



The Sacred Heart

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Diocesan Shrine,  
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:**

Adoration: Mon 10am-5pm  
Sat 10am-2pm  
Confession: Sat 4.30pm – 5.15pm  
Children's Liturgy: Sunday during  
10.30am 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 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Joe Murray R.I.P. Dr Bill MacQuillan R.I.P.
Sunday	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	Abel Manomey R.I.P. David & Gregory Nutt R.I.P. Bob Ellwood R.I.P. Rosemarie Sandy (birthday)
Monday	5.30am (Sacred Heart) 9.30pm (Sacred Heart) 9.30pm (St Anselm)	Family Christmas Vigil Mass; Rosetta Ardron R.I.P. Christmas Vigil Mass; Gerard Carroll R.I.P. Christmas Vigil Mass; Debra O'Hanlon R.I.P.
Tuesday	11.00pm (Our Lady) 9.30am (Our Lady) 11.00am (Sacred Heart)	Christmas Vigil Mass Christmas Morning Mass Christmas Morning Mass; Elaine Donnelly; Peter Edwards R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Priest's Intentions <b>No Mass today</b>
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the Parish
Friday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	For James Coeur de Lion as he trains for the priesthood
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Bishop Francis Thomas (Foundation Mass) & Exposition Kathleen Murphy R.I.P. Diana Cornwell R.I.P.
Sunday	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish Bernard Weston R.I.P.; Julie Vandrine R.I.P. Tony Refoy R.I.P. Billy Donald R.I.P.

**Feastdays:** Wednesday – St Stephen, Thursday – St John Friday Holy Innocents.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Coleman, Ivy Collier, Nellie Shand, Peter Holmes, Thomas King, Bishop Francis Thomas, Maureen Marks, Arthur Dakin, Maisie McMaster, Amelia Walker, Christine Clark, William Collins Kit Gritt and Abel Manomey 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, Edwina Hayes, Stan Everitt, Victor Stapleton, Sheryl Haynes, Edwina Julie, Isobel McArthur, Sarah Robinson, Leo Bell, Margaret Ellerbeck, Dolores Behan, Kath Scholtz, Mary Stanton, Tony Southwell, Jasmine Cross, Petra Barreau, John Shoreland and Deirdre Donovan.

Gillian Brockway, Mary Percival, Felicidade Hatcher, Betty Picknell, Sonia Borucki, Dennis Williams, Rae Dakin, Philomena Fraher, Bernard Johnson, Hazel Toolaram, baby Ellis, Angela Kingsley and Jerry Green.

**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:** Samuel 1:20-22.24-26, Ps. 83:2-3.5-6.9-10.R.v5, St John 3:1-2.21-24, Luke 2:41-52.

**Last week's collection: Sacred Heart:** £669.31 (and £475 from standing orders)

**Our Lady:** £298.60, **St Anselm:** £233 (and £85 from standing orders)

**Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:**

	<b>Christmas Eve 9.30pm</b>	<b>Christmas Day 11.00am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	D Teevan	C Chaplin
<b>Eucharistic Minister:</b>	G Davies	M O'Reilly
	<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	C Cole	McMorrow team
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	N Radomilovic	V Sudlow

**Sacred Heart Tea & Coffee after Mass:** No tea and coffee on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December. We'll see everyone again on Sunday 6th January.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Theme: "Of all women, you are the most Blessed..."**

Like an interesting movie, we see the fourth Sunday of advent presenting us with the key personalities or actresses involved in the Salvation of God. The life of Mary and Elizabeth embodies the four virtues we meditate and celebrate during the Advent season with the candles; a life of Hope, faith, Joy and love. It is for her faith that all generations have called Mary blessed. By faith, Mary welcomes the tidings and the promise brought by the angel Gabriel. CCC# 148

It is in the spirit of Joy and Hope that the quiet and youthful Mary went to the ageing Elizabeth to share the good things done by the Lord. In coming to celebrate her cousin's good fortune, Mary brought grace and abounding love. The prophecy of the Prophet Micah about Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, is important to us who recognize Jesus as the King and a Messiah, from the ancestor of David. Although Elizabeth was advanced in age she conceded that Mary, the younger person, occupies a higher place; "mother of my Lord". She said this not out of bitterness or envy, but in a rejoicing and sincere tone.

Mary, on the other hand, accepted the honour given to her by Elizabeth and immediately she also acknowledged the Lord for whom her soul magnifies. We Luke, therefore, presented the actors in God's salvation programme overflowing with joy.

May we lay down all our fears, sorrows and sins and welcome the newborn king with joy.

**Sacred Heart Christmas Family Mass:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm. **CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** We are inviting all the children to come as a character from the nativity story - from Mary to the star and the donkey! 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! Any questions, please talk to any of the members of the Children's Liturgy team.

**Sacred Heart Adoration over the Christmas period:** This will be as follows: Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - no adoration, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December - 10am-2pm, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December - 10am-1pm.

**Sacred Heart Eucharistic Ministers' and Readers' Rotas:** Please collect the new rota for January to June with your name(s) on from next to the tabernacle and put the dates in your diary. Please arrange to swap if you are unable to fulfil the obligation on a given date. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**Sacred Heart Eucharistic Ministry to the Housebound:** Please collect the new rotas which have been left next to the tabernacle. If you would like a copy emailed to you, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**Sacred Heart New Year's Eve:** Come and see in the New Year with the Lord! From **11.15pm** until just after Midnight on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December we will be saying goodbye to 2018 and welcoming 2019 with prayer and song and readings in the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus. We hope you can join us. **Please note the change of time.**

**Sacred Heart Karuri School:** A big thank you to all those who donated coats to Wangari's school. The children were delighted!

**Sacred Heart Street Church:** It is our turn as a Parish to provide the food for Street Church on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January. If you can help, there is a notice in the porch of things we need. Please put your name and phone number on the list, alternatively speak to a member of the SVP or phone 07504 465707.

**Our Lady's Parish Meal:** The Parish Meal will take place at the Oriental Paradise, Billing Aquadrome on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - tickets at £17 each available at the back of each church after Mass.

**Our Lady's SVP Fundraiser Event with Fynnus Fogg:** On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady and St Anselm SVP have secured the amazing Fynnus Fogg. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, be entertained, meet new people, dust off the winter blues and practice some Strictly Come Dancing moves. The venue is in the newly refurbished, fully licenced, Bipin Brook (located in Ecton Brook). There is plenty of parking and drinks can be purchased at the bar. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year, costing £15 per person which includes entry, food and live music.

**Bible Timeline:** Join us for James: Pearls for Wise Living at St Gregory's Church Hall. Weekly from 14<sup>th</sup> January-1<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm (except half term break on 18<sup>th</sup> February) and for Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John at St Gregory's Sacristy. Weekly from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January-19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am (except half term break on 19<sup>th</sup> February). For more info or to register, call Julie at 01604 456321 or via email: NN.BibleTimeLineTeam@aol.com. Study Guide for each course costs £22.

*Fr Jerry would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.*

**Christmas Mass Times:**

**Sacred Heart:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** 5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass for Christmas  
9.30pm - Vigil Mass

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 11am - Christmas morning Mass

**St Anselm:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** (9.00pm Carol Service) 9.30pm Vigil Mass

**Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** (10.30pm Carol Service) 11.00pm Vigil Mass

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December:** 9.30am Christmas morning Mass

**Christmas Offering.** Please note that the offertory collection at both the Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning will be your personal offering to Fr Jerry.