



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



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**5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> March                      First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	OL	9.30am	First Sunday of Lent Year C	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm		Dennis Sear R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	OL	9.15am		Fr. Damien Walne R.I.P. (Anniv); Sr Marie Therese (birthday)
	SH	10.30am		Margaret Hall (Int)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Peter Anderson R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Francesca Trezise R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Mavis Midgley-Bryan R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		For the deceased members of the Berwick & Daly families
Friday	SH	9.30am		CAFOD Lent Fast Day Sylvio and Stella Martin R.I.P.; Natasha Betsy R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Martina McDonagh (Intention)
	SH	5.30pm	Michael Connors R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	OL	9.15am	Second Sunday of Lent Year C	Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)
	SH	10.30am		People of the parishes

**Response to Sunday's Psalm:** "Be with me, O Lord, in my distress."

**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:** Danny Halse, Annie Noone, Rachael Ayodele, Francesca Trezise, Kerry Barber, Beatrice Burke, James Darlington, Eileen Harris, Cecilia Manchester, Muriel Harris, Jimmy Clancy, Eileen Cleary, Henry Noone, Ted McDonald, Eddie Teehan, Margaret Wall, Michael Connors. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our sick**

**Please pray for all our recently deceased.** Mavis Midgley-Bryan, 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:** Deut 26:4-10, Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15 r. 15, Rom 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13.

**Next 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 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.

**Mavis Midgeley-Bryan R.I.P.** The funeral of the late Mavis Midgeley-Bryan will be on 18<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at the Sacred Heart Church. Please keep Mavis and her family in your prayers.

**Fr. Brendan** - wishes to thank the SVP and everyone who supported last Sunday's parish dinner. It was most enjoyable and a great success. Once again, thank you!

**Thank you!** Liz Hurrell would like to say a huge thank you to all those who very generously donated to CAFOD following Deacon Peter Hurrell's funeral. A fantastic £935 has been raised!

**Planned giving envelopes.** The envelopes for 2022-23 will be available within the next few weeks. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Fr Brendan.

**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](http://www.acnuk.org)

**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.

**Confirmation 2022.** Young people in Year 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should collect and complete a registration form available from SUNDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022. Please then attend one of the registration sessions after Masses on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> 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, leading to Confirmation in July. If you have any queries or problems attending registration please email the team on [confirmationgregory.21@gmail.com](mailto: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.** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Northampton Concert Orchestra presents excerpts from The Light of the World.** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at Northampton Cathedral. Tickets on the door are adults: £10, concessions: £8 and children: £5. [www.northamptonconcertorchestra.org.uk](http://www.northamptonconcertorchestra.org.uk)

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Villette to lead our thoughts. Her theme will be "The Return of the Prodigal Son".

**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.

**Fundraising.** Shirley McDonnell (Connors), the daughter of one of our lovely parishioners, will be completing a 100km continuous walk of the Jurassic Coast in May, hopefully within 24 hours. With her husband and a group of friends, they are taking on this challenge to raise money for Children with Cancer UK. Every single donation is so gratefully received and you can donate using this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Shirley-Connors?fbclid=IwAR29c05rDDCQvzSdKTIQBmphy7gQsXFGC3-juJvy3y29NGqdLabYCjUuQPk>

**St Gregory's Church: A Free Lunch?** There is no such thing, but there will be a free dinner on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. There really is no catch, except that if you enjoy the evening, you may like to become involved in the Alpha programme. If you don't, no problem! Please email to [stgregoryalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stgregoryalpha@gmail.com) to reserve your place.

**Alpha course.** The next Alpha course will be in person! 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. Afterwards we have a conversation around our table about what we have seen and heard. We welcome 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](http://www.stgregory.org.uk/alpha)  
Course dates: 26<sup>th</sup> April, 3<sup>rd</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July. An Away-Day on 16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> June.

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