



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:**

Adoration: Mon 10am-5pm  
Sat 10am-2pm  
Confession: Sat 4.30pm – 5.15pm  
Children's Liturgy: Sunday 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 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Kathleen Murphy R.I.P. Diana Cornwell R.I.P.
Sunday	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish Bernard Weston R.I.P.; Julie Vandrine R.I.P. Tony Refoy R.I.P.; Billy Donald R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Tony Refoy RIP; Margaret Spooner RIP; June Ryan(sick) <b>No Mass today</b>
Tuesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady) 7.00pm (St Anselm)	Ivan & Damien Bryan R.I.P. For the parish Special intentions of those attending this Mass Priest's Intention's
Wednesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	<b>No Mass today</b> Ivan Bryan
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	Samantha de Boer (anniversary)
Friday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	Fr Dennis Roberts (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Raymond Riley (anniversary); Mark Cooke R.I.P
Sunday	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish Heather Webb (Foundation Mass) John Doran R.I.P.; Mary Rowland R.I.P.

**Feastdays:** Tuesday – Mary, Mother of God, Wednesday – Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen.

**Anniversaries:** Jane Alston, Anne Williams, Eileen Oakman, Dorothy Tague, Len Sexon, Ellen Bartlett, James Drae, Ivan Bryan, Samantha de Boer, Jan Borucki, Hugh McCorriston and James Dickens 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, Deirdre Donovan and Tony Bull.

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:** Isaiah 60:1-6, Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13.R.cf.v11, Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6, Matthew 2:1-12.

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

	<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Heron team	Barreau/Helm team
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C Chaplin	M O'Reilly

**Sacred Heart Tea & Coffee after Mass:** No tea and coffee on 30<sup>th</sup> December. We'll see everyone again on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sacred Heart Adoration over the Christmas period:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 10am-1pm.

**John Shoreland RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John who died last weekend. Our condolences to Carol and all his family. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**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 Sacred Heart Presbytery after 10.30am Masses on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. Summary of Bishop Peter's Pastoral Letter:**

During this Christmas time, we hear how Jesus embraces our own human experience, and walks with us, in his birth, and as a member of the Holy Family. In our own uncertain times, it is good to remember how Mary and Joseph fled with Jesus from the threat of persecution, and how they lived as refugees in Egypt before returning home.

According to Bishop Peter, in the home of Joseph, Mary they had to wrestle with the mystery of their Son. Like all parents, they agonise when he goes missing on their journey back from Jerusalem. When they find him in the temple, they must have been perplexed, if not hurt, by what Jesus said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be busy with my Father's affairs?" Yet he goes down with them to Nazareth and lives under their authority, while Mary stores up all that had happened in her heart.

Bishop Peter also encourages us in our own families as we listen to the story of the Holy Family. He indicated that all of us have our ups and downs, our failures and our sufferings, our successes and our tragedies. No family is perfect. What must we do? We must continue to love and cherish one another within our families. Embrace them whatever their situation.

Furthermore, Bishop Peter reminds us of marriage as the school of love and faith. It is the building block of our society and, at a time when there is so much marriage breakdown, marriage ministry is a priority. And in our parishes, we must find ways constantly to pray for and celebrate Sacramental Marriage with the renewal of vows and special anniversary blessings. Week by week, we should try to support one another in our families, those recently arrived in the parish, young families, one parent families, couples coping with children leaving home, and couples in old age, and those who are widowed, and those who are separated and divorced. And do not forget those of us who are single, living out our precious vocation.

In conclusion, Bishop Peter prays that we place ourselves in the heart of the Holy Family that, whatever the year brings, we may seek to be like them, trusting in God and trusting in one another. That call to trust and live with integrity is a big "ask" at a time when there is little trust and everyone claims their own truth. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, may we become more like Jesus, growing in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and with one another!

**Sacred Heart Eucharistic Ministers' and Readers' Rotas:** Please collect the new rota for January to June with your name(s) on from next to the tabernacle and put the dates in your diary. Please arrange to swap if you are unable to fulfil the obligation on a given date. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**Sacred Heart Eucharistic Ministry to the Housebound:** Please collect the new rotas which have been left next to the tabernacle. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**Sacred Heart New Year's Eve:** Come and see in the New Year with the Lord! From **11.15pm** 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. **Please note the change of time.**

**Sacred Heart Street Church:** It is our turn as a Parish to provide the food for Street Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January. If you can help, there is a notice in the porch of things we need. Please put your name and phone number on the list, alternatively speak to a member of the SVP or phone 07504465707.

**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 available at the back of each church after Mass.

**Our Lady's SVP Fundraiser Event with Fynnus Fogg:** On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady and St Anselm SVP have secured the amazing Fynnus Fogg. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, be entertained, meet new people, dust off the winter blues and practice some Strictly Come Dancing moves. The venue is in the newly refurbished, fully licenced, Bipin Brook (located in Ecton Brook). There is plenty of parking and drinks can be purchased at the bar. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year, costing £15 per person which includes entry, food and live music.

**Bible Timeline:** Join us for James: Pearls for Wise Living at St Gregory's Church Hall. Weekly from 14<sup>th</sup> January-1<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm (except half term break on 18<sup>th</sup> February) and for Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John at St Gregory's Sacristy. Weekly from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January-19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am (except half term break on 19<sup>th</sup> February). For more info or to register, call Julie at 01604 456321 or via email: NN.BibleTimeLineTeam@aol.com. Study Guide for each course costs £22.

**Thank you!** Fr Jerry would like to say a very big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and efforts last year to help keep our parish running. There are so many people who volunteer on a regular basis and without whom, our parishes would not function. A special thanks to Gareth Davies, James Bellamy, Cathy Chaplin, Fred and Hazel Toolaram, Ollie Prendergast, Charlie Green, Chinwe Anachebe, Deacon Peter Hurrell, Fr Nicolas, Fr Tony Reader-Moore and Fr Tony McDermott, and to our altar servers, flower arrangers, those who count the collection, readers, Eucharistic ministers, those who lead adoration, musicians, catechists and the children's liturgy team.

**Thank you!** Fr Jerry, Fr Nicolas and Fr Tony Reader-Moore would like to say thank you for all the cards and gifts given to them.