



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



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Sacred Heart = SH
Our Lady's = OL

5th/6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C	Denis Galvin R.I.P.
	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
Monday	SH	9.30am		Alan Watts R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Joyce D'monte R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Baby Amelie
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Paddy & Meg McHugh (Foundation Mass)
Friday	SH	9.30am		Christine Mason R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C	Tony Teevan R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm		Mary & Patrick McNulty R.I.P.
Sunday 13th April	OL	9.00am		Hoang family. Thanksgiving for 50 years wedding anniversary
	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.

Holy Week. Palm Sunday: Our Lady's at 9am, Sacred Heart at 10.30am,
Tuesday: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's at 7.30pm,
Maundy Thursday: Our Lady's at 6pm, Sacred Heart at 7.30pm,
Good Friday: Our Lady's at 11am, Sacred Heart at 3pm,
Holy Saturday: Sacred Heart: 8pm,
Easter Sunday: Our Lady's 9.15am, Sacred Heart: 10.30am.

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: Timothy Lehane, Bridget Teague, Danny McFadden, Thomas Brassil, Michael McCarthy, Sarah Leavy, Edmin Welford, Alan Watts, Clifford Newman, Ben Rigley, Joseph Sagnell, Vernan Martyr, Peter Barrett, Fr Jim Boyd, Ellen Travill, Patrick Coleman, Ann Costello, Tony Teevan. **R.I.P.**

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

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.

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.

Project "Take Five". After Mass today (5th & 6th April) you will be offered a pack of five Easter Cards. On the back of each card are the dates and times of all the events taking place in our two parishes during Holy Week. We would like you to take your pack of five invitations and give them to people you know who might like to come to our Easter Services. May we also suggest that if you can't think of five people to give the invitations to pop an invitation in a neighbour's letterbox and let the Holy Spirit do the rest!

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 (Warm Spaces). Every Thursday, 10.30am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

Confirmation Classes 2025. Our Parish Confirmation preparation classes for young people continue at Our Lady's, Great Billing after the 9.15am Mass on Sundays 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.

Thank you. A huge THANK YOU for your kindness & generosity. On Saturday 29th March, we had a wonderful Italian supper at St. Gregory's Church and raised £830 towards the new nursery at RTU. To follow their progress please visit RTU.org.uk. A massive thanks to Catherine for cooking the food and her team of helpers for decorating the hall, cooking heaps of pasta, serving, cleaning, selling raffle tickets, washing up and so much more - and for just being such wonderful, generous human beings. It is greatly appreciated.

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.

'The Passover Meal through Christian Eyes'. Wednesday 16th April at 6.45pm at St. Gregory's Church. The Passion of Our Lord is linked to the Passover meal. The connection between the Mass and the Passover meal is important for us to understand. The meal on Wednesday in Holy Week (16th April) is not to celebrate a Passover Meal itself, but for us to experience how the form in which we celebrate Mass derives from the meal that was the Last Supper. Tickets are £12 per person and will be on sale next week from Caryll Comley in the office at St. Gregory's church. Accompanied children are free, although donations for them will not be refused!

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 shepherding 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

50th Anniversary of the closure of Notre Dame Convent School. The Notre Dame Convent School in Abington St. in Northampton town centre, sadly closed in 1975 and 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 to mark the Sister's 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. It will be followed by a reception in the St. Thomas Centre, 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.

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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