



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



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Sacred Heart = SH

Our Lady's = OL

20th/21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A	Mary Furey R.I.P. (birthday)
	SH	5.30pm		John Shoreland R.I.P.
Sunday 21st Dec.	OL	9.15am		McCarthy family
	SH	10.30am		Victor White R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Mark Cooke R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Denis Galvin R.I.P.
Wednesday 24th Dec.	SH	9.30am	The Nativity of The Lord	Charles Harrison (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm		Alessandro Rosetti (sick)
	OL	8.00pm		Debra O'Hanlon R.I.P.
	SH	10.00pm		Brian Anthonisz R.I.P.
Thursday 25th Dec.	OL	9.15am	The Nativity of The Lord	People of the parishes
	SH	10.30am		Peter Edwards R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am	Feast of St. Stephen	Joe Murray
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Feast of St. John	Richard Malyszewicz R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm		Daniel Bell (Int.)
Sunday 28th Dec.	OL	9.15am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year A	Rosa John R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Matthew Kavanagh R.I.P.

Please note our Christmas Mass times. All Masses in both parishes will be child friendly.

At The Sacred Heart, Weston Favell: Wednesday 24th: 5.30pm Children's Christmas Vigil Mass and 10pm Vigil Mass;
Thursday 25th: 10.30am Christmas Day Mass.

At Our Lady's, Great Billing: Wednesday 24th: 7.30pm Carol Service followed by 8pm Vigil Mass;
Thursday 25th: 9.15am Christmas Day 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. 7.30pm: Divine Will Prayer Group

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

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

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm. Monday 22nd 10-11am & then not on Mondays until further notice.

Anniversaries: Bob Brooker, Alexander McKillop, Andrew Browne, Katherine Willcocks, Dennis Williams, Marie O'Connor, William Sayer, John Shoreland, Peter Coleman, Ivy Collier, Nellie Shand, Peter Holmes, Thomas King, Bishop Francis Thomas, Maureen Marks, Arthur Dakin. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Matthew Kavanagh, Joanna Hinds (née Mason), Molly Owens, Marie-Noelle Ramjee, Margaret Farragher.

Please pray for all our sick.

The Holy Father's Special Intention. For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Margaret Farragher R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Friday 2nd January at 11am at the Cathedral. Please keep Margaret and her family in your prayers.

Adoration on Mondays at the Sacred Heart. As the weather gets colder over the next few weeks, we have decided to pause Adoration on Mondays after Christmas until further notice. The last Monday this year will be 22nd December.

First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday 3rd January 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.

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. Not Sunday after Christmas

Help needed. If anyone has a three-seater sofa that is no longer needed, the SVP have a family in need of one. Please contact the SVP on 07504 465707 or speak to Lorraine.

SVP Giving Trees. The SVP Giving Trees will remain in the churches until 22nd December to give everyone time to collect an envelope from the tree and return it to the base of the trees with any monies you can contribute inside towards the distribution of vouchers which the SVP give to families in need at Christmas. All offerings will be collected at the end of each Mass. Thank you from the SVP.

Strategic Lead for Caritas Social Action. We're seeking a passionate individual to lead Caritas initiatives across the Diocese of Northampton. This part-time role (3 days per week) is based at the St Thomas Centre, Northampton. If you are committed to Catholic Social Teaching and have experience in project leadership and community outreach, we'd love to hear from you! Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs> All candidates should complete a Diocesan application form and email it to: hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org This vacancy remains open until the position is filled.

Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026 www.retrouvaille.org.uk or 07887 296983

LUX. 13-15th February 2026 at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Ages 11-18 (school years 7-13). £110. If you've not heard about it before, LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens that happens in February every year. It's for those in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is Belong. Visit nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/ or email NYMO@northamptondiocese.com to find out more.

Need to see an NHS dentist urgently? Extra appointments are now available for people in Northamptonshire who need urgent dental care. You can get an urgent appointment by visiting <https://111.nhs.uk/> or phoning 111. You can also phone one of the dental practices offering additional urgent appointments: <https://www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/dental> You do not need to be registered with the dental practice but they must contact them in advance. Please keep checking the above Northamptonshire NHS website for the list of participating practices, and for more information and a list of urgent conditions.

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.

Role Vacancy – Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. The SAB continues in its search for a new Chair to lead the work of the board. The SAB meets on a quarterly basis (3 meetings online) to oversee the work of the safeguarding office including new and ongoing reports of allegations and concerns. A new Chair is required to lead the board with an initial term period of 3 years. A brief description and role specification is available. We are keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in this rewarding role, an opportunity to support the diocese to build further upon its recent audit and improve safeguarding standards for all. Please get in contact on 01604 723514 to discuss the role further.

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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