



The Sacred Heart

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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
& St Anselm

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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
Charismatic Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Weds every month

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 1st/2nd February 2020
The Presentation of the Lord

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Julia Moriarty R.I.P.
Sunday 2 nd Feb	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish Stanislaw & Emilia Indyk (Foundation Mass) Franciszek Kaleta R.I.P.
Monday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 5.00pm (Sacred Heart)	Bridget D'Souza R.I.P. (birthday) Reception of Lily McKie R.I.P.
Tuesday	10.00am (Sacred Heart)	Funeral of Lily McKie R.I.P.
Wednesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Service of Word & Communion No 6.00pm Mass today
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	No 9.30am Mass today
Friday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	No 9.30am Mass today
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Eddie Edwards R.I.P. & Exposition Julie Moriarty R.I.P.; Murphy (Foundation Mass)
Sunday 9 th Feb	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	For the parish John King & Molly Lambert (Foundation Mass) Arthur Mawby R.I.P.; Nana Mensah (Birthday)

Feastdays: Sunday – The Presentation of the Lord, Wednesday – St Agatha, Thursday – Ss Paul Miki & Companions.

Anniversaries: Richard Moss, Marie Adams, Charles Wilson, Theresa Lovelady, Sarah Drae, George Hollebhone, Teresa Gallard, Mary Newman, Ellen Keogh, Bob O'Rourke, Eileen Coote, Margaret Newman, Anita Borucki, Laura Burnett, Lisa R.I.P.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. February: Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 58:7-10, Ps.111:4-9. R.v4, Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16.

Last week's collection: Sacred Heart: £749.90 (and £475 from standing orders)
Our Lady's: £315.90 St Anselm: £207.60 (and £85 from standing orders)

Next week's second collection: Racial Justice.

Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:

	Saturday 8th Feb 5.30pm	Sunday 9th Feb 10.30am
Readers:	Confirmandii	McMorrow
Eucharistic Ministers:		P Jones

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

Confirmation – second preparation session. Saturday 8th February at Sacred Heart Church hall from 3pm-6.30pm. Please note all parents must attend the briefing at 3pm.

HarneK Masih R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of HarneK Masih who died recently. His funeral will be Monday 10th February at 3pm at Sacred Heart. Please keep Dorothy and their family in your prayers.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Theme: *“The parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...”*

Parents have a divine duty towards their children when it comes to their spiritual maturity. As required by the Jewish law, Christ's parents brought him to the Temple forty days after his birth for the ritual purification of Mary and his presentation as the firstborn Son.

For Mary, like any other women, she needs a purification after childbirth before she could worship in the temple or handle holy objects again. Although because of the circumstances of Mary's conception and of the birth of Christ, she cannot be rendered impure, she has to follow the law.

For Jesus, this is the day of his public presentation was a “public redemption” that was necessary for any firstborn son of any tribe other than the Levi. The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the saviour. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, “the light to the nations” and the glory of Israel, but also “a sign that is spoken against”. (CCC#529) This feast is also called **Candlemas** (Candle Mass) to emphasize that Christ is the Light of the World as predicted by Simeon. For this reason, candles are blessed on this day for use throughout the year.

Today, we need more lights of hope, encouragement and joy in a world where there is a darkness of untimely death, sickness, depression and fear. May Christ, the true light shine through our hearts to the World.

ENCOUNTER Youth Group. The next youth group meeting, for young people from 11-18 is on Sunday 9th February from 5.30pm-7pm, in the Sacred Heart parish hall. And a reminder of the dates for the next few sessions are: 23rd February, 15th March and 29th March.

New extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion needed. Both parishes are in need of additional extraordinary ministers. Anyone who feels called to this ministry in the church, please contact Lorraine in the parish office or have a chat with Fr Jerry.

Course for lay ministers of the Eucharist. Holy Ghost Church, 33 Westbourne Road from 7.30 - 9pm on 5, 12, 19 February. These evenings are for those who have been asked by their parish priest to become a lay minister of the Eucharist, or for those already exercising this ministry who want to take time to reflect on what the ministry means to them. Each evening deals with a theme, with time for reflection and discussion. 5th February – Ministry in the Church today, 12th February - What does the Eucharist mean?, 19th February – Eucharist and ministry. Each evening begins with a parish Mass at 7.30pm to which all are very welcome. The meeting will finish by 9pm. Cost - £12 for the three evenings or £5 per night. Please contact Lorraine in the parish office if you are interested.

Food Banks. At the back of Our Lady's and St Anselm churches there is a box for food bank donations. If you can spare any food or during your weekly shop if you could buy something extra, please place it in the box and we will deliver it to the food banks. Our Lady's will go to Emmanuel Food bank in Weston Favell and St Anselm's will go to Earls Barton is Kind, both will be used in the local areas.

Toilets at Sacred Heart. Children must be accompanied by an adult when they go downstairs to the toilet. There is no security downstairs and there are exterior doors which must be unlocked as they are fire exits. Thank you for helping to keep the children safe.

Calling all Catechists. There will be a meeting at St. Gregory's Church hall on Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm. The idea is to look at what we are doing, share good practice, share any problems we may be encountering etc. These discussions will then be fed back to Alex Heath from NORES for a meeting he is due to have with the Bishop in March, which two catechists from each pastoral area will attend.

Life House Quiz Night. Friday 6th March at 7pm at St Gregory's Church hall. Tickets £10 per person. Fish & Chip supper included in ticket price. Bring your own drinks. Raffle on the night. <https://lifecharity.org.uk/>

Thomas Becket Reunion. Thomas Becket class of 1980 are holding a 40 year reunion on 11th July at Semilong Working Men's Club. Tickets are £6 which include a light buffet are available on Eventbrite: Thomas Becket class of 1980 - 40 years later reunion.

Past Pastoral Area Reflection Day - 6th July 2019. Following the Pastoral Area Reflection Day held in Wellingborough on 6th July 2019, a new Pastoral Area Council has been formed. Unfortunately, the attendance list of that day has been mislaid and many of those attending expressed an interest in being part of the working groups or supporting this initiative in some way or another. If you are one of these people please contact Kim Marks and provide your contact details, name of your parish and your area of interest: marksymail@yahoo.co.uk or telephone 01933 400728 (leave your details on answerphone).

Fundraising dinner for Year of the Word Festival. The Bible Timeline Team are raising funds in order to pay for people from the local area to attend the Year of the Word Diocesan Scripture Festival on Saturday 6th June. There will be a sumptuous fundraising dinner on: (Shrove) Tuesday 25th February at 7.30pm at St Gregory's Church Hall. There are a limited number of tickets available, which are for a suggested donation of £12.50 each. Your support for this event will help others to encounter the Word of God anew in their lives! To reserve a ticket please contact Catherine Mulligan on mulligancatherine@hotmail.co.uk or Alex Heath on 07963032175 or heath@nores.org.uk as soon as possible. For more information about the WORDFEST2020 festival please see: www.northamptondiocese.org/wordfest

Diocesan Directories. Now on sale in each church. £5 each.

CAFOD Supporters' event. Come and hear from CAFOD's Director, Christine Allen, about her experience visiting our partners and giving input at global events, be inspired by other supporters and have an energising session. Sat 22 Feb - St Augustine Church, 1 Langcliffe Drive, Heelands, Milton Keynes MK13 7PL. 10.30am - 1.30pm (coffee/tea from 10am with shared lunch from 1.30pm). Please let us know you are coming - 01494 863 777 or northampton@cafod.org.uk. All welcome.

Year of the Word - St Matthew's Gospel. The way in which the Gospels are read on Sundays spreads the books over three years. In each year, most of the Sundays of Ordinary Time have the Gospel Reading from either Matthew, Mark or Luke, but leaving the infancy and passion narratives for Christmastide and Passiontide. We read John's Gospel in Lent and Eastertide. This year, we are reading Matthew through Ordinary Time. To help people to read the Gospel, we have a pocket-sized version of the Gospel of Matthew. Please accept it as a gift from the Church, and use it at home to follow the Sunday Mass Gospel readings. You will find copies in the porches of each Church.