



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



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Sacred Heart = SH
Our Lady's = OL

26th/27th April 2025

Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Year C	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm		Special Intention
Sunday 27th April	OL	9.15am		Arthur Strickland (sick)
	SH	10.30am		Mary Furey R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am	Solemnity of St. George	Baby Amelie
Tuesday	OL	9.30am	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	Agnes Rees R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Seamus McNamee R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Chris McDermott R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am	St. Athanasius	Kay Kirwan R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Feast of Ss. Philip and James	Mary & Joe McDonnell (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Third Sunday of Easter Year C	Paddy and Noreen Swords R.I.P.
Sunday 4th May	OL	9.15am		Joan Grice R.I.P. (Anniversary)
	SH	10.30am		Hilary & David Helm - Thanksgiving Mass

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 from 10-11am.

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

Anniversaries: Charles Rowland, Patricia McKillop, Charles Drummond, Kath Mullen, Godfrey Finn, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Joan Piri, Charles McCarthy, Derek Humphries, Marion Forsyth, James Ingram, Josie McGirr, Connie Davis, Noreen Swords, Margarita Scott, Mary Yates, Philip Kelly, Fred Fuller, Genevieve Chaffey, James Wisener. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Irma Taylor, Agnes Rees, Fran Duffus, Chris McDermott.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. For the use of the new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour. Sunday 27th April. Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour will take place at the Shrine and parish of Our Lady's, Great Billing from 3-4pm.

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.

Thank you! As always, our parishioners continue to be Missio Red Boxes from our parishes. Our Lady's: £1266 and Sacred Heart: £158.36.

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

Confirmation Classes 2025. Our next Parish Confirmation preparation class for young people is on Sunday 18th May at Our Lady's, Great Billing after the 9.15am Mass. Please note the update to the session on Saturday 24th May. It will be held at the Sacred Heart Church Hall at 9.30-11.30am. If you have any queries, please see Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's or email confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com.

Karuri School Project. It is now 15 years since our parishioner Wangari left the Sacred Heart Parish to establish the Sacred Heart School in her homeland, Kenya. So many of you have supported her in countless ways and Wangari is visiting Northampton in May this year. She wants to meet and thank as many people as possible and to talk about the children and her hopes for the future. She will be at the Sacred Heart Church on the weekend of 10th and 11th May and will speak briefly at 5.30pm and 10.30am Masses and be downstairs for a chat with anyone afterwards.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday 2025. Celebrations at St Anthony's RC Church, Farnham Road, Slough SL2 3AE on 27th April at 2.30pm. The service will be led by Mgr. Sean Healy and will include Procession, Holy Mass, talk on 'Living God's Mercy', Chaplet, Adoration and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome to celebrate with us "25 Years of Ministry". Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

Chris Atkin is running the Great Manchester Run for CAFOD – please support. I've been a schools volunteer for CAFOD for ten years – known as 'CAFOD CHRIS' to the Primary school children in the ten local Catholic schools I visit. We walked the Great Lent Walk to raise money to help those in the poorest countries of the World. I'm running The Great Manchester Run in solidarity with the children to also raise money for CAFOD. Please donate on my just giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/christopher-atkin11>

CAFOD Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. This year our diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 14th June. The pilgrimage will begin with Mass at the Basilica in the Catholic Shrine at midday followed by lunch and at 3pm pilgrims process from the Shrine, on the holy mile to the Abbey Grounds for the final service. Parish groups are welcome to attend and encouraged to bring parish banners with them for the procession. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Knock. Join a cultural tour of the West Coast of Ireland offering a perfect blend of history, spirituality, and natural beauty. 8-12 June. Staying in the 4-star Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, for just £799pp sharing. Visit the iconic Knock Shrine and explore the country's rich heritage in the Museum of Country Life. Watch a sheepherding demonstration on the rugged West Coast. Admire the beauty of Kylemore Abbey and gardens. Enjoy delicious meals, including breakfast and dinner, and immerse yourself in the sounds of traditional Irish music. The package includes flights, accommodation, and guided excursions, offering an unforgettable Irish adventure. Phone Patricia on 01268 7620278 or 07740 175557. www.knockpilgrimages.com

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.

Parish Registration: We 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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