



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	21 May	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	21 May	9:15am	Leon Lagodzinski (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	22 May	7:00pm	All souls; James McNicholas (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Wednesday	24 May	6:00pm	For the sick; Dennis Stratton (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Saturday	27 May	10:00am	Herbert & Vera Barber (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	28 May	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	28 May	9:15am	Marie Bell RIP (Anniversary)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	23 May	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	23 May	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition and
Our Lady	Thursday	25 May	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Feast Days. Saturday - St Augustine of Canterbury.

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for Our Lady's protection and care.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Acts 1:1-11, Ps 16:2-3.6-9.R.v6, St Paul to Ephesians 1:17-23, Matthew 28:19.20.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £179.50 St. Anselm: £200.42 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Next week's second collection. The Church's work using the Mass Media.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

Jesus promises to give another Advocate to his disciples who will be with them forever. This Advocate, sometimes called Paraclete, Intercessor, Counsellor or Protector, will be a replacement figure for Jesus. The various descriptions of this replacement figure bring out clearly his function among the disciples. He will take the place of the physical presence of Jesus among his disciples and like Moses, he will intercede for them, strengthening and supporting them. Thus, the Advocate may be seen as continuing the functions of Jesus earthly ministry.

Jesus describes the Advocate as the Spirit of Truth whom the world can never receive. Those who refuse to believe in Jesus cannot receive the Advocate but only those who believe in him. Hence, Jesus describes the Advocate as abiding with his disciples forever. He further promises his disciples that he will not leave them orphans but will come back to them. The disciples will see him in his risen life not merely with their physical eyes but with the inward eyes of faith. Jesus Christ describes the relationship between him and the disciples as similar to that between him and his Father. This relationship is based on the commandments and love. The promised of God is also based on love and the commandments. In our world of uncertainties, nothing should ever destroy our firm faith in the invisible presence of Jesus among us.

May Mary, the refuge of sinners intercede for us.

Prayer Request. Please pray for all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. Please also pray for the children preparing for the sacrament of confirmation.

Entrance to Our Lady's Church. The tree and most of the stump has now been removed and the project is complete but we have been advised that the area needs to be left to settle over the next three to six months to gauge the impact on the water table and the massive roots which spread across the garden behind the church. The Parish Team will be looking at options for this area and the church entrance at their next meeting in July. We apologise for the problems this gives for disabled access to the church from the ramp on the garden side but we will address this issue once the land has settled.

Welcome after Mass. The Parish Team invite as many parishioners as possible for tea or coffee and biscuits following the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's on Sunday 4 June. This will be held in the Institute unless the sun shines enough for us to hold it on the church lawn.

Parish Finances. The accounts for the last financial year ending 31 March 2017 will be published with the newsletter on Sunday 4 June. James Bellamy will spend about five minutes at the end of both Masses on Sunday 4 June to explain the finances compared to previous years and how we see the financial position in future years.

Our Lady's - Church Mowing. Thank you to the three people who came forward to offer their mowing services at the Church and Institute.

Dates to Note. The Parish Tea will be held on Saturday 15 July 2017 from 3pm and will be held in the church garden at Our Lady's – the Parish Team will be looking for an indication of numbers during June but please note the date. We will also be holding another afternoon in the cemetery on Friday 14 July 2017 between 1pm and 4pm. We made a lot of progress at the April tidy up and we want to keep the momentum going – any help as always would be welcomed!

Help Needed. The SVP are looking for a vacuum cleaner. If anyone has one please contact us on the above number. Wardrobe and chest of drawers

Pentecost Novena. The 2017 Diocesan Pentecost Novena at St. Gregory Catholic Church and at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The Novena Starts at St. Gregory Catholic Church on Friday 26 May and continues at Our lady of Perpetual Succour until Saturday, 3 June 2017. Time: 6.30pm each Night. The novena is based on prayers, songs and the Church teachings on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Preparing for Pentecost 2017: Friday 26 May at St Gregory's Church for a Prayer Service. You are welcome to come and stay for as long or short a time as you are able. The service is in three parts: 4pm: Adoration & Worship Music, 4.30-5.15pm: Pentecost Novena Prayers, 5.15-6pm: Adoration & Opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession).

Help please. 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.

SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual St Vincent de Paul Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Sunday 2 July 2017. A coach with a tail lift has been will leave the Great Billing turn at 8.15am and then collect from Earls Barton library at 8.30am. The pilgrimage leaves Walsingham at 5pm and will return at around 7.30/8.00pm. For those who are sick, the sacrament of the sick will be made available during the pilgrimage. Cost is £15.00 per person or £5.00 per child. Any surplus raised will go to the SVP conference funds. You will need to bring a packed lunch and suitable clothing. To book your place, please complete one of the booking forms at the back of each church or from any member of the Local SVP to ensure you are included, on 07802 878518 and our e-mail is svp@ourladyandstanselm.org

Sacred Heart Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes. are you thinking of coming to Lourdes? Would you be willing to come with us as a helper. We need more helpers for our pilgrimage from 4 - 11 August. Helping involves pushing a pilgrim in a wheel chair for Masses and processions. Contact Wendy On 07899954013 for more information. The cost for a helper is £350.00

'Now Thank We All Our God'. A Diocesan music day with Martin Foster on Saturday 27 May, 11 am - 4pm at Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford. Cost: £5. See Diocesan website for booking details.

Healing Mass at St Gregory's Church. Every month at St Gregory's there is a healing Mass, for anyone who is sick or housebound, followed by a tea-party. The next Mass will be on Friday 26 May at 2.20pm. If any parishioners from Our Lady's or St Anselm's would like to attend they would be very welcome.

Daily Reflection with Mary, the Mother of God.

May 21: Mary's Prayer. Let us offer to our Mother today: A visit to Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

May 22: Mary: Ever Virgin. Let us offer to our Mother today: The prayer "Blessed be your purity".

May 23: Mary: Queen of the Apostles. Let us offer to our Mother today: A kind word, a friendly conversation, a helping hand to persons with whom we live or work.

May 24: Mary: Help of Christians. Let us offer to our Mother today: In addition to the mysteries of the day, one more part (five decades) of the Holy Rosary.

May 25: Mary: Our Mother. Let us offer to our Mother today: Many affectionate thoughts and prayers, by saying "Mary, my mother" each time we pause in our work.

May 26: Mary: The Way to Jesus. Let us offer to our Mother today: Teaching someone how to say the Holy Rosary.

May 27: Mary: Mother of Fair Love. Let us offer to our Mother today: The resolution to say, before going to sleep every night, three Hail Marys.

**THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR & ST ANSELM
PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2017**

	2017	2016
RECEIPTS		
First Collections	30,370.32	34,126.46
Profit on Fundraising Events	954.63	1,533.60
Second Collections	5,101.58	6,395.05
Repository	339.54	219.36
Donations & Remittances	3,952.75	15,176.36
Gift Aid Tax Claim Refund	6,612.95	6,696.49
Together in Faith Donations	-	6,669.60
Legacies	-	-
Presbytery Rental income	6,525.78	3,591.84

TOTAL RECEIPTS	£53,857.55	£74,408.76
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PAYMENTS

Liturgical Costs	3,695.86	6,925.61
Living Costs, Salaries & Motor Expenses	11,773.79	8,146.43
Establishment (Churches, Institute & Presbytery)	3,042.83	17,202.95
Mass Stipends	3,250.00	3,130.00
Property Repairs	7,325.06	6,344.00
Donations to local causes	100.00	260.00
Repository	592.44	304.58
Insurances	1,769.99	1,709.66
Second Collections	4,759.28	6,395.05
Diocesan Fund	8,923.56	6,818.40
Diocesan Pension Fund	2,478.76	1,894.00
Presbytery Rental Property Costs	4,445.48	1,276.66
Parish Interest Costs	-	237.56

TOTAL PAYMENTS	£52,157.05	£60,644.90
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EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR

£1,700.50	£13,763.86
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PARISH RESERVES

Opening Balance at 1 April 2016	£7,680.47	-£6,083.39
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Add: Excess Receipts over Payments for the Year	£1,700.50	£13,763.86
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Closing Balances at 31 March 2017	£9,380.97	£7,680.47
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REPRESENTED BY :

Bank Account with the Diocese	8,606.55	2,709.20
Bank Account (Parish Current Account)	774.42	4,971.27

£9,380.97	£7,680.47
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