



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	11 February	8.00am	Bridget Leary RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	11 February	9.15am	William Stratton (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	12 February	6.00pm	Mary & Joe McDonnell (Foundation Mass); All souls
Our Lady	Ash Wednesday	14 February	<b>7.00pm</b>	For the sick
Our Lady	Saturday	17 February	10.00am	Bridget Rawkins (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	18 February	8.00am	John Wilson RIP
Our Lady	Sunday	18 February	9.15am	Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

Our Lady	Tuesday	13 February	1.00pm	Parish Prayer Time and Exposition
St Anselm	Tuesday	13 February	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.
Our Lady	Wednesday	14 February	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018:** February's Intention: For Consecrated Life and their vocation within the church.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention:** February: Say "No" to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Genesis 9:8-15, Ps 24:4-9. R.cf.v10, St Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:12-15.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £247.60 St. Anselm: £266.50 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

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

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Theme:** Jesus Stretch out his hand and touched him.

Jesus, filled with compassion, cures a leper who must have suffered grievously from social ostracism because of his uncleanness. He has no fear of the leper or of the law that required his isolation. The leper represents humanity, alienated from God in various ways; emotionally, physically, geographically, financially and spiritually. God, however, does not want us to remain separated from him rather he makes every provision for us to return to him through his Son.

Jesus identified himself with sinful humanity. He touched sinful humanity but did not become our sin. Often times we tend to think of God as far off from us, yet the incident of the leper testifies to God's compassion in his Son for us. While seeing our alienation and sin, Jesus still loves us and heals us.

May Christ dare to extend his compassion and healing touch to all who suffer various forms of alienation; for whatsoever we do to the least of his brothers and sisters we do it to Christ (Matt. 25:40).

**Ash Wednesday Mass.** Please note Mass will be at Our Lady's at **7pm**. There will also be Mass at Sacred Heart at 9.30am.

**Parish Prayer Time.** After Ash Wednesday, Parish Prayer Time and Parish Prayer Time at Our Lady's will be merged so that we will have one prayer group each week: Prayer at the Shrine on Wednesday at 2pm, to be led by Deacon Peter or any of the clergy.

**Mass and Rosary for Vocations.** Wednesday 7 March 2018. There will be a Mass for Fr Damien at 6pm followed by Rosary and Exposition at 6.30pm. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards.

**Funeral of Peter Plant RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Plant who died recently. Peter's body will be received into Sacred Heart church on Monday 12 February at 4pm with this funeral on Tuesday 13 February at 10am.

**Funeral of John Stanton RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Stanton who died recently. John's funeral will be on Friday 16 February at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart.

**Women's World Day of Prayer.** On Friday 2 March at 2pm at St Anselm's. This year the service has been written by the women of Suriname in South America. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Billing Women's World Day of Prayer.** This will be held at All Saints Church, Little Billing on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm. See poster for details.

**Helping Our Parishes Pass on the Faith.** A day of exploring resources for evangelisation and catechesis. All are welcome especially catechists, members of Timeline groups and parish evangelisation teams. A coach will leave Sacred Heart on Saturday 17 March at 8.15am going to St. Teresa's Church Hall, in Beaconsfield, Bucks. The day begins at 10am and finishes at 4pm. For further information please contact Catherine Mulligan on 07732636304 or via Lorraine at the parish office, or Alex Heath at Nores on 01582 723312.

**Diocesan Mass for Married Life.** Celebrated by Bishop Peter on Saturday 3 March at 12 noon at Holy Family Catholic Church, Trelawney Ave, Langlely, Slough SL3 7UD. Gathering from 11.30am. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to couples celebrating milestones in their marriage. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn & Paola Mc Morrow on 07412 151517 or [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com). All are welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.** There are some vacancies at the school. Please see the school website for more details: [www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk)