



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

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Sunday	14 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	14 October	9.15am	Helena Indyk (Foundation Mass)
Our Lady	Monday	15 October	6.00pm	Peter Chau Nguyen RIP, Teresa Luu Nguyen RIP
Our Lady	Wednesday	17 October	6.00pm	<b>No Mass today</b>
Our Lady	Saturday	20 October	10.00am	De Bless Family (Foundation Mass) & Exposition
St Anselm	Sunday	21 October	8.00am	For the parish
Our Lady	Sunday	21 October	9.15am	Sheikh Abu Sulieman (Foundation Mass)

## OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

St Anselm	Tuesday	16 October	7.00pm	Prayer Group & Exposition.
Our Lady	Wednesday	17 October	2.00pm	Prayer at the Shrine. Experience the peace & power of silent prayer.

**Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation 2018.** October: for our schools, for our young people and their vocation within the church.

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** October: Evangelization – The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word.** Isaiah 53:10-11, Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R.v2, Hebrews 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45.

**Next week's second collection:** Mission Sunday.

**Please pray for our sick and elderly.** Gillian Brockway, Bernard Weston, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson, Rae Dakin and Hazel Toolaram.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR. Theme:** "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God "

The rich young man that ran up to Jesus Christ is representing humanity or all of us running around...either for money, good health, recognition, power etc....Unfortunately these things without the spirit of wisdom do not bring us happiness or satisfaction...! St. Augustine will say our hearts will remain restless until they rest in God!

In the Gospel today, the rich young man desires the best of both worlds – the fullness of eternal life and worldly riches as well. However Jesus Christ makes two requirements of the rich young man. Firstly, he must give up his possessions. Those things that prevent one from following Jesus. By demanding that the young man sell his property and follow him, Jesus was calling on him to place his trust and dependence on God. Jesus warned his disciples about the dangers of riches. The disciples were shocked. According to Judaic thought, wealth was attributed to divine favour; why should they give them up? It is no wonder they thought that Jesus was demanding too much of a successful young man who had so eagerly and faithfully obeyed the commandments of God.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would be disciples: "follow me". Jesus desires a personal relationship with everyone. Jesus Christ wants to love you as a person. Jesus, looking at him, loved him. Jesus' call to discipleship is costly. He asks all of his followers to sacrifice everything for his sake, for the reward is great. We may wonder if this is possible! Jesus assures us, "With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God". (Mark 10:27).

Many of us also seek eternal life, but are ready or willing to sell our houses, cars, clothes, and valuables in order to give the money to the poor.

Are we ready to embrace the personal love of Jesus? Are we ready to depend solely on Christ for our personal fulfilment? This may be impossible by human standards, but Jesus tells us that it is possible with God. How? Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible. Each day we must read and understand the Word of God. It is the Word of God that makes the impossible very possible.

**Pastoral visit of Bishop Peter to the three churches.** On the weekend of 27/28 October, Bishop Peter will be celebrating each Mass at Sacred Heart, Our Lady and St Anselm. We look forward to welcoming him to our parishes.

**Thank you.** Cilla and Bernard Johnson wish to thank you for all your prayers that helped him through his course of chemotherapy. We don't know the outcome but are sure the Lord will continue to hear all our prayers. Thank you.

**Room Required.** Mature Catholic lady seeking a room to rent for the month of January 2019 only, within a 2 mile radius of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Please contact Gail on gainava.gk@gmail.com.

**Thank you from St Gregory's Catholic Primary School.** A huge thank you to all those who attended our celebration Mass for our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a wonderful evening led by Bishop Peter and assisted by Deacon Michael Fleming and Deacon David Donoghue. It was lovely to be joined by so many staff, parents and children from our school's past and present, and we look forward to many more happy and successful years!

**The St Vincent de Paul Society; Get Involved!** - "Charity must never look to the past, but always to the future" (Blessed Frédéric Ozanam)

Across the country the Society is growing steadily, however we are always on the lookout for new members. Increasing our membership will enable us to achieve our goal of helping and supporting people facing a daily struggle with isolation and poverty.

Whilst volunteering can be a challenge, it is equally rewarding. As a Member you will always have the support of your Conference, as well as that of the National Society to assist you in your charitable works.

If you do not have the time to commit to the Society but would like to make a regular contribution, you can become a Friend either via our website, or by getting in touch with Aisha McCarthy at the National Office at [aisham@svp.org.uk](mailto:aisham@svp.org.uk)/ 020 7703 3030.

Thank you for your time and attention during Awareness Month. We hope this has helped you get to know the Society better and perhaps motivate you to turn your concern into action. If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with us on the above number or email address.

**First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19:** For children in School Years 3-6 only. Completed registration forms can be given to Hazel or Lorraine. The classes will start next Sunday 14 October after 9.15am Mass and parents will need to collect their children from the Institute at 11am. For any older candidates, please speak to Fr Jerry.

**Confirmation Preparation Programme.** Those wishing to be Confirmed in July 2019 should collect an Application Form from the back of the Church. The programme starts on Saturday 24 November and all the dates and venues are attached to the Application Form. Please complete and return the Application Form to Miriam Hague at the back of church after mass on Sunday 4 November or Sunday 11 November. If you would like an electronic copy, please email [frank\\_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frank_sudlow@yahoo.co.uk) asking for the Application Form and Programme.

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Open Days.** Do you have a child starting school in September 2019? St Gregory's have a number of open days over the next few months: Thursday 18 October 2-3pm, Wednesday 14 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 9.30-11.30am, Thursday 22 November 6-7pm.

**Flower arranging.** Starting in October, taught by Margaret Ashford. We will meet on Friday mornings at 10.30am in the church hall at Sacred Heart Church. Dates: 26 October, 9 November, 16 November, 23 November and 14 December. The cost is £15 for the 5 sessions. Please let Margaret know if you are coming – telephone 07821 984875 and she will let you know what flowers, greenery etc. you need to bring for the first session.

**5<sup>th</sup> Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group:** Did you or anyone in your family ever belong to the 5<sup>th</sup> Northampton St Mary's RC Scout Group? If so, the group wants to contact you about its forthcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations starting with Mass and a reunion, which takes place at 2pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at the Scout Camping Ground at Overstone. Although the 5<sup>th</sup> St Mary's has always been attached to the Cathedral, for most of the time it was the only Catholic Scout group in the town and attracted members from all over Northampton. Get in touch by emailing former leader Pat Percival on [patpercivalnn@aol.com](mailto:patpercivalnn@aol.com) or messaging her on 07526 661228.

**NORES day retreat:** As part of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation, NORES are offering a day retreat called 'Your God will be my God' and will be based on the Book of Ruth. The retreat will be at The Bridgettine Guesthouse, Fulmer Common Rd, Iver Heath SL10 0NR on Saturday 20 October 11am-4pm, and is £30 per person, which includes lunch, tea and coffee. For further details, please contact NORES on [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or on 01582 723312 or speak to Lorraine in the parish office.

**International Family Rosary.** Hoping to see lots of you on Friday 19 and 26 October at 7pm for our 'Rosary event' at Sacred Heart. The Pope and Church generally are really encouraging us to pray this ancient prayer - especially when the world so much needs prayer - so let's make a small sacrifice of our time and pray together. It's also really enjoyable and uplifting! On 19<sup>th</sup> October, we will be praying in English and Irish, and on 26 October, English, Spanish and German. There will be refreshments - hopefully of an international flavour afterwards. We look forward to seeing you!

**Cheese and Wine and a brilliant bishop!** On Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm in the hall at Sacred Heart, we are having an evening to hear short feedback from those who went from our parish to the 'Adoremus' conference in Liverpool in September - which was inspirational - and to watch a recording of a talk by Bishop Barron who was brilliant and really down to earth! We will follow this with a cheese and wine social so do put it in your diary - you won't be disappointed.