



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	24 September	8:00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	24 September	9:15am	Ray & Pat Bridgman (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	25 September	7:00pm	All souls; Ellen Howe RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	27 September	6:00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	30 September	10:00am	Bishop Francis Thomas (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	1 October	8:00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	1 October	9:15am	Christopher Padbury RIP (1 st anniversary)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	26 September	1:00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	26 September	7:00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	27 September	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	28 September	1:00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

Prayer Advocates' Intention To pray that St Michael and Guardian Angels will safeguard us.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for September. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Ezekiel 18:25-28, Ps 24:4-9.R.v6, Philippians 2:1-11, Matthew 21:28-32.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £267.35, St. Anselm: £184.60 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last week's second collection. £99.87 for Home Missions.

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme: The Generosity of God.

"God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them."- St. Augustine
There is sometimes a strong perception among people, especially Christians that our good works earn us Salvation. God does not owe us salvation. None of us deserves anything from God; God is not indebted to anyone for any good thing done. Everything we have and receive from God – life and salvation – is free gift graciously bestowed on us. In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, the master was not wicked to those who were hired first but was generous to those who were hired last.

The parable illustrates how the goodness and mercy of God are the same for those who respond to his call figuratively at the "eleven hour" as it is for those who have been with him from the beginning. The love of God is infinite and it is tailored for individual needs.

The generous love of God cannot be measured by any human standard. It is incalculable and beyond human reckoning. Our opinions about God are challenged today. The ways of God are not our ways. God does not owe us salvation after we have done our 'good works'. Our Good works and charity are a response to God's grace and his invitation to do his will. However, those who respond to His Grace and invitation are made righteous and receive the fullness of eternal life. May the gifts of His body and blood, which we are not worthy to receive, bring us healing.

First Holy Communion. Registration forms for children who are to make their First Holy Communion in 2018 are now available in the porch. Classes will begin after 9.15am Mass on 15 October. For further information, please contact Lorraine.

Traidcraft. Sales from the stall last weekend were £45.00, 10% of which will go to the SVP. Donations and sale of French Apple Tarts £69.45! A huge thank you to Pascale for baking the tarts and also to the parishioners for their great generosity. A donation of £90 will be sent to Traidcraft. Thank you for supporting this wonderful organisation.

The Shrine. Everyone is welcome to join in each week for Holy Hour on Thursday afternoons, 1-2pm. Our Holy Mother Church calls us to come to Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In response to our petition, Mary, the mother of God, offers to teach us how to pray with our hearts and not only with our lips. "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love embracing both trial and joy." – St Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897).

“Prayer at the Shrine”. Commencing on Wednesday 13 September at 2pm. This event will be held each week. It will initially be led by Deacon Peter and will always be led by a Priest or Deacon. It will comprise a guided recitation of the rosary, followed by a short homily related to Our Lady and then a period of silent prayer. The devotion will conclude at 3pm with the prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Those who have particular needs or causes that require the intercession of Our Blessed Mother are encouraged to place them in writing in a sealed envelope and place them before the altar during this devotion. The other devotional events that take place at Our Lady’s will continue as usual.

Retreat for Young Leaders. NYMO are launching their programme for young leaders in October, ‘The Salt and Light Project’. It is a year long programme for young people aged 16+ who wish to take on a leadership role within the parish. The programme begins with a retreat for young leaders on 13-15 October. The young leaders will receive support from NYMO and an adult mentor from the parish. The programme concludes with a project in the parish and for the parish, led by the young leader. If anyone would like to volunteer to be part of the programme, please contact Fr Jerry.

Divine Mercy Retreat. Run by Marian Fathers Saturday 30 September 11am - 4:30pm at the Parish of Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP. Includes Praise & Worship, Enthronement of the Image of Merciful Jesus, talks, Divine Mercy/Benediction, Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus and Relic of St Faustina and Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. All welcome. More info: Divine Mercy Apostolate – Marian Fathers, 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY. 020 89980925; email: info@divinemercury.org.uk www.divinemercuryapostolate.co.uk

NORES Children’s Liturgy course. Sunday 30 September, 10.30am-1pm (registration from 10am) at NORES Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton LU4 8JD. The course is for both those who are new to working with Children’s Liturgy and those who already do. Cost of the course is £5 per person. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

SVP Awareness Month. Welcoming the Stranger on the Street with the SVP. A quote from Bertrand Ousset, Former National President of SVP France “Social isolation is the main poverty of our time. When combined with any other kind of poverty, social isolation makes any kind of difficulty much bigger.”
“Let us allow ourselves to be evangelised by the poor.” This is the very strong message of the Pope, which we consider is the core of our Vincentian commitment. If you want any more information, please contact us by either calling 07802 878518 or emailing svp@ourladyandstanselm.org and one of the SVP team will get back to you.