



Sacred Heart Parish
and
Diocesan Shrine & Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour



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Sacred Heart = SH
Our Lady's = OL

29th/30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C	Margaret Gleeson R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm		Noreen Myers R.I.P.
Sunday 30th March	OL	9.15am		Margaret Wilson R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Lazer & Lindita (Special Intention)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Keith Muspratt R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Joyce D'monte R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Brian Cavanagh R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		John Daly (Intention)
Friday	SH	9.30am		Victor Goodwin R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C
	SH	5.30pm	Kevin Edwards R.I.P.	
Sunday 6th April	OL	9.15am	Dr. Bernard Baillon R.I.P.	
	SH	10.30am	People of the parishes	

Stations of the Cross. During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church on Fridays at 6.15pm. They will also be celebrated at Our Lady's, Great Billing on Sundays at 8.40am.

Confessions. Confessions will be on Saturdays, at Our Lady's from 10am-10.30am and at Sacred Heart from 4.45pm-5.15pm.

Events at our churches. Our Lady's: Tuesdays 1-2pm: Parish Prayer Time.

Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm: Rosary & Exposition.

Thursdays 1-2pm: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. 7pm: Divine Will prayer group. 1st Thursday of the month is via Zoom.

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

Daily 9am before Mass (except Sunday): Rosary.

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm. Mondays: There is no Adoration this Monday.

The Net Charismatic Prayer Group: first and third Wednesday of the month 7.30pm - 9pm.

Anniversaries: Bidy Robson, Albert Handy, Ita Griffiths, Keith Muspratt, Michael Browne, Jason Stansfield, Loxie Villa, Teresa Murray, Fong Kiu Cheng, Thomas Casey, Fr Owen Wynn, David John Moon, Denise Williams, Timothy Lehane, Bridget Teague, Danny McFadden, Thomas Brassil, Michael McCarthy. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Louis Agius, Harry Brophy, Christine Mason, Jason Pothin, Irma Taylor, Agnes Rees.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Agnes Rees R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 1st April at 1pm at Our Lady's.

Christine Mason R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christine Mason. Her funeral will take place on Monday 31st March at 11am at the Sacred Heart.

Thank you. The family of Harry Brophy wish to express their sincere gratitude to all those people who attended Harry's Requiem Mass, gave their condolences and sent sympathy cards. Our grateful thanks also to those who very kindly have had a Mass said for dear Harry. Your kindness is very much appreciated. *Mavis Brophy.*

Help needed. The SVP are looking for a washing machine in good working order. If anyone can help, please contact the Parish office.

First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday 5th April at the Shrine, Mass at 9.30am, followed by Adoration, Confession until 10.30am, Meditation on one of the mysteries of the Rosary, and recitation of the Rosary. For the salvation of souls and peace in the world. Devotion concludes at 10.30am. Adoration until 12noon.

Adoration on Mondays at Sacred Heart. There will be no adoration on 31st March, 7th April or 21st April due to other things happening in the church.

Tea & Coffee at Sacred Heart. Refreshments after 10.30am Mass continues every Sunday in the church hall. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in with coffee, cake and chat.

Sacred Heart SVP Community Pop-in. Every Thursday, 10.30am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

Planned Giving envelopes. The envelopes for 2025-26 are now available. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Fr. Brendan or email the parish office.

Confirmation Classes 2025. Our Parish Confirmation preparation classes for young people in Year 7 and above will commence at Our Lady's, Great Billing on **30th March** after the 9.15am Mass. Our 3 sessions before Easter are Sunday 30th March and Sunday 6th and 13th April. If you have any queries about Confirmation preparation classes, please see Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's or email confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com.

CAFOD Jubilee Year Retreat. In this Year of Jubilee, Pope Francis calls on us to be tangible signs of hope to others. We have a wonderful opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives and spend it with God. We are blessed to have Fr John Udris lead this retreat so do come along and bring friends and family too. Saturday 5th April at St. Anne's church Hall, Aylesbury Rd, Wendover, HP22 6JG. 10am coffee/tea (for a 10.30am start) – 1pm (9.30am optional mass). Please bring a packed lunch.

Parish pilgrimage. Wintershall on Saturday 21st June 2025. The Pilgrimage is intended for the whole Parish Community and the desire is that everyone should be able to attend should they wish to do so. We have a 53-seater coach booked and places will be given on a first come first served basis, so book early. Therefore, whilst the suggested donations are included in the fact sheet previously attached, we are happy to receive donations of the full cost, some of the cost, or even more than the cost, whatever you can afford. Any donations, cash or cheque, should be placed in an envelope marked WINTERSHALL, and either placed in the collection basket or posted through the presbytery letterbox by Sunday 18th May. You do not need to put your name if you would prefer the donation to be anonymous. Cheques should be made payable to Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton.

50th Anniversary of the closure of Notre Dame Convent School. In the 18th century, Sisters of Notre Dame (Namur) - a Teaching Order founded by St. Julie Billiart, arrived in this country to provide education for Catholic girls, by establishing Convent Schools. One of which was in Abington Street in Northampton town centre. Sadly, the school closed in 1975, pupils were moved to a new purpose built mixed R.C. school, and the beloved building and chapel were destroyed, and the grounds built over - with only the Sister's Cemetery left as a reminder of their presence. A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held at the Cathedral, on Saturday 19th July at 12noon. This will be followed by a reception in the St. Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up, and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass.

A Time to Listen. "There is a need and duty for us to listen to those who have been hurt by abuse and are suffering. It is humbling for me as the Bishop to listen to victims and survivors. We know the devastation which abuse has on someone's life". *Bishop David Oakley* Bishop David is available to meet with anyone affected by abuse, as a victim, survivor, their families or supporters, where private discussions can take place in a safe and non-judgmental environment. These meetings can be arranged at a location of your choice and you are also welcome to be accompanied by a support person. Contact Danielle, our Safeguarding Coordinator on 01604 723514 or safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org Support is offered before, during and after appointments.

Public Witness to Oppose Kim Leadbeater MP's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Please join members of SPUC Northampton between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 5th April on St Peters Way, in a public witness, to oppose legalised assisted suicide and the above bill currently going through Parliament. It is important that MPs realise that there is strong opposition to this bill. It is not a premature death our terminally ill brothers and sisters need but good palliative care. For further details please contact William on wpcurrie@btinternet.com or text on 07393965643.

Lighthouse Trust Northampton is in need of a part-time administrator. The role is currently a self-employed position of 10 hours a month, paid at £13/hour. Are you Organised, detailed oriented, and focused on delivering a good service? For further information and a full job description please contact Viv Vass - Chair - 07809 132312.

Parish Registration: We will no longer hold any data in our parishes unless it is held within CASPAR. Therefore, we are asking all parishioners to follow the link or QR code (scan with your phone's camera) and sign up. Please note, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email on Fridays, you must register for CASPAR.

Our Lady's: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56012

Sacred Heart: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56062

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