



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	10 December	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	10 December	9.15am	George & Peggy Whitehead (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	11 December	6.00pm	All souls; Christy McEnilly RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	13 December	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	16 December	10.00am	Fr Damien Walne RIP & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	17 December	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	17 December	9.15am	Ray & Pat Bridgman (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	12 December	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	12 December	7.00pm	Prayer Group and Exposition
Our Lady	Wednesday	13 December	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine
Our Lady	Thursday	14 December	1.00pm	Holy Hour with Chaplet and Novena

**Prayer Advocates' Intention** to pray for all who are finding it hard to provide for their families at Christmas.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 61:1-210-11, Lk1:16-50.53-54.R.Is61:10, Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8.19-28.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £245.88 St. Anselm: £346.50 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Please pray for our sick and elderly.** Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Pat Landergan, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki and Ian Smith.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT.** "God has promised forgiveness to your repentance, but He has not promised tomorrow to your procrastination." - Augustine of Hippo.

### Theme: The Mission of Repentance by John the Baptist

Mark introduces two important personalities on the second Sunday of Advent. The first is John the Baptist and the second person is Jesus Christ. We have the One who prepares the WAY and the other who is the WAY. Mark's entire gospel focuses on the person of Jesus, the Son of God. He announces Jesus' gospel as the good news. His gospel is not an abstract one; he emphasizes the personality and actions of Jesus Christ and therefore keeps his story vital, active and Christ-centred.

Mark writes and introduces John the Baptist as our Lord's forerunner. Just as in ancient times, messengers went ahead of a king to announce his coming, so John announces the coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the mission of Jesus Christ. He announces repentance, forgiveness and baptism. He refers to the one who is to come as more powerful, more worthy and superior in ministry; for his baptism is only a preparatory water baptism of repentance, whereas Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Our preparation for the coming of the Messiah on Christmas day must be one like John the Baptist. We must show repentance in our speech, in our actions, in our thoughts, and in our personality.

Our Prayer today is let me see O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

**Kate Goshawk RIP.** Please pray for the soul of Kate Goshawk who died last week. Her funeral will be in Aldburgh where she used to live.

**Choir:** We are looking for singers to join with the choir for the Carol Service and Midnight Mass at Our Lady's, Great Billing. If you are interested please see Mary Huntley after the service today or come along to our Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm.

**Parish Meal.** We have booked the Oriental Paradise restaurant again this year for Thursday 25 January 2018 arriving at 7.30pm to eat at 8pm. We hope that as many parishioners as possible can make it. Tickets at £16 each will be available from the Parish Team after each Mass in December from today.

**Mass and Rosary for Vocations.** Saturday 9 December at 10.30am at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Knox Road, Wellingborough. Mass and Rosary will be offered for Vocations and in loving memory of Fr Damien Walne. We will be united with all other prayer for this cause around the Diocese. We currently celebrate the ordination of Fr Michael Bates this year and pray for our 8 seminarians. We pray for all religious and lay vocations and remember Jesus' advice, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, pray then the Lord of the harvest to send labourers...' All welcome.

**Prayer and Praise night to crossover to New Year.** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 from 10 pm - 12midnight at Sacred Heart Church. Everyone is welcome to thank, praise and worship God as we crossover into the New Year.

**Christmas Mass Times:** Please note the Christmas Mass times for all three churches will be as follows:

**Sacred Heart:**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** No evening Vigil Mass

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)  
5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass for Christmas

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 10.30am - Christmas morning Mass

**St Anselm:**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 8.00am Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)  
9.00pm Carol Service  
9.30pm Vigil Mass

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** No Christmas morning Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.15am Mass (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)  
10.30pm Carol Service  
11.00pm Vigil Mass

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.15am Christmas morning Mass

**Please be aware of the obligation to attend Sunday mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent AND a separate obligation to attend a Christmas Mass.**