



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:

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 inc.
Stations of the Cross & Exposition:
Weds 2pm
Exposition: Sat 10.30am-12pm
St Anselm:
Prayer Group
& Exposition: Tues 7pm

Masses & Services 23rd/24th March 2019
Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Fr Calnan & Fr Damien R.I.P.; Eddie Owens R.I.P.
Sunday 24 th	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	Margaret Wilson R.I.P. Theresa Howe R.I.P. Mary McNulty R.I.P.; James Fanny R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Rita Smith R.I.P.; Rose Shepherd R.I.P. For the sick
Tuesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 7.00pm (St Anselm)	Priest's Intentions Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 2.00pm (Our Lady) 6.00pm (Our Lady) 7.00pm (Sacred Heart)	John Dobson Stations of the Cross No 6pm Mass today Lenten Retreat
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish
Friday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 7.00pm (Sacred Heart)	Stella Long R.I.P. Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	For the parish & Exposition Ita Griffiths (Foundation); Joanna Luscombe-Whyte R.I.P.
Sunday 31 st	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	Eileen Weston (Foundation Mass) Helen Doherty R.I.P. Kevin Gaughran R.I.P.

Feastdays: Monday – The Annunciation of the Lord.

Anniversaries: Mary Casey, Susan Maynard, Margaret Warrington, Marjorie Whiteside, Ruby Forde, Joseph Catalano, Bidy Robson, Albert Hardy, Ita Griffiths, Michael Brown **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our sick: Rachel Crane, Philomene Crizzle, Vicki Plant, 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, Deirdre Donovan, Tony Bull Teresa Brown and Laura Sheehy.

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

Pope Francis' Special Intention: March: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Joshua5:9-12, Ps33:2-7.R.v9, Corinthians 5:17-21, Luke15:1-3.11-32.

Last week's collection: Sacred Heart: £723.43 (and £475 from standing orders)

Our Lady: £270.22 **St Anselm:** £224.50 (and £85 from standing orders)

Last week's second collection: CAFOD Family Fast Day. SH: £937.79 OL & SA: £699.32

Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:

	Saturday 30th March 5.30pm	Sunday 31st March 10.30am
Readers:	Heron team	Davies team
Eucharistic Ministers:	C Chaplin	H Helm

Sacred Heart Tea & Coffee after Mass. There will be tea and coffee after 10.30am Mass today.

Lenten Reflection. Wednesday 27th March at 6pm at the Cathedral. You are warmly invited to join pupils from the St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust on their Lenten journey: through reflection, prayer and music.

Funeral arrangements for Rae Dakin R.I.P. (Daughter of Phyllis and Harold Clarke). Rae's funeral will take place on Friday 5th April at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Church. The family would like to extend the invitation to all parishioners if they wish to attend the funeral, the crematorium and the reception afterwards in the hall. Please keep Rae and her family in your prayers.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: Theme: Lent is a time to pass from Promises to Opportunities

Christianity came out of the Jewish religion. One of the experiences that we inherited from them is that illness and untimely misfortune is mysteriously linked to personal sin or sin of one's family, and that faithfulness to God according to his law restores life.

In the Gospel reading, Jesus encounters some Jewish people with a similar mind set. Christ dispelled the notion that the individuals who were so tragically killed had died because of their sin. However, their untimely demise is a call to repentance since we do not know when our own lives will come to end.

God in his unending patience gives to his people numerous opportunities to return to him in repentance and bear the fruit of their life. He never tires of welcoming us to himself. Rather, he sees in us the potential to bear fruit and to assist us to repent. But as the parable in today's gospel illustrates, there is no excuse for delaying our response.

If you were in charge of the world, especially, over those who commit crimes would you probably be much quicker than Jesus to condemn those committing sins? How many times have we accused someone of a particular wrong action? How many times have we not wished that a particularly unpleasant person would receive the reward of his or her wickedness?

However, when we treat others according to the demands of retribution, we should be ready to submit ourselves to the same form of justice. Thankfully, God does not work that way.

When God treats us with mercy and love, should we not treat others with the same mercy and love? The person who thinks he or she is safe must be careful that he or she does not fall.

Let us reach out to others with the same patience and love we have received from God.

Altar Servers. Fr Jerry would like to meet with all Altar Servers for a rehearsal on Fridays 5th and 12th April at 4.30pm @ Sacred Heart Church.

Sacred Heart Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers. Fr Jerry would like to meet with Eucharistic ministers on Sunday 7th April after 10.30am Mass. He would be very grateful if as many could attend as possible.

Sacred Heart cake stall. This Saturday and Sunday. All money will go to the Lourdes fund.

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 23-30 August 2019. Places are filling up for our pilgrimage and we are closing the list for helpers as we have as many as we are able to accommodate. We will, however, be keeping a helpers waiting list so please do let us know if you would like to be added to this. We do have spaces for any less able or able bodied pilgrims who do not wish to come as helpers – we'd love to have you with us! If you are interested in joining us on this fun and faith filled pilgrimage, please do see Wendy or Gareth for a booking form.

Sacred Heart Planned Giving Envelopes. Collection envelopes for the next year are still available. If your details have changed or if you would like to join the scheme, please contact Lorraine in the parish office. If you are a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid scheme which allows the parish to reclaim 25% of your donation, please see Wendy, after Mass on that day to complete a very quick form.

Sacred Heart help needed. We need a volunteer to help with sacramental preparation for Baptism. This entails delivering two sessions after Sunday Mass, roughly every two months. Training will be given. Please speak to Simni Moore or Cathy Chaplin to find out more.

Sacred Heart help needed. We need a volunteer handyman to advise on small jobs around the church and presbytery. We need advice on who to contact, etc. If any work is carried out by an individual, normal rates will be paid. Please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Our Lady's Collection Envelopes. Blue collection envelopes will still be available after Mass today. If your address details have changed, please let Lorraine in the parish office know. Information, forms and envelopes are also available for any new parishioners who would like to join the scheme.

St Anselm's Traidcraft Stall. Liz Hurrell will be running a Traidcraft stall after 8am Mass at St Anselm's **today**. Please support this wonderful organisation.

Mass for Married Life. Saturday 6th April at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Woburn Sands, MK17 8NN. Gathering from 11.30am followed by Mass at 12 noon. Bishop Peter Doyle will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone, please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517 or at mfl@northamptondiocese.com. All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. We're seeking an individual or family-friendly businesses that want to make a positive impact in the community and to extend their marketing efforts by sponsoring our new sports kit. Over the school year we take part in many sports in various locations and in the six weeks since the start of 2019, we have taken part in 8 events and had over 24 teams represent us in several sports. If you're interested in finding out more information about the benefits of sponsorship and the financial contribution required please contact our Headteacher Niamh Rolph via the school office 01604 403511 or emailing ncooper@sgcps.org

Prayer & Praise Northampton. Monday 1st April at 7.30pm at the Abington Avenue United Reformed Church, 157 Abington Ave, Northampton NN1 4QA. This month we will be praying in particular for the police force and crime prevention in Northampton. Refreshments from 7pm. All are welcome.

International Rosary: We will have the International Rosary again at Sacred Heart in May on the following dates: Wednesday 8th, Friday 17th, Wednesday 22nd, Friday 31st. More details to follow.