



The Sacred Heart

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Diocesan Shrine,
Our Lady of
Perpetual Succour
& St Anselm

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SacredHeartNorthampton

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Northampton, Registered Charity Number
234091

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 28th/29th December 2019

Holy Family

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	In Thanksgiving
Sunday 29 th Dec	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish Fr Dennis Roberts (Foundation Mass) Stephen Gallagher R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	The Naughton family For the sick
Tuesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	Priest's Intentions
Wednesday 1 st January	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Ivan and Damian Bryan Priest's Intentions
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish
Friday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 5.00pm (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Sacred Heart)	No 9.30am Mass today Exposition and prayers for the priest of the parish. Mass for the priest of the parish; PJ Farrell R.I.P.
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Jill Foster R.I.P (Birthday) & Exposition Raymond Riley R.I.P.; Samantha De Boer
Sunday 5 th Jan	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	Heather Webb (Foundation Mass) For the parish The Boshell family

Feastdays: Sunday – The Holy Family, Monday – St Thomas Becket, Wednesday – Mary Mother of God, Thursday – Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen.

Anniversaries: Maisie McMaster, Amelia Walker, Christine Clark, William Collins, Kit Gritt, Jane Alston, Anne Williams. 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 60:1-6, Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13.R.cf.v11, Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6, Matthew 2:1-12.

Last week's collection: Sacred Heart: £786.21 (and £475 from standing orders)

Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:

	Saturday 4th Jan 5.30pm	Sunday 5th Jan 10.30am
Readers:	C Cole	Moore/Watts
Eucharistic Ministers:	F Harrison	C Davies

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

Sacred Heart New Year's Eve Midnight Mass. A night of watchful prayer and worship before the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Church from 11pm -12midnight. The first Mass of 2020, for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 12midnight. There will be refreshments after the Mass.

SVP help needed. A dining table and chairs is needed for a family. If you can help, please contact Sacred Heart SVP on 07504 465707.

The Institute, Great Billing. Please note that there has been some further damage to the roof of the Institute and the building is currently not safe to be used.

HOLY FAMILY: (summary of the Pastoral letter of Bishop Peter)

Dear Brothers and Sisters

On the feast of the Holy Family, we are with the Christ child, Mary and Joseph who have become refugees. Like so many refugees today, they flee from danger and violence. The Gospel at today's Mass ends with Mary and Joseph returning with Jesus to their homeland and settling in Nazareth. Of course, the reference to Jesus being a Nazarene throws the shadow of the cross over the family – Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews is what was written on the cross above Jesus' head.

How important to Jesus must have been the love and devotion of Mary and Joseph in his early years. They accompanied him with love and gave him security as he grew up. Mary pondered and prayed the mystery of her Son and accompanied him all the way to the cross. In the same way, our families are vital for our flourishing. We can get mixed up in our families, but they provide us with our identities. Yet, our secular society seems to want to deconstruct our understanding of marriage as the union of one woman and one man in a life-long partnership of accompaniment. But, for us, marriage is a vocation, a call from God sealed in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

I hope that we can find ways of promoting this sacrament in our parishes and encouraging and supporting people thinking about marriage. The thought of commitment is not appealing or fashionable in our fast-changing world. Yet, the loving sacrifice of two people accompanying one another till death do they part provides a secure base for the upbringing of children and for the wider community. Remember that we all belong in God's family.

As parish communities, we must embrace one another, wherever we are, and not be frightened or overwhelmed. None of us are perfect. None of us know all the answers. At the same time, the Church's teaching must not be diluted.

Finally, Bishop Peter urges us to give thanks for husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, who have accompanied us as Mary and Joseph accompanied Jesus

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.

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.

Catholic Basics Part I "God". Saturday 25th January 2020 at the Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD. Come and join us from 10am to 3pm (9.30 for refreshments) for an engaging and informative day. Course pack and sandwich lunch provided in £15 cost. This is the second year of this successful course. For details and booking: Tel 01582 723312 or admin@nores.org.uk

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.

Thank you! Fr Jerry, Fr Nicolas and Fr Tony Reader-Moore would like to say thank you for all the cards and gifts given to them.

Thank you! Fr Jerry would like to say a very big thank you to all those who have volunteered their time and efforts over the past year to help keep our parish running. There are so many people who volunteer on a regular basis and without whom, our parishes would not function. A special thanks to James Bellamy, Cathy Chaplin, Fred and Hazel Toolaram, Ollie Prendergast, Charlie Green, Chinwe Anachebe, Deacon Peter Hurrell, Fr Nicolas Alldrit, Fr Tony Reader-Moore and Fr Tony McDermott, and to our altar servers, flower arrangers, those who count the collection, readers, Eucharistic ministers, those who lead adoration, musicians and choir, catechists, the children's liturgy team and members of the SVP. And thank you to you all, our lovely parishioners. You make our parishes the wonderful communities that they are!