



The Sacred Heart

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Diocesan Shrine,  
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:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds every month

**Our Lady & St Anselm Diary:**

**Our Lady:**  
Prayer at The Shrine &  
Stations of the Cross: Weds 2pm  
Novena: Thurs 1-2pm  
Exposition: Sat 10.30am-12pm  
**St Anselm:**  
Stations of the Cross &  
silent prayer: Tues 7pm

**Masses & Services 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Eddie Owens R.I.P.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	The Deceased Members of the Mullins Family R.I.P. Fred Toolaram & Richard Toolaram (Birthday intentions) Peace Ojo (Birthday) Francesca Trezise R.I.P. (Anniv)
Monday	9.30am (Sacred Heart) 6.00pm (Our Lady)	Priest's Intentions For the sick
Tuesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	Pearl Jones (Special Intentions)
Wednesday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	John Flattery R.I.P.
Thursday	9.30am (Sacred Heart)	John Cox (very sick)
Friday	12.30pm (Sacred Heart) 7.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Funeral of Barney Byrne R.I.P. For the parish
Saturday	10.00am (Our Lady) 5.30pm (Sacred Heart)	Margaret McClean (Foundation Mass) & Exposition Audrey Glover R.I.P.; Fr Frank Calnan R.I.P.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00am (St Anselm) 9.15am (Our Lady) 10.30am (Sacred Heart)	Jan Grzesiukowicz R.I.P. Mikolaj & Wanda Galan (Foundation Mass) Fr Frank Calnan R.I.P.

**Anniversaries:** Rachael Ayodele, Francesca Trezise, Kerry Barber, Beatrice Burke, James Darlington, Eileen Harris, Cecilia Manchester, Muriel Harris, Jimmy Clancy, Eileen Cleary, Henry None, Ted McDonald, Eddie Teehan, Margaret Wall. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our sick.**

**Pope Francis' Special Intention. March:** We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

**Next Week's Liturgy of the Word:** Exodus 17:3-7, Ps94:1-2.6-9.R.v8, Romans 5:1-2.5-8, John 4:5-42.

**Last week's collection:** **Sacred Heart:** £640.96 (and £475 from standing orders)  
**Our Lady's:** £370.40 **St Anselm:** £239.50 (and £85 from standing orders)

**This week's second collection:** CAFOD Lent Fast Day. If you did not have an envelope last weekend, they can be found at the back of the churches.

**Sacred Heart Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for next week:**

	<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm</b>	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	F Harrison	Barreau/Helm
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	C Chaplin	S Watts

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

**Barney Byrne R.I.P.** Barney's funeral will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm at Sacred Heart and then to Counties Crematorium. Please keep Barney and his family in your prayers.

**Planned Giving collection envelopes.** The boxes of envelopes for the next year will be available to collect from each church towards the end of the month. Please let the parish office know if your details have changed or if you would like to join the scheme. If you're a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid scheme which allows the parish to reclaim 25% of your donation, please contact the parish office.

**Mass for the sick & elderly.** This has been postponed as a **precaution** because the sick and elderly have a higher risk of severe symptoms of coronavirus.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT:** Theme: *“There in their presence he was Transfigured...”*

Christ's Transfiguration aims to strengthen the faith of the disciples in anticipation of his passion. The ascent onto the “high mountain” prepares for the ascent to Calvary. (CCC#568) During the transfiguration, Jesus Christ revealed his glory to Peter and James and his brother John. This made them so overjoyed and overwhelmed that, Peter wanted to secure and saviour his comfort zone and to remain there forever; “Lord it is wonderful for us to be here”. Jesus Christ reminded them of the mission ahead, a mission that entailed suffering and crucifixion.

We live in a world where people want to be very comfortable always. Persons find it difficult and sometimes painful to venture into the unknown. In the Transfiguration of Jesus Christ invites us to move from an environment of comfort and security to a territory which is unknown and may sometimes entail suffering. Therefore, to realize the promises of God in his life, like Abraham, we need to move from our comfortable environment to an unknown destination as guided by the Holy Spirit.

Let us remember that Christ has not only called us for a comfortable mission but one of obedience to suffering. Before we can enjoy the glory of the resurrection, we need to prepare for the Good Friday of discomfort, pain and suffering. May your love be upon us, O Lord as we place our hope in you.

**Refurbishment Works at Our Lady's.** We have now received confirmation from the trustees of the Diocesan Trust that the refurbishment works on Our Lady of Perpetual Succour church (as approved by the Northampton Borough Council planners) can proceed and that final quotations should be sought and a programme agreed. This part of the project, which will result in the appointment of a building contractor, will take up to three months so we should be able to confirm by the end of June if the work will be carried out this year as this will be subject to the workload of the appointed contractor. The trustees have also confirmed to us that no refurbishment works should be carried out on the Institute because of the age and condition of the building and its potential future liability to the parish so this building will be professionally valued and will put on the market for sale. The presbytery, as you will have seen, has been sold and this will provide the capital income for the works on the church. We will keep you informed on the programme of works when we have a time plan.

**Come celebrate together – the Consecration of our new bishop.** This takes place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in the Cathedral. Due to the size of our dioceses, attendance is by invitation only. But this doesn't mean we can't be part of this great occasion! The whole ceremony will be live-streamed (for those of us of a certain age, this means we can watch it on the Internet!). And this will be shown on a big screen in the church hall, starting with tea and coffee at 10.15am followed by a Shared Lunch when the ceremony is over. Please come and celebrate this special day with other parishioners. Don't forget to bring something to share at lunch. If you have difficulty with transport, please contact Margaret on 01604 495025 and we will do our best to help.

**SVP Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July. In order to know approximate numbers, please can people put their names on the lists in the back in the back of the churches or contact Lorraine in the parish office. Please let us know by the end of March.

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**St Gregory's Church 40 Hrs of Prayer.** Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March 7am - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 11pm. During the 40 hours, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed & people are invited to make extra time to pray during the day or night. There is a sign-up sheet available at St Gregory's. Masses will continue at the normal times. There will be an extra Mass at 10pm on the Friday evening.

**WINTERSHALL – a three parish event!** We hope you saw the flyer about our planned trip to this amazing event on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June and know that we are intending to fund raise so that the only cost is for the tickets. Tickets are £25 (adult) and £9 (child) but this may be less – depending on numbers and success of fundraising. There is a signup sheet at the back of each church so please do add your names and contact details or contact Lorraine in the parish office on sacredheartchurch@btconnect.com or 01604 402301. Watch this space for more details and info about deposits etc. The coach will have a toilet.

**Stations of the Cross: St Anselm's: Tuesdays 7pm, Our Lady's: Wednesdays 2pm, Sacred Heart: Fridays 7pm**

**Coronavirus advice.** Currently there is very low risk as there are no local cases, however it is important that everyone maintains good hygiene to keep this risk low, especially at Mass and parish gatherings.

- Catch it - sneeze into a tissue. ▪ Bin it - bin the tissue.
- Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water or alcohol hand gel as soon as possible.
- Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands.

Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from the physical sign of peace, taking communion from the Chalice and they should receive the host on their hand only. (This should already be standard practice during cold and flu season.)

**Everyone attending Mass should thoroughly wash/sanitize their hands before they attend.** We are trying to obtain hand sanitizing gel so that parishioners can sanitize their hands as they come into church but this is currently difficult to find. Due to this, as an added precaution, **we will be removing holy water stoups and asking parishioners to refrain from the physical rite of peace.**

Ministers of the Eucharist should thoroughly sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion. There will be regular cleaning of surfaces which lots of people touch regularly, including such things as door handles.

If there are local cases, there will be further measures in place. You will be given detailed advice in the newsletter over the coming weeks but the full guidelines are available on the parish websites.