



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	4 June	8.00pm	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	4 June	9.15am	John William Turner (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	5 June	7.00pm	No Mass today
St Anselm	Tuesday	6 June	7.00pm	Holy Mass. Celebrant: Fr. Tony Reader-Moore.
Our Lady	Wednesday	7 June	6.00pm	For the sick; Bishop Francis Thomas (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Saturday	10 June	10.00am	Bishop Francis Thomas (Foundation Mass) and Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	11 June	8.00am	Fr Dennis Roberts (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	11 June	9.15am	Vin and Margaret Shervin (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	6 June	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	6 June	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Thursday	8 June	1.00pm	Funeral of Veronica Teresa Bernadette Mead

Prayer Advocates' Intention to pray for the Church.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Exodus 34:4-6.8-9, Psalm Dan 3:52-56.R.v52, Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18.

Last week's collections. Our Lady: £310.67 St. Anselm: £170 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Last week's second collection. £172.60 for 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY. Theme: Receive the Holy Spirit...

Pentecost Sunday celebrates the fulfilment of Christ's promised gift of the Holy Spirit and the commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the message of peace, joy and forgiveness to all humankind. The disciples are thus empowered to renew the face of the world.

John puts the communication of the Spirit on Easter day. Jesus appears to his disciples and imparts to them the gift of peace. This is the gift of totality and well-being. At the sight of Jesus, the disciples are filled with joy. Surely, his resurrection and appearance chase away all fear. As the Father commissioned the Son for the salvation of the world, so Jesus commissions his disciples to be messengers of forgiveness. Jesus commissions his disciples by breathing on them. This act carries a depth of meaning. After God had created man, he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, which is God's own life (c.f Gen. 2:7). In the Vision of the Valley of Dry Bones, God's breath comes from the corners of the world to bring life to the dry bones (c.f Ezek. 37). The word used for breath is the same word used for Spirit and the wind. Jesus breathes on his disciples, recreates them and brings them back to life from their spiritual death of fear.

Today Jesus breathes on us the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. He removes all fear and anxiety from us and consecrates us to be his instruments of peace and forgiveness.

Last Sunday's 9.15am Mass. Fr Jerry would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused to parishioners as there was no priest available to say Mass last Sunday and as Priest in Charge he takes the responsibility for this mistake. We will take care to avoid this happening in the future.

Corpus Christi. Our annual Corpus Christi celebration and procession will be taking place at 3pm on Sunday 18 June at Our Lady's. This is an important event for our parish and our pastoral area and we do need help from members of the parish to make it a success. If you can help that afternoon please could you contact Lorraine at the office.

Veronica Mead RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs Veronica Theresa Bernadette Mead of 7 Inglewood Ct who died at Cliftonville Care Home on 19 May. The Service will be at Our Lady's on Thursday 8 June 2017 at 1pm, followed by burial in Doddington Road Cemetery, Wellingborough at 2.15pm. May her soul rest in peace.

Painting at Our Lady's. We are extremely grateful to Michael Burns for offering to take on the enormous task of painting our church. He will have an extra person over the next two weeks to help. We have a funeral next week so painting will not take place on that day. Prayer Groups will need to continue using the Institute and the church will be open as normal on Saturdays and Sundays. Please be patient with us as when this sort of project starts it uncovers problems that need sorting out at the same time.

Ladies Toilet at the Institute. This has now been replaced and modernised and is back in operation.

Polling Day. The Church Institute will be used for polling day this Thursday therefore there will be no Prayer Group on that day.

Prayer Request. Please pray for all the children preparing for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year.

Welcome after Mass. The Parish Team invite as many parishioners as possible for tea or coffee and biscuits following today's 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's. 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 is attached to this week's newsletter. James Bellamy will spend about five minutes at the end of both Masses today to explain the finances compared to previous years and how we see the financial position in future years.

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!

Tuesday 6 June. 7.00pm at St. Anselm's. There will be Mass celebrated by Fr. Tony Reader-Moore.

Traidcraft. Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's on Sunday 11 June. Please support this wonderful organisation.

SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The annual SVP 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

A Letter from the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The Bishop's Conference has produced a letter for the forthcoming General Election. The letter is an encouragement to all Catholics to play an active part in the election. While voting for any particular political party is a matter of conscience, the bishops encourage people to use their vote at this pivotal time for our nations. The letter can be found at the back of the Churches or online <http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. 10th June. This year the programme is a little different, beginning with Mass at the Shrine (Chapel of Reconciliation) at 12 noon, then walking the Holy Mile to the village of Walsingham in the afternoon, arriving at the Abbey Grounds for a short service at 4pm.

Rosary Link for Vocations: At St Gregory's with 7.30pm Mass followed by Rosary on Wednesday June 14th. All welcome to join us to pray for vocations and in loving memory of Fr Damien Walne.

Trinity Sunday: 11 June 5pm at Sacred Heart. You've seen the scaffolding outside our church. Does our faith need some scaffolding too? You are invited to a special prayer time followed by strawberries and cream, and an opportunity to look at how we can grow in the fruits and gifts of the Spirit. This will include a new resource called 'The Gift', which is highly recommended by Bishop Peter.

**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	<u>£53,857.55</u>	<u>£74,408.76</u>
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	<u>£52,157.05</u>	<u>£60,644.90</u>
EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	<u>£1,700.50</u>	<u>£13,763.86</u>
<u>PARISH RESERVES</u>		
Opening Balance at 1 April 2016	£7,680.47	-£6,083.39
Add: Excess Receipts over Payments for the Year	£1,700.50	£13,763.86
Closing Balances at 31 March 2017	<u>£9,380.97</u>	<u>£7,680.47</u>
REPRESENTED BY :		
Bank Account with the Diocese	8,606.55	2,709.20
Bank Account (Parish Current Account)	774.42	4,971.27
	<u>£9,380.97</u>	<u>£7,680.47</u>