



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	12 March	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	12 March	9.15am	Mikolaj & Wanda Galan (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	13 March	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	15 March	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	18 March	10.00am	Michael Smith (Foundation Mass) Followed by Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	19 March	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	19 March	9.15am	Christine Rawkins RIP

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	14 March	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Stations of the Cross
St Anselm	Tuesday	14 March	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition and Stations of the Cross
Our Lady	Thursday	16 March	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena
St Anselm	Saturday	18 March	11.00am	Confessions

**Feast Days.** Friday – St Patrick.

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for the work of CAFOD.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 94:1-2.6-9.R.v8, St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2.5-8, John 4:5-42.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £185.20 St. Anselm: £233.40 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**This Weekend's Second Collection:** CAFOD Lent Fast Day - please give generously, either in the envelope you received last week or loose in the basket. There are spare envelopes in the porch/back of the church if you want one. If you are a taxpayer and able to Gift Aid, please do so - it adds 25% to your donation. There is no government match funding this year so it's all down to us.

### From the desk of Fr Jerry. SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

We continue our journey to Easter through a high mountain of Prayer. Mountain signifies a place of prayer. We are usually satisfied and comfortable with our comfort zone and always find it difficult and sometimes painful to venture into the unknown. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ invites us to move from our environment of comfort and security like Abraham to a territory, which is unknown and may sometimes entail suffering.

Jesus Christ revealed his glory to the inner circle of his disciples. Peter was so overjoyed and overwhelmed that he wanted to secure and savour his comfort zone and remain there forever; "Lord it is wonderful for us to be here". Jesus Christ reminded them of the mission ahead, a mission that entailed suffering and crucifixion.

Let us remember that Christ has not called us to a life of comfort or to secure our comfort zones. He has called us to embrace the gospel of life. Before the glory of the resurrection, our lives as Christians will entail various degrees of discomfort, pain and suffering. Let us move away from our comfort zones and venture to the unknown with Christ; for such a movement will be filled with the blessing of the Lord.

**Lent and Easter dates:** The following are dates and activities of Lent and Easter which require active, conscious and full participation:

Stations of the Cross	Every week during Lent	Fridays <b>7:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart Tuesdays <b>1:00pm</b> at Our Lady's Fridays <b>6:00pm</b> Our Lady's Tuesdays <b>7:00pm</b> at St Anselm's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Palm Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Maundy Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>7:30pm</b> at Sacred Heart <b>7:00pm</b> at Our Lady's with Watching before the Altar of Repose (Adoration) after Mass	Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Renewal of commitments of Eucharistic Ministers
Good Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>9:30am</b> at St Anselm's	Ecumenical Walk of Witness followed by service at the Baptist Chapel
		<b>3:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart <b>3:00pm</b> at Our Lady's	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>8:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart	Blessing of Fire and Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Mass and Renewal of Baptismal vows.

**Confessions.** During the season of Lent, Fr Jerry will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation and confessions at St. Anselm at 11am on the following Saturdays: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**Maundy Thursday.** There will be Watching before the Altar of Repose (Adoration) after 7pm Mass on Maundy Thursday.

**Diocesan Directory 2017.** These are available at the back of the churches for £6.

**Fairtrade Fortnight.** 24 February – 12 March. By choosing Fairtrade products, we play our part in enabling farmers and workers to bring about change today in their own lives and communities, as well as sending out a signal for justice in wider international trade. Please support Fairtrade by choosing Fairtrade products where possible.

**Billing Covenanted Churches Together Quiet Morning.** Saturday 18 March at the Methodist Chapel. This year's BCCT Lent Quiet Morning will provide a great opportunity to re-focus and put things into perspective. They are delighted to welcome the retired Bishop of Lewes, Wallace Benn, joining them to help in our reflections. The event will commence with coffee at 9.30am and conclude with a bread and soup lunch at 12.30pm. There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation over lunch.

**Vocations Weekend.** The Diocese of Northampton will be holding a vocations weekend for men who would like to explore a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend will be held here at the Cathedral from the 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April. Accommodation will be provided. For more details please contact Fr Mark at the Cathedral on 01604 714556. Please remember our students and those attending the weekend in your prayers.

**Planned Giving Envelopes.** The blue collection envelopes for the next year will be given out after both Masses on Sunday 19 March 2017. Collections using the envelope scheme is particularly important to the parish in that it allows us to reclaim 25% of your weekly offering through the Gift aid tax refund scheme. If you are a tax payer and would like to join this very simple scheme then please see James Bellamy after Mass on that day to complete a very quick form. For those of you with blue envelopes please note we will be confirming that the postal address that we have for you on our records is up to date.

**Lenten Thoughts.** "Let us be generous with our time in going to meet The Lord in Adoration. May all Adoration never cease" (Pope John Paul II).

Every week, and especially during Lent, there are many opportunities to spend time with our Lord:

Every Tuesday: 1pm-2pm at Our Lady's. There will be Stations of the Cross and prayers to the Holy Spirit for our world and our families.

Every Thursday: 1pm-2pm at Our Lady's. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and a Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

Every Saturday: 10am-1pm at Our Lady's. There will be Holy Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

A precious time to "be silent, be still, alone, empty, before your God. Let your God love you."

**A day of creativity and reflection at Turvey Monastery.** Saturday 1 April 9.30am-5pm. Lead by Br John Mayhead and Br Herbert. We will be using clay in the morning to inspire our inner creativity. You may then choose to continue after lunch with the clay, draw, paint, write, sew or just relax embraced by the peace of Turvey Monastery. Experience as an artist not necessary. Clay and some basic art materials supplied. Lovely lunch, tea and coffee included, cost £35 full payment goes to support the Monastery. Please bring an apron or wear clothes you don't mind getting messy. For more information or to book contact Johan 07900864674 email barberjohan@gmail.com