



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

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| St Anselm | Sunday    | 8 July  | 8.00am  | For the parish                                   |
| Our Lady  | Sunday    | 8 July  | 9.15am  | Kathleen Winifred Turner (Foundation Mass)       |
| Our Lady  | Monday    | 9 July  | 6.00pm  | All souls; Kay York (Foundation Mass)            |
| Our Lady  | Wednesday | 11 July | 6.00pm  | For the sick                                     |
| Our Lady  | Saturday  | 14 July | 10.00am | Albert & Ann Hart (Foundation Mass) & Exposition |
| St Anselm | Sunday    | 15 July | 8.00am  | For the parish                                   |
| Our Lady  | Sunday    | 15 July | 9.15am  | Julie Foster (Foundation Mass)                   |

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** July: for our sick and housebound, those who care for them and their vocation within the church.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** July: Priests and their Pastoral Ministry. That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Amos 7:12-15, Ps 84:9-14.R.v8, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:7-13.

**Last week's collection.** Our Lady: £213.80 St. Anselm: £195.60 in addition to £85 from standing orders. Thank you!

**Last week's second collection.** £150.90 for Peter's Pence.

**This week's second collection:** Apostleship of the sea.

**Please pray for our sick and elderly.** Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Ian Smith, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson and Chav Nguyen.

### **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme:** My Power is at its best in weakness!

Jesus goes to his hometown of Nazareth, teaches on the Sabbath day, and his own people rejected him. Despite his wisdom and miraculous powers, his own people do not believe in him rather they took offence at him. Jesus "could not do any mighty work there and he marvels because of their unbelief" (Mark 6:6).

Faith involves a relationship with the Lord. Like every human relationship, the relationship between the men of God and God's people is also associated with disappointments, uncertainties and intolerance. The prophet Ezekiel was sent by God to the people of Israel, unfortunately, the people ignored the words of the prophet although they originated from God.

Nonetheless, Ezekiel's presence speaks harsh realities that cannot be ignored.

The life of St. Paul was not different from the life of Prophet Ezekiel in terms of challenges. He pleaded with the Lord three times for the situation to change, but he heard a voice that said, "My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness". Their faith in God sustained them in this difficult relationship. Only Faith can embrace the mysterious ways of God's almighty power. This faith glories in its weakness in order to draw to itself Christ's power. The Virgin Mary is the supreme model of this faith, for she believed that 'nothing will be impossible with God' and was able to magnify the Lord: For he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name'. (CCC#273)

Similarly, when Jesus speaks to us in Scripture and we believe him, we too will know his power and he will work in our lives. Faith calls for obedience to God. As we obey him out of love, God can work in our lives. "If you love me you will obey my commandments" (Jn. 14:15). Obedience, trust and hope are essential parts of faith.

Constant faith in God through prayer is the basis for a fruitful life.

**Maurice Rennie RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maurice Rennie who died last weekend. His remains will be received into Sacred Heart church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 5.30pm with the funeral on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am, followed by committal at Nene Valley Crematorium. Please keep Maurice and his family in your prayers.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.** Is your child starting school in September? St Gregory's Catholic Primary School have spaces available in their Reception classes for September 2018. If you would like to come and visit our school and see the fantastic opportunities we offer, please ring the school office on 01604 403511 to book a visit.

**Zimbabwe Catholic Community Mass:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1pm at Sacred Heart. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Rufaro Muderer and Fr. Jabulani Magugu. There will be refreshments in the hall afterwards. All are welcome!

**Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.** 24-31 August 2018. If you are interested in going on the pilgrimage as an assisted pilgrim or helper, please visit [www.catholicassociation.co.uk](http://www.catholicassociation.co.uk) or contact Deacon Michael Fleming on [mvf@btinternet.com](mailto:mvf@btinternet.com).

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage.** Walsingham on Sunday 22 July. Chief celebrant will be Bishop Alan Hopes of East Anglia. The day begins at 11am with reconciliation at 11am, Mass at 12 noon, The Walsingham Story (children's costume pageant) at 2.30pm and Adoration, Benediction and prayer balloon launch at 4pm. A day of faith and fun for all the family. Bring a picnic lunch. All welcome.

**Eucharistic Congress - Adoramus:** 7-9 September 2018. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. We have a number of places assigned to us in our Pastoral Area, but early booking is recommended as we can only hold onto those places for a short period of time. Booking forms and information are available at the back of Church. Any questions contact Cath Worthington on 07817320934 or go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/> and go to the Adoremus link.

**NYMO Summer Camp.** There are still a few places available for this year's Summer Camp at Alton Castle. Coach travel is provided. With archery, climbing, dance, abseiling, messy games, daily Mass, Reconciliation, talks, walks, a day at Alton Towers theme park, a surprise day out, sleeping in a castle and so much more this is truly a great opportunity. More information can be <http://www.nymo.org/YoungPeople/Retreats/SummerCamp2018> or contact [info@nymo.org](mailto:info@nymo.org) or 01582 720627 to book a place. So if you know 11-18yr olds who want to enjoy their faith with other young Catholics please let them know about Summer Camp.