



The Sacred Heart

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Diocesan Shrine,
Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour
& St Anselm

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SacredHeartNorthampton

Part of the Roman Catholic Diocese of
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

Rosary & Exposition: Weds 2pm

Novena: Thurs 1-2pm

Exposition: Sat 10.30am-12pm

St Anselm:

Prayer Group

& Exposition: Tues 7pm

Masses & Services 14th/15th December 2019
3rd Sunday of Advent

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| Saturday | 5.30pm (Sacred Heart) | Tom Keaney R.I.P. |
| Sunday 15 th Dec | 8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart) | For the parish George & Peggy Whitehead (Foundation Mass) Bernadette Doyle R.I.P.; Joseph Olahan |
| Monday | 9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady) | Rose Hone R.I.P. No 6pm Mass today |
| Tuesday | 9.30am (Sacred Heart) | Helena Gleeson R.I.P.(Anniversary) |
| Wednesday | 9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady) | Pat Toller R.I.P.; Hilary Helm (Birthday) No 6pm Mass today |
| Thursday | 9.30am (Sacred Heart) | For the parish |
| Friday | 9.30am (Sacred Heart) | Priest's Intentions |
| Saturday | 10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart) | For the sick & Exposition Mark Cooke R.I.P. |
| Sunday 22 nd Dec | 8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart) | For deceased members of our parish For the parish Deceased members of the O'Neill and Gleeson families |

Anniversaries: Lawrence Piri, Joseph Ross, Barbara Safford, Pat Toller, Edward Cook, Witek Bobowicz, Patrick Mulhern, Ann Szweida, Ancy D'Souza, Bob Brooker, Alexander McKillop, Andrew Browne. R.I.P.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. December: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 7:10-14, Ps 23:1-6. R. Cf. vv7.10, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

Last week's collection: Sacred Heart: £590.65 (and £475 from standing orders)

Our Lady: £250.80 **St Anselm:** £191.50 (and £85 from standing orders)

Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:

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| | Saturday 21st Dec 5.30pm | Sunday 22nd Dec 10.30am |
| Readers: | J Barclay | Barreau/Helm team |
| Eucharistic Ministers: | C Chaplin | N Lonergan |

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

Sacred Heart SVP. The Giving Tree is in the church. We are aiming to distribute 40 hampers this year. Please take a tag (or two) and return them by Wednesday 18th December. Thank you.

Christmas Penitential Liturgies. On Monday 16th December at 7pm at the Cathedral and Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at St Gregory's Church. Both will have an opportunity for Confessions.

Christmas Cards by the Youth group. The Parish Youth Group called Encounter youth group will be selling Christmas cards in the porch at Sacred Heart Church to raise money to enable them to go on educational trips in the diocese.

Parking at Sacred Heart. Please leave parking on slip road for our disabled parishioners. There is lots of parking at the Tesco and Diversey car parks.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday): Theme: Rejoice in the Lord always... Indeed the Lord is near.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent reminds us of the joyful expectation of the coming of our Redeemer and Savior, Jesus Christ. The entrance antiphon offers us the signature tune for the theme of joyful expectation that our saviour is come to save us.

John the Baptist is baffled with the ministry of Jesus and sends messengers to him. Jesus defines his role not as one of sovereignty and judgement as John had expected but as one of blessing to the needy. Whenever we recognize our utter dependence on God with respect it becomes a source of joy, wisdom and freedom and confidence. (CCC#301) Jesus gives testimony about John Baptist. As John's attire is somewhat shabby compared to Herod's finery clothes, also he compares his fearless preaching with the King's inconsistency. John the Baptist is also more than a prophet; for unlike the Old Testament prophets, he announces the dawn of God's kingly rule through his Son Jesus Christ and serves as the Messiah's immediate forerunner. The Lord will come in Christmas to save us from sadness, loneliness and sickness because He is the Emmanuel!

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!

Family Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart. As usual we are inviting the children who are coming to this Mass on Christmas Eve to come dressed as characters from the Nativity narrative - angels, shepherds, Mary, donkeys etc. - all very welcome. Please bring these children to the hall for 5.10pm.

Sacred Heart cake stall. There will be a cake stall **this** weekend. Please bake and buy. All monies go to the Lourdes fund.

Sacred Heart Ponsettias: Ponsettias will be available this weekend in the church porch. £2.50 each. Name tabs will be available. They can then be placed around the crib.

Encounter Youth Group Christmas Party. Our pastoral area youth group is for young people aged 11-18 and we will be having our Christmas on Friday 20th December from 5-7pm. Please come along!

End of year meeting for African community. On Sunday 22nd December, after 10.30am Mass, there will be an end of year meeting in the Sacred Heart Church parish hall.

Appeal for children's books. A child cancer foundation, WESOAMO, is appealing for children's books, video games and toys to furnish a playroom and a library for children recovering from cancer in hospital in Ghana. For further information, please contact Fr Jerry or Lorraine.

Film at Sacred Heart. On Friday 3rd January 2020 at 6pm at Sacred Heart Church parish hall, there will be a showing of a film about Sr Clare Crockett who passed away in the Ecuador earthquake in 2016. She was a budding actress who left her career and the open doors to fame behind to give her life to God.

Bible Timeline courses. There will be **two new Timeline courses** in January at St. Gregory's Church. On Mondays in the sacristy at 1pm: ROMANS and on Tuesday mornings in the sacristy at 10am: JAMES. There will also be a course starting on 25th February 2020 for 5 weeks on Tuesdays at 10am in the sacristy at St Gregory's: A BIBLICAL WALK WITH MARY in connection with the rededication of England as Mary's Dowry. Don't forget that the Bible Timeline course at Sacred Heart continues on Tuesdays at 10.15am during term time until Easter 2020.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Northampton Branch. Next meeting will be 7pm Friday 20th December in the sacristy at St Gregory's. Please come & hear about the work being conducted by the branch. There is absolutely no commitment required but we would love to have you there with us. If you are unable to attend then please consider saying the rosary for all unborn children and their mothers.

St Gregory's Catholic Primary School. We are a school where pupils experience and learn more every day. With a 'Good' EYFS setting, a nursery, and a thriving PE and Sports department, our pupils can experience a well-rounded start walking together in the light of the Lord. Discover more at our open day events, which are every Monday and Tuesday morning until the application deadline on 15th January 2020, with Assistant Headteacher & EYFS Lead Mrs Lucy. You can book a place online <https://www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.org.uk/> or contact us on 01604 403511.

Prayer for a new Bishop. This will be said together with the bidding prayers during Mass:

Lord God you are our eternal shepherd and guide. In your mercy grant your Church of Northampton a shepherd who will walk in your ways and whose watchful care will bring us your blessing.

Lord, bless us with the fullness of your love. Give us the joy of having a shepherd to lead your Church of Northampton who will be pleasing and acceptable to you.

Lord, in your love for us, give us the joy of receiving a shepherd who will be an example of goodness to your people and will fill our hearts and minds with the truth of the gospel.

Mary Immaculate – Pray for us. St Thomas of Canterbury – Pray for us.

Christmas Mass Times:

Sacred Heart:

Tues 24th December: 5.30pm - Family Vigil Mass for Christmas
10pm - Vigil Mass

Weds 25th December: 11am - Christmas morning Mass

St Anselm:

Tues 24th December: (Carols at 9pm) 9.30pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Tues 24th December: (Carols at 11pm) 11.30pm Vigil Mass

Weds 25th December: 9.30am Christmas morning Mass