



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

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	8 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	8 April	9.15am	Slawek Ostrowski (RIP)
Our Lady	Monday	9 April	6.00pm	All souls
Our Lady	Wednesday	11 April	6.00pm	For the sick
Our Lady	Friday	13 April	1.00pm	Funeral of Robert Taylor
Our Lady	Saturday	14 April	10.00am	Pat & Leslie Chapman (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	15 April	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	15 April	9.15am	Eric & Annie Clements (Foundation Mass)

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	10 April	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	11 April	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018. April: celebrating our Baptismal Vocation especially the contribution of single people to the Church.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. April: For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word. Apostles 3:13-15.17-19, Ps4:2.4.7.9.R.v7, St John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48.

Easter Sunday collection: For the priests of the parish.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER or DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Theme: I believe in the Forgiveness of Sins (CCC.976)

Jesus Christ repeatedly revealed himself to his disciples after his resurrection to drive home the fact that he was alive. Since he was no longer constrained by space and time, he was able to stand among his disciples although they had closed the doors of the house in which they stayed. He gave them the promised gift of peace, the kind of peace that the world cannot give. This peace simply means total well-being or wholeness. Surely, it is only Jesus Christ who gives total well-being.

Christ commissioned his disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit to forgive sins. Forgiveness of Sins is linked with the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament of Reconciliation has its roots in this text as well the authority of Pope, the successor of Peter, to bind and loose (c.f Matt. 16:19; 18:8). One potent way of experiencing the fountain of Christ's mercy is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Through this sacrament, Christ restores us to friendship and to a life of grace. Forgiveness is linked with Peace.

We should not doubt the efficacy of this sacrament like Thomas wanting to put his finger into the holes of Christ's side. We should rather approach this sacrament with awe, humility and a contrite heart as Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"

The gospel accounts have been recorded so that we may come to believe in Jesus Christ. We must strive daily to grow in faith. "Jesus, we trust in thee!"

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.

Fundraising Jazz and Swing Evening: Friday 20 April, 7.30pm-10pm St Francis & Therese Catholic Church, Overlade 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.

Is this for you OR for someone you know? St Scholastica's Retreat – Open Day – Saturday, 14th April, 2018 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Rev Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437.

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ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Friday 7th September 2018 to Sunday 9th September at The ACC Convention Centre, Liverpool and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Friday: Speakers and presentations on: The Scriptural Context; the Eucharist in the life of the Church; teaching the Eucharist; preparing Children for the Sacraments of Initiation; the ministry of the Eucharist in hospitals and prisons; Eucharistic Liturgical Rites outside of Mass; the Eucharist as a sign of the Church's Unity; the Eucharist and Social Justice; teaching children to pray; John Henry Newman and Dominic Barberi; musical resources for Adoration; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ministry and Practice. Mass on Friday at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral. Saturday: Presentations by Bishop Robert Barron Mass on Saturday at 8.15am in the Metropolitan Cathedral Sunday: Main Pilgrimage Day: Solemn Mass at 9.30am and 11.30am. Outdoor Eucharistic Procession and Benediction. Local contact: Cath Worthington (07817 320934).