



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

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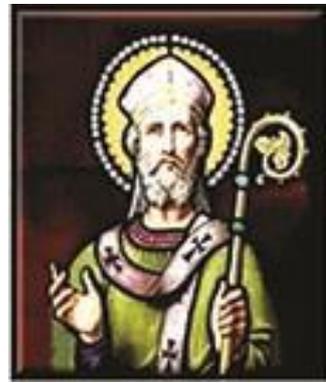
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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	16 July	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	16 July	9:15am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	17 July	7:00pm	All souls; Brendan Monaghan RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	19 July	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	22 July	10:00am	Lawrence & Mary Durrant (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	23 July	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	23 July	9:15am	Hugh & Bernadette Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	18 July	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	18 July	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	20 July	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Prayer Advocates' Intention.** To pray for all those who are victims of violence.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Wisdom 12:13.16-19, Ps.85:5-6.9-10.15-16.R.v5, Romans 8:26-27, Matthew 13:24-43.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £344.65 St. Anselm: £249.60 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Last week's second collection.** £153.45 for Apostleship of the Sea.

**Please pray for our sick and elderly.** Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Kate Gosshawk, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Langerdon, Betty Picknell and Betty & Denis Williams.

### 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Theme: Happy...are your ears because they hear!

Jesus spoke in parables to capture the attention of his hearers and to tease them into active thought. No wonder we read of the common refrain: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear", in two of the parables (Matt. 13:9, 43). This refrain is an invitation to listeners to think reflectively on the human application of the parables.

In the Parable of the Sower, the emphasis falls on the condition of the soil and its effects on the seed. The kinds of soil depict different human responses to Jesus' words. The resistant response is the seed that falls along the path. Since the ground is hard, the seed cannot penetrate the surface and is soon devoured by the birds.

The shallow response is the seed that falls on patches of rock. The seeds sprout quickly but since there is no deeper soil for the plant to sink its roots, it withers under the heat of the Sun. this describes nominal disciples or Christians.

The distracted response is the seed that falls among thorns. Here, the soil is sufficiently deep but because of other unforeseen problem that will arise; it is already occupied by weeds powerful enough to choke the new feeble plant. The thorns illustrate the power of money and other earthly possessions, which discourage undivided loyalty to Christ.

The productive response is the seed that falls on the good unencumbered soil. Amidst the loss, there is an abundant harvest; despite all obstacles, the message of the kingdom achieves its purpose. The good soil alone shows what it means to be a true disciple of Jesus. The way one lives one's life shows how one has really understood and received the message of the kingdom.

What is your response to God's word? Our Prayer for this week is Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life.

**Mr Ciran Stapleton.** We welcome Mr Ciran Stapleton, who is the new Headteacher at Thomas Becket Catholic School who will speak to us after both Masses today. The Directors of the St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust have the responsibility of ensuring the Catholic ethos of the Catholic schools of Northampton, and with Mr Stapleton as head and Mrs Cath Worthington as Chaplain, they are determined that the Catholic Faith will totally underpin all that the school does in providing the best possible education for the students at the school.

**SVP Help.** The SVP would like to ask if anyone can offer a lift to Sunday mass at Billing for a lady who lives on Rectory Farm. If anyone can help on a regular basis please contact the SVP by phone or e-mail, contact details are at the top of the newsletter.

**Streetchurch.** Our churches are providing food for Streetchurch on Sunday 30 July and we would appreciate as much food as possible to be left at the back of church for collection after Mass on that day. A list is provided at the back of each church so please put your name down and tick what you can provide. Streetchurch is a get together every Sunday afternoon, organised by the Northampton churches, for those who are homeless or socially excluded. If you are interested in becoming more involved then please look at the website <http://www.streetchurch.org.uk> and let Lorraine in the office know if you would like more information. More volunteers are needed.

**Accommodation available.** Short term accommodation available in Moulton for either a single person or a married couple. Please contact Deacon Peter on 01604 811432 for further details.

**Northampton Cathedral development campaign.** Our Cathedral in Northampton is the Mother Church of our Diocese. If you have ever visited it you will be aware of its beauty but also its limitations in not being able to offer hospitality or in accommodating special events and groups. Exciting plans have been developed for the future of the Cathedral and the fundraising campaign is underway. For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, please visit the Cathedral website at <http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre> where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Cathedral Centre. The Campaign Office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the Campaign Administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or via email: [cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com).

**Weekend event for Young Catholic Adults 18-40.** 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017. During the weekend of the 20-22 October 2017, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, it will feature Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P., and Canon Poucin ICKSP. The weekend will be full-board. YCA will be running the weekend with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession and socials. All Masses will be celebrated in the Extraordinary form. Please note to guarantee your place this year Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend i.e. 29th Sept 2017. To book go to <https://v1.bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2017>. Prices start from £18.50 pp per night.