



The Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour
& St Anselm

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Northampton, Registered Charity Number
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Sacred Heart Mass Times:

Saturday: 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am
Weekdays: 9.30am followed
by Rosary
Holy Days: 9.30am

Our Lady Mass Times:

Sunday: 9.15am

St Anselm Mass Times:

Sunday: 8.00am

Weekdays and Holy Days:
as advertised

Sacred Heart Diary:

Monday:
Adoration: 10am-5pm
Saturday:
Adoration: 10am-2pm
Confession: 4.30pm – 5.15pm
Sunday:
Children's Liturgy: During 10am
Mass

Our Lady & St Anselm Diary:

Our Lady:
Prayer at The Shrine: Weds 2pm
Exposition: Sat 10.30am-12pm
St Anselm:
Prayer Group & Exposition:
Tues 7pm

Masses & Services 1st/2nd December 2018
First Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart:			Our Lady & St Anselm:	
Sat	5:30pm	Pauline Welford (Anniv); Jen Prendergast R.I.P.		
Sun	10.30am	Eric Berney (Anniv) Susan Fawundu (Birthday)	8am (St A) 9:15am (OL)	Barbara Mary White Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen RIP Antonia 'Tola' Matthews RIP
Mon	9:30am	Mike Donnegan RIP	6pm (OL)	
Tues	9:30am	For prayers answered	7pm (St A)	Special intentions of those attending this Mass
Weds	9:30am	Andrew Helm R.I.P.	6pm (OL)	For the sick
Thurs	9:30am	All parishioners & friends, living & dead		
Fri	9:30am	James Kelly (anniversary)		
Sat	5:30pm	Father Nicolas' birthday; Michael Collins 80 th birthday; Catherine Geary RIP (Anniversary)	10am (OL)	Kitty Lloyd RIP & exposition
Sun	10.30am	Lazer & Lindita (Special Mass)	8am (St A) 9:15am (OL)	For the parish Peter Chau Nguyen, Teresa Luu Nguyen, Joseph Duong Nguyen RIP

Feastdays: Monday – St Francis Xavier, Wednesday – St Birinus, Thursday – St Nicholas, Friday - St Ambrose.

Anniversaries: Eric Bartlett, Mary Shine, Pauline Welford, Edward Forrestal, Florence Goom, Eric Berney, Rose-Marie Hone, Linda Hall, Jeanne Borton, Paddy & Winnie Prendergast, Phyllis Corr, William Mansfield, Chipu Mugugu, Caroline D'Souza, Dolly Byrne, Win Catlin, Tony Ahmed, James Kelly. R.I.P.

Please pray for all our sick: Rachel Crane, Philomene Crizzle, Vicki Plant, Nuala Fitzgerald, Joan Kelly, Patricia Harris, Neal Peckham, Pam Boshell, Margaret Whitlock, Stan Everitt, Edwina Hayes, Victor Stapleton, Sheryl Haynes, Edwina Julie, Isobel McArthur, Sarah Robinson, Leo Bell, Margaret Ellerbeck, Dolores Behan, Kath Scholtz, Mary Stanton, Jasmine Cross, Petra Barreau, Tony Southwell, John Shoreland and Deirdre Donovan.
Gillian Brockway, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Bob Standing, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson, Rae Dakin, Hazel Toolaram, baby Ellis and Angela Kingsley.

Pope Francis' Special Intention: December: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Barush 5:1-9, Ps.125. R.v3, Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11, Luke 3:1-6.

This week's second collection: Catholic Youth Services.

Sacred Heart Tea & Coffee after Mass: There will be tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday.

Sacred Heart Parish Group Meeting: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm in the presbytery main lounge. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Any items for the agenda should be emailed to Lorraine in the Parish Office no later than Friday 30th November.

Summary of the Pastoral Letter of Bishop Peter.

Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectation. It is a season with twofold characters.

Firstly, it is a season when we prepare for Christmas and when Christ's first coming is remembered.

Secondly, it is a season when the Church directs our minds and hearts to await Christ's second at the end of time.

Bishop Peter starts his pastoral letter with these words; "Stay awake, praying at all times to stand with confidence before the Son of Man". Those words of Jesus at the end of today's Gospel give meaning to these short weeks of Advent. According to the Bishop, many of us will have our heads down with preparations for Christmas. Jesus is urging us to look up, to see how much he welcomes us and loves us. If we open our hearts to his welcome and his love, not only will we be ready when he comes again in glory, we can reach out in welcome and love to our families and to everyone around us.

Bishop Peter encourages us to grow in the spirit of Prayer. We are to pray with passionate faith and a passionate authenticity.

Together, young and old, in prayer and in the lives we lead, we need to reflect a passionate faith and a passionate authenticity. We need to be real, real that Jesus is with us, that Jesus is among us, that Jesus is our shepherd, our comfort, our friend and our brother!

Also, he encourages everyone to be equipped in order to make their faith more passionate, intellectual and practically reliable, during the new year. Bishop Peter reminds us of the opportunities in the new year. He insists that the diocese is going to provide opportunities for us to better understand our faith, and also for some of us to be trained as lay leaders in our parish communities.

In conclusion, Bishop Peter quotes the words of Pope Francis to the Bishops of England and Wales, He said, "Whatever challenges you face, be joyful and be at peace. Why? Because we have a merciful Father waiting for us, the Spirit within us, and Jesus beside us." Peace and joy to you this Advent!

Sacred Heart Christmas Cakes: Thanks to all those who donated fruit - we now have a sufficient amount. If anyone wishes to place an order for a Christmas cake, please see Wendy.

Sacred Heart SVP Christmas Hampers: Please hand your donations in by Wednesday 12th December.

Sacred Heart Christmas Family Mass: Monday 24th December 5.30pm. **CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** As always, we are inviting all the children to come as a character from the nativity story - from Mary to the star and the donkey! If you're quick there are costumes to buy in most supermarkets - or feel free to make your own! The children will take an active part in the Mass and are invited to be in the hall at 5.10pm so we can prepare them! If you have questions please talk to any of the members of the Children's Liturgy team.

Sacred Heart Holly Wreaths: Will be ready for collection on Friday 7th evening after 8pm or at Mass on Saturday or Sunday

Sacred Heart Readers' and Eucharistic Ministers' rotas: Many thanks to all readers and Eucharistic Ministers for their help and efforts over the last year. New rotas are being prepared for January - June 2019. Please inform Gareth, or Lorraine in the parish office, if you no longer wish to be included in the rotas, (silence will signal your consent to continue), or if you wish to be considered for inclusion in the new rotas. Your decision is needed no later than Friday 14th December, as rotas will be published the following week. If you wish to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister you will have to approach Fr Jerry personally, as he will have to approve and train you. Please check the rotas carefully and if you cannot make a particular date it would be much appreciated if you could arrange a swap with someone else as simply not turning up puts pressure on others to step in at the last moment. Unfortunately, due to the latest data protection regulations we cannot publish or give out contact details so please make personal arrangements.

Sacred Heart Wassail evening: The Lourdes Group invite everyone to join them for a Wassail Evening! This evening of festive fun will take place in the parish hall on **Sunday 16th December at 7pm** and will feature carol singing, Christmas songs, mulled wine, mince pies and Christmas nibbles – the first drink and mince pie is included in the price. The music will be provided by the parish music group and all proceeds go to support the parish Lourdes fund. We'd love to see as many members of our parish family there as possible! Tickets are £5 per adult and £2.50 per child, there is also a family ticket (two adults and two children at £12.50 – one free child!) Tickets will be on sale after Mass in the porch, or ask Wendy. Also Lorraine in the parish office will take your name to reserve a ticket. Festive attire is actively encouraged!

Our Lady's Coffee Morning and Parish Meal: There will be a coffee morning after the 9.15am Mass on 16 December 2018. The Parish Meal will be held as usual this year on Thursday 24 January 2019 – tickets at £17 each will be available mid-December.

Our Lady's. Thank you: The retiring collection last Sunday for Mary's Meal's raised £303.59. Thank you!

St Anselm's. Thank you: The Traidcraft stall raised £94. 10% of which will be given to the SVP. Thank you once again for your wonderful generosity.

Billing Covenanted Churches Together Advent Carol Service: Accompanied by The Watling Singers, at All Saints Church, Little Billing on Sunday 9th December at 6.30pm. All welcome!

The Hope Centre: The petition is still in the porches so please sign if you haven't already done so.

Christmas Mass Times:

Sacred Heart:

Monday 24th December: 5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass for Christmas
9.30pm – Vigil Mass

Tuesday 25th December: 11am - Christmas morning Mass

St Anselm:

Monday 24th December: (9.00pm Carol Service) 9.30pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Monday 24th December: (10.30pm Carol Service) 11.00pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 25th December: 9.30am Christmas morning Mass