



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	18 March	8.00am	Eileen Weston (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Sunday	18 March	9.15am	Michael Smith (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	19 March	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Wednesday	21 March	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	24 March	10.00am	Marie Bell RIP & Exposition
St Anselm	Palm Sunday	25 March	8.00am	Margaret Wilson RIP
Our Lady	Palm Sunday	25 March	9.15am	Christie Doherty RIP

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	20 March	7.00pm	Station of the Cross
Our Lady	Wednesday	21 March	2.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018:** March's Intention: For repentance and forgiveness.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention:** March: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 50:4-7, PS.21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R.v2, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47.

**Last week's collections.** Our Lady: £455.97 St. Anselm: £322.39 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, Ian Smith, Dennis Williams and Bob Standing.

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT. Theme:** The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.

This request from the Greeks occasions a profound statement from Jesus. During the celebration of the Passover Feast, some Greeks approach Philip of Bethsaida seeking to see Jesus: "Sir we should like to see Jesus". Jesus said, the 'hour' has now arrived. The hour refers to the culmination of his ministry, which is his death and resurrection. But it is important for us to note that in John's Gospel, Jesus' suffering and death is not a disgrace and shame, rather the channel to his glorification. Jesus therefore compares his salvific death and resurrection to a single seed of wheat which falls to the ground, dies, rots, germinates, sprouts, matures and bears plenty fruits: "it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest". Jesus is the seed and the 'hour' for his glorification is the passion, death and resurrection.

Jesus affirms this truth – his death and resurrection will yield a rich harvest – to all his disciples. The key to Jesus' disciples bearing much fruit is for them to die with Jesus. As we strive to put to death everything that stands in the way of our life, let us we will see new life springing forth from death.

If we truly want to serve Christ, if we want to be his true followers, then we must follow his path of suffering and death, which leads to glorification and the Father, will honour us.

May the Spirit lead us to die with Christ, to die to our selfishness, pride, fear and resentment so that we will bear much fruit of peace, joy and unity.

**Penitential Liturgies in Holy Week:** 7pm. Monday at the Cathedral, Tuesday at St Gregory's and Wednesday at Sacred Heart.

**Streetchurch.** It is the turn of our two churches to provide lunch for Streetchurch on Sunday 25 March 2018 and we would welcome soup, sandwiches, cakes, crisps and fruit to be brought to the two Masses that morning. There is a list at the back of church this week and we will collect from the porch before each Mass.

**Blue Weekly Collection Envelopes.** If you did not collect your blue envelopes last Sunday then please see Elizabeth Lewis at Our Lady's or James Bellamy at St Anselm.

**Diocesan Newsletter.** Our Diocese would like to keep you up to date with the latest news and information from Bishop Peter, the curial departments, our Catholic Cathedral in Northampton and our whole diocese. Each month you can receive this information through an e-newsletter. To subscribe simply visit the diocesan website, [www.northamptondiocese.org](http://www.northamptondiocese.org) and enter your email address in the box in the top right hand corner of the page.

**Fundraising Jazz and Swing Evening:** Friday 20 April, 7.30pm-10pm St Francis & Therese Catholic Church, Overslade Close, Northampton, in aid of CAFOD and Anthony Nolan Trust. Tickets £12.50 from Anne Marie Newton on 858549 or Fr Brendan Killeen on 768483.

**Rise Theatre - Romeo:** The Cathedral will be hosting a Rise Theatre production of a new and original play entitled 'Romero' on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm. The play is about the life of Blessed Oscar Romero who was martyred in El Salvador and is suitable for adults and children 11+. Tickets are priced at £10 for adults and £5 for children under 16 and adults over 65. For more details please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556.

**Mass to celebrate married life.** The annual Mass to celebrate married life, which was postponed due to inclement weather on the 3rd March 2018, will now take place at 12 noon on Saturday 14 April 2018 at The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Ave. Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD. All are welcome to attend and if you are celebrating a significant milestone, and haven't already done so - please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorro mfl@northamptondiocese.com or telephone 07412151517.

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018. £599pp sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Stations of the Cross	Every week during Lent	Fridays <b>7.00pm</b> at Sacred Heart Wednesdays <b>2.00pm</b> at Our Lady's Tuesdays <b>7.00pm</b> at St Anselm's	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Palm Sunday	25 March	Normal Sunday Mass times	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Maundy Thursday	29 March	<b>7.30pm</b> at Sacred Heart <b>7.00pm</b> at Our Lady's	Thursday of the Lord's Supper. Renewal of commitments of Eucharistic Ministers
Good Friday	30 March	<b>3.00pm</b> at Sacred Heart <b>3.00pm</b> at Our Lady's	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday	31 March	<b>8.00pm</b> at Sacred Heart	Blessing of Fire and Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	1 April	Normal Sunday Mass times	Mass and Renewal of Baptismal vows.