



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
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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 7th/8th December 2019
2nd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	James Kelly R.I.P. (Anniversary)
Sunday 8 th Dec	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish Peter Chau Nguyen & Teresa Luu Ngyuen R.I.P. Catherine Geary R.I.P.; Fr Nicolas (birthday)
Monday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Baby Sienna Stephen Charles Fowler R.I.P.
Tuesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	The Golton Family R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	For the parish No 6pm Mass today
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	Fr Frank Calnan R.I.P. (Birthday)
Friday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	Ena Flattery R.I.P.
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	For the sick & Exposition 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

Feastdays: Monday – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday – St Lucy, Saturday – St John of the Cross.

Anniversaries: Eric Taylor, Freddie Craffy, Richard Jones, Michael Tully, Nora Day, Stan Mason, Martin McGinn, Connor McGuinness, Sandra Cooke, John Devine, Mary Gallagher, Thomas Keaney, Catherine Geary. 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 35:1-6.10, Ps 145:6-10. R.cf.Is 35:4, St James 5:7-10, Matthew 12:2-11.

Last week's collection: Sacred Heart: £704.33 (and £475 from standing orders)

Our Lady: £274.80 **St Anselm:** £201 (and £85 from standing orders)

Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:

	Saturday 14th Dec 5.30pm	Sunday 15th Dec 10.30am
Readers:	C Chaplin	McMorrow team
Eucharistic Ministers:	F Harrison	S Moore

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

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academy Trust Advent Service. Wednesday 11th December at 6pm at the Cathedral. The service will involve the young people of Thomas Becket, St Gregory's, St Mary's and Good Shepherd Catholic schools. All are welcome.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Theme: *"Prepare a way for the Lord and make his paths straight..."*

One of the personalities that we encounter during the Season of Advent is John the Baptist. He is more than a Prophet. In him, the Holy Spirit concludes his speaking through the prophets. (CCC#719) In today's Gospel, he calls us to repentance. His life bore witness to the message that he preached. He lived a somewhat austere life surviving on locusts and wild honey. He preached a baptism of repentance to all persons without mincing words. Very characteristic of John, he invited the Pharisees and the Sadducees to show their true repentance by bearing good fruits. On the other hand, he showed his own unworthiness as he compared himself to Jesus. Jesus' baptism is superior to John's. Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. What is still needed during the season of Advent is repentance and bearing good fruits! That will be a time of judgement when the wheat will be separated from the chaff.

We are called to repentance that involves a change of heart and mind, a radical and a conscious one. For us who are already baptized, we can fan into flames our baptismal promises in order to bear good fruits. Our repentance should be sincere in order to bear the good fruits as we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas.

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 holly wreaths. If you ordered a holly wreath, they are now available for collection.

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

Woolly sheep! A big thank you to all the knitters! The sheep are amazing and can be seen in the window of the old 'New Look' shop in Weston Favell centre! We did more than all the other churches involved!

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.

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.

Holy Hour at the Cathedral. Sunday 8th December 6.30pm at Northampton Cathedral. Holy Hour with music and prayers for the General Election with Taizé chants, scripture, silence & prayers. All welcome.

Bible Society event. The Year of the Word not be happening without the generous support of the Bible Society, and there is a local event which supports this, and it will be on Monday 9th December at 7.30 pm. at Christ Church on Wellingborough Road. This is always a memorable occasion; the choir is provided by Northampton School for Girls, the readers are from St Gregory's Catholic Primary School, and there are popular congregational carols as well as some choir pieces, this year from "Dancing Day", a song-cycle of Christmas Carols by John Rutter. It takes a traditional form, based on that at King's College, Cambridge, and while long before Christmas, it is a good preparation for the celebration.

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.

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: 9.30pm Vigil Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:

Tues 24th December: 11.30pm Vigil Mass

Weds 25th December: 9.30am Christmas morning Mass