pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Scout Camping Ground at Overstone. Although the 5<sup>th</sup> St Mary's has always been attached to the Cathedral, for most of the time it was the only Catholic Scout group in the town and attracted members from all over Northampton. Get in touch by emailing former leader Pat Percival on [patpercivalnn@aol.com](mailto:patpercivalnn@aol.com) or messaging her on 07526 661228.

**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.

**Prayer to St Michael the Archangel.** For those who are unsure of the words of the prayer which is recited at the end of every Mass, before the final blessing:

**Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.**