



The Sacred Heart

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Diocesan Shrine,  
Our Lady of  
Perpetual Succour  
& St Anselm

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**Sacred Heart Mass Times:**

Saturday: 5.30pm  
Sunday: 10.30am  
Weekdays: 9.30am followed  
by Rosary  
Holy Days: 9.30am

**Our Lady Mass Times:**

Sunday: 9.15am

**St Anselm Mass Times:**

Sunday: 8.00am

Weekdays and Holy Days:  
as advertised

**Sacred Heart Diary:**

**Monday:**  
Adoration: 10am-5pm  
**Saturday:**  
Adoration: 10am-2pm  
Confession: 4.30pm – 5.15pm  
**Sunday:**  
Children's Liturgy: During  
10.30am Mass

**Our Lady & St Anselm Diary:**  
**Our Lady:**

Prayer at The Shrine: Weds 2pm  
Exposition: Sat 10.30am-12pm

**St Anselm:**

Prayer Group & Exposition:  
Tues 7pm

**Masses & Services 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

Sacred Heart:			Our Lady & St Anselm:	
<b>Sat</b>	5.30pm	Mark Cooke R.I.P. Dr Bill Macquillan R.I.P.		
<b>Sun</b>	10.30am	Rose Hone R.I.P. Kathleen Doran (birthday)	8am (St A) 9.15am (OL)	For the parish George & Peggy Whitehead
<b>Mon</b>	9.30am	Helena Gleeson (anniversary)	6pm (OL)	<b>Service of Word &amp; Communion</b>
<b>Tues</b>	9.30am	Pat Toller (anniversary)		
<b>Weds</b>	9.30am	Marie Porter (anniversary)	6pm (OL)	<b>No Mass today</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	9.30am	Rosa John (anniversary)		
<b>Fri</b>	9.30am	Rachela Fioravante Cioffi		
<b>Sat</b>	5.30pm	Joe Murray R.I.P. Dr Bill MacQuillan R.I.P.	10am (OL)	<b>Service of Word &amp; Communion &amp; Exposition</b>
<b>Sun</b>	10.30am	Bob Ellwood R.I.P. Rosemarie Sandy (birthday)	8am (St A) 9.15am (OL)	For the parish David & Gregory Nutt RIP

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Ross, Barbara Safford, Pat Toller, Edward Cook, Witek Bobowicz, Patrick Mulhern, Ann Szweda, Ancy D'Souza, Bob Brooker, Alexander McKillop, Andrew Browne, Katherine Willcocks, Marie O'Connor, William Sayer. R.I.P.

**Please pray for all our sick:** Rachel Crane, Philomene Crizzle, Vicki Plant, Nuala Fitzgerald, Joan Kelly, Patricia Harris, Neal Peckham, Pam Boshell, Margaret Whitlock, Edwina Hayes, Stan Everitt, Victor Stapleton, Sheryl Haynes, Edwina Julie, Isobel McArthur, Sarah Robinson, Leo Bell, Margaret Ellerbeck, Dolores Behan, Kath Scholtz, Mary Stanton, Tony Southwell, Jasmine Cross, Petra Barreau, John Shoreland and Deirdre Donovan.  
Gillian Brockway, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Rae Dakin, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson, Hazel Toolaram, baby Ellis, Angela Kingsley and Jerry Green.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention:** December: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word:** Micah 5:1-4, Ps 79:2-3,15-19, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44.

**Last week's collection:** SH: £543.20 (and £475 from standing orders)  
OL: £228.20 St A: £221.50 (and £85 from standing orders)

**Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 5.30pm**      **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.30am**  
**Readers:** E Ward      Brophy team  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** F Harrison      S Watts

**Sacred Heart Tea & Coffee after Mass:** There will be tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday.

**Sacred Heart Adoration over the Christmas period:** This will be as follows: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: 10am-2pm, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December: no adoration, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December: 10am-2pm, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December: 10am-1pm.

**Sacred Heart SVP:** The SVP has managed to distribute 34 hampers. We'd like to thank everyone who has donated and for your generosity through the year when we have appealed for clothes, furniture etc. Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Theme:** Rejoice and exult with all your heart.

The message of Joy and Rejoicing on the third Sunday of Advent is very evident with a rose candle and it cannot be underestimated. The feeling of Joy expected of us from our blessed Lord is much stronger than the cheers and the joys from spectators of a football team celebrating a victory.

The book of the prophet Zephaniah speaks to the people of Judah who were suffering from the widespread practice of religious syncretism as a result of decades of toleration and acceptance of pagan worship. The prophet reminds us why God expects us to be joyful despite difficult moments. God's relationship with us is based on His victorious love and not on our sinful past.

John the Baptist continues his preaching of repentance based on generosity. He challenges the audience to a practical approach towards repentance. "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise". "Collect no more than is appointed you". "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation and be content with your wages". What do you imagine John the Baptist will suggest to us do on Christmas Day?

When we begin to recognize our utter dependence with respect to the Creator that become our source of joy and freedom.

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May the message of John the Baptist on generosity find a place in our hearts during this Christmas.

**Sacred Heart Christmas Family Mass:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm. **CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** We are inviting all the children to come as a character from the nativity story - from Mary to the star and the donkey! The children will take an active part in the Mass and are invited to be in the hall at 5.10pm so we can prepare them! Any questions, please talk to any of the members of the Children's Liturgy team.

**Sacred Heart Ponsettias:** Will be on sale this weekend for £2. There will be labels available to put on the plants then they can be placed around the crib in memory of a loved one. There a few Holly Wreaths left for sale at £6 each.

**Sacred Heart New Year's Eve:** Come and see in the New Year with the Lord! From 10pm until just after Midnight on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December we will be saying goodbye to 2018 and welcoming 2019 with prayer and song and readings in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. We hope you can join us.

**Sacred Heart Cake Stall:** Cake stall and Christmas cakes on sale today. All proceeds go to the Lourdes fund.

**Sacred Heart Baptism Preparation Classes:** If you have a child you wish to be baptised, you **must** attend **both** preparation classes which will be in the Presbytery after 10.30am Masses on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sacred Heart 200 CLUB:** The final draw is on this Monday at the Bingo. The big prize is £500.

**Our Lady's Coffee Morning:** There will be a short talk after each Mass at Our Lady's and St Anselm **TODAY** to update the parish with the Finance Team plans for 2019. This will be followed by a coffee morning in the Institute after the 9.15am Mass when members of the team will be present to answer any questions.

**Our Lady's Parish Meal:** The Parish Meal will take place at the Oriental Paradise, Billing Aquadrome on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – tickets at £17 each will be available from today.

**Our Lady and St Anselm SVP:** A huge thank you for donating to this year's Christmas hampers. We have created and distributed a total of 34 hampers. The feedback we are getting when we deliver them is fantastic and we could not do it without you. Your generosity continues to amaze us and we really appreciate your support.

**Penitential Liturgy:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm at the Cathedral and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at St Gregory's Church. Everyone is welcome.

**Bible Timeline:** Join us for **James: Pearls for Wise Living** at St Gregory's Church Hall. Weekly from 14<sup>th</sup> Jan-1<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm (except half term break on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb) and for **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John** at St Gregory's Sacristy. Weekly from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan-19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am (except half term break on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb). For info or to register, call Julie: 456321 or email: NN.BibleTimeLineTeam@aol.com. Study Guide for each course costs £22.

**Bellinge Community Nativity:** Bellinge Community House (next to the Co-Op) on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm. There will be a Nativity scene and Carols accompanied by the Salvation Army. Please come and join the local community, wrap up warm and bring your singing voice! There will be refreshments in the Community House afterwards.

**St Gregory's School:** As part of the school's advent activities, the children in Year 2 have prepared a class prayer which they would like to share with the parishes. It will also be displayed on the noticeboard in each church. "Dear Lord, during this Christmas time, please help and bless the people in our church family. Please encourage us to be kind and caring, especially to those in our community. Help us to work together and share the love this advent. We pray for those who are homeless and visit the Hope Centre. We pray for those who are lonely, poor and have no food to eat during this festive season. Please look after and protect the people in hospital who are sick. We pray for our priests and those who help us understand the word of God. St Gregory – pray for us. Amen."

**Help please:** If anyone has Fr Andrew's 'Biblical Walk Through the Mass' DVD's, could they please be returned.

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**Sacred Heart:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass for Christmas  
9.30pm – Vigil Mass

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 11am - Christmas morning Mass

**St Anselm:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** (9.00pm Carol Service) 9.30pm Vigil Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** (10.30pm Carol Service) 11.00pm Vigil Mass

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.30am Christmas morning Mass

**Christmas Offering.** Please note that the offertory collection at both the Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning will be your personal offering to Fr Jerry.