



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



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12th/13th March

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Second Sunday of Lent Year C	Martina McDonagh (Intention)	
	SH	5.30pm		Michael Connors R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
Sunday 13th March	OL	9.15am		Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)	
	SH	10.30am		People of the parishes	
Monday	SH	9.30am		For the Holy Souls	
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Sidney Jones R.I.P. (birthday); Fr. Frank Calnan R.I.P. (Anniv)	
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		For the people of Tonga	
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Feast of St. Patrick	Brigitte Berney R.I.P.; Benjamin Berney R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Cath Stretton R.I.P.	
	SH	11.00am		Funeral of the late Mavis Midgley-Bryan R.I.P.	
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Solemnity of St. Joseph	People of the parishes	
	SH	5.30pm	Third Sunday of Lent Year C	John Plunkett (healing)	
Sunday 20th March	OL	9.15am		Thanksgiving	
	SH	10.30am		Hania Rydzkowska R.I.P.; Zbyszek Wasiukiewicz R.I.P.	

Response to Sunday's Psalm: "The Lord is my light and my help."

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

Stations of the Cross: During Lent, Fr Brendan will be leading Stations of the Cross at the Sacred Heart on Fridays at 6.15pm and Our Lady's on Sundays at 8.40am.

Events at our churches. Our Lady's: Exposition: Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross.

Saturday Exposition: Saturdays after 9.30am Mass until midday.

Parish Prayer Time: Tuesdays 1-2pm. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 1pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Thursdays 1-2pm.

Rosary: 9am before every Mass except Sunday.

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm and Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

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

Anniversaries: Eddie Teehan, Margaret Wall, Michael Connors, Eileen Kaicer, Thomas Casey, Thomas O'Malley, Joseph Gyoni, Walter Jones, Maureen Hale, Pam Boshell, Brigitte Berney, Jan Lucas, Agnes Ingram, Michael Ducker, Marjorie Golton, Anna McManus **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our sick.

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Angela 'Lucia' Iannacone, Ellie Fero, Dennis Earl, Zbyszek Wasiukiewicz & Peter McCullough.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. March: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

This Week's Liturgy of the Word: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18, Psalm: Ps 26:1. 7-9, 13-14 r. 1, Phil 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36.

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Exod 3:1-8, 13-15, Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 r. 8, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

This weekend's retiring collection. There will be a retiring collection for CAFOD's Lent Fast Day after all next weekend's Sunday Masses. This coming Friday is the Lenten CAFOD Fast Day. It is suggested that money said by eating less be given to CAFOD.

Planned giving envelopes. The envelopes for 2022-23 are now available from the back of the churches. Often, they will be in the name of the family taxpayer. Please collect your set. If you wish to start using envelopes for the first time, please speak to Fr. Brendan personally. Please do not use these new envelopes until the weekend of 10th April.

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 from 24th March, 10am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

Lenten Reflection at The Cathedral. Tuesday 15th March, 5.30pm. You are all warmly invited to join pupils from the Northampton Catholic Schools on their Lenten journey: take time to be with Jesus to relive His suffering through the eyes of our young people in reflection prayer and music.

ACN EMERGENCY UKRAINE APPEAL. Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is despatching €1m (more than £830,000) in emergency help for Church communities responding to the desperate crisis unfolding in Ukraine following the Russian invasion. Bishops, priests and Sisters across Ukraine are helping to support people in need of food, clothing and other necessities as displaced families take shelter in the basements and other underground shelters of Churches, parish halls and other religious buildings. Please pray for Ukraine. To support the ACN Ukraine emergency appeal, visit www.acnuk.org

Confirmation 2022. Young people in Year 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should collect and complete a registration form. Please then attend one of the registration sessions after Masses on Sunday 13th or 20th March (9.15am at Our Lady's, 10.30am Sacred Heart, 9am and 11am at St Gregory's). Classes begin after Easter and will be held on Sunday mornings at St Gregory's, with Confirmation in July. If you have any queries or problems attending registration please email the team on confirmationgregory.21@gmail.com.

Walk With Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer. Booklets, a resource supporting individuals through their Lenten journey, including a message from Bishop David, and calendars are now available in the porches both churches at £1.

Billing Covenanted Churches Together: Scones of Praise. You are warmly invited to join us for an informal worship time. Sunday 13th March at 3pm hosted at All Saints, Little Billing. This will be led by Richard, music from Margaret & Roy, scones from Eileen Clinton supported by Linda Bull. Favourite hymns. Friendly conversation. Tea and scones in a relaxed setting

Annunciation of the Lord: 24 hours of Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. In honour of the Annunciation of the Lord there will be 24 hours of Exposition of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Adoration will start after the 10.30am Mass on Friday 25th March. The 24 hours will conclude with the usual Saturday 9.30am Mass. There will not be any further Exposition that day. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet available at the Shrine and the Sacred Heart Church or contact either the office or Gillian on 07724337202. Thank you.

Billing Covenanted Churches Together Lent Reflective Morning. This year, it will be hosted at the Methodist Chapel on Saturday 26th March starting with coffee at 11am and followed by a bread and soup lunch at 12.30pm. This year we are pleased to welcome Mrs Wendy Vilette to lead our thoughts. Wendy is a Licensed Lay Pastoral Minister from the Ecton, Wilby and Great Doddington Benefice, with a background in chaplaincy. Her theme will be "The Return of the Prodigal Son".

Sacred Heart Flower arranging course. We welcome back the flower arranging course on 8th April, 13th May, 10th and 24th June in the church hall. Cost for the whole course will be £20. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Alpha course. The next Alpha course will be in person! (Dates below.) It is highly recommended and is very enjoyable. Each session starts with a good meal (A proper evening meal, not just a snack), then we watch a film together about our faith. After the film we have a conversation around our table about what we have seen and heard. It is good to have established believers as well as potential converts and those who simply want to know more about our faith. Please come, and if you can, bring a friend. There is no charge, but donations are cheerfully accepted. For catering purposes, please register at www.stgregory.org.uk/alpha
Course dates: 26th April, 3rd 10th, 17th and 24th May, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June, 5th & 12th July. An Away-Day on 16th–17th June.

Lourdes pilgrimage - would you like to join us as an assisted pilgrim? We still have some places left for our Lourdes pilgrimage and are especially interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join us as an assisted pilgrim. We can provide wheelchairs, other basic assistance and helpers for you at no cost! If you are interested in hearing more, please do speak to Colette in the music group at 10.30 mass or contact the parish office - we'd love to hear from you! Booking forms to confirm interest need to be returned to Colette or Father Brendan by 31st March, with deposits due slightly later.

Lifeteen Summer Camp 2022. We can confirm that it is happening this year! Summer Camp is 5 days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is accommodation, all food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme Park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, campfires and much more. Summer Camp has become such an amazing opportunity for those of secondary school age 12-18 and after the tough few years we have all been through, it would be great to see as many of them attend as possible. Sun 24th July, 3pm - Thurs 28th July at 2pm. Cost: £225 for camping (to provide own tent) or £295 for dormitory (£50 non-refundable deposit when booking), final payment due by 1st July. Travel is provided (a donation towards the cost of £20 per person is suggested but not essential) Places are extremely limited – people will need to book early to avoid disappointment.

Northampton Concert Orchestra presents excerpts from The Light of the World. Friday 18th March at 7.30pm at Northampton Cathedral. Tickets on the door. Adults: £10, concessions: £8 and children: £5. www.northamptonconcertorchestra.org.uk