



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	9 April	8.00pm
Our Lady	Sunday	9 April	9.15am
Our Lady	Monday	10 April	
Our Lady	Wednesday	12 April	
Our Lady	Thursday	13 April	7.00pm
Our Lady	Friday	14 April	3.00pm
St Anselm	Sunday	16 April	8.00am
Our Lady	Sunday	16 April	9.15am

**Palm Sunday;** Margaret Wilson RIP, Special Intention - FMH  
**Palm Sunday;** Mollie Elizabeth Padbury (Foundation Mass)  
**There will no Mass today**  
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**Maundy Thursday;** Rudie Gumbs RIP and Natasha Cohen  
**Good Friday;** Pat & Leslie Chapman (Foundation Mass)  
**Easter Sunday;** For the parish  
**Easter Sunday;** Eric & Annie Clements (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	11 April	7.30pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross with BCCT
St Anselm	Saturday	14 April	11.00am	Confessions

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for those killed by the chemical attack in Syria.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Acts of Apostles 10:34.37-43, Ps 117:1-2.16-7.22-23.Rv24, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £182.23 St. Anselm: £229.20 in addition to £102 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Good Friday Collection:** For the Holy Land Shrines.

### From the desk of Fr Jerry. PASSION SUNDAY/PALM SUNDAY

"We are not as Christ-centred and cross-cherishing as we should be, because we do not ponder the truth that everything good, and everything bad that God turns for the good, was purchased by the sufferings of Christ." — John Piper.

Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday begins the Holy Week celebrations, the most important week in the liturgical calendar. During this week, we recall the stages of Christ's passing from this world. It is a solemn passage through betrayal, denial, injustice and brutal suffering; a movement from death to resurrection taken together as one great event which brought salvation to the whole world. All the four evangelists relate the narrative of Christ's passion with little differences. Matthew, like Mark, stresses that Jesus died to save the world. Jesus accomplishes his task with total obedience and humility to his Father. He focuses on his goal, the cross and the resurrection. Even as he enters Jerusalem like a King, he does not look at the excited crowd. He sees beyond all the noise and movements to what is ahead of him – crucifixion, death and resurrection. Let us accompany Jesus in his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, not as spectators but actors in the drama of the passion. Let see ourselves as hailing Jesus: "Hosanna to the Son of David" and equally crying out: "Crucify him". We are either Judas who betrayed him or Peter who denied him or one of the soldiers who mocked him depending on how life has treated us.

May Christ, the Saviour of the World Save us by His Cross and Resurrection.

**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 Fridays <b>6.00pm</b> Our Lady's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Maundy Thursday	13 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 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 April	<b>8:00pm</b> at Sacred Heart	Blessing of Fire and Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	16 April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Mass and Renewal of Baptismal vows.

**Confessions.** Fr Jerry will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation and confessions at St. Anselm at 11am on Saturday 14 April.

**Holy Week with Billing Covenanted Churches Together.** As with previous years, there will the opportunity for shared worship during Holy Week. Monday 10 April at the Great Billing Methodist Chapel, Tuesday 11 April for Station of the Cross, here at Our Lady's, and Wednesday 12 at St Andrews Church. All services will be at 7.30pm.

**Parish Prayer Time and Holy Hour & Novena.** There will be no services during Holy Week. Parish Prayer time at Our Lady's will restart on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April and Holy Hour and Novena will restart on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**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 7-9 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.

**Cemetery Spring Tidy Up.** The Parish Team would appreciate your help for the cemetery tidy up on Friday 7 April from 1pm. The gardening is extremely light work and you only need bring a pair of shears and a trowel. We have moved the date to a Friday in an effort to encourage the help of more parishioners. If 30 people turned out we could tidy up all the graves in two hours. Please show us your support. The cemetery is behind St Andrew's C of E Church in Great Billing.

**St Anselm's – Tea/Coffee following Mass.** We will be unable to meet after Mass on today. Please note that this will now take place on 30<sup>th</sup> April.

**St Gregory's Church:** There will be a penitential liturgy on Tuesday of Holy Wek at 7pm. All are welcome.