



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



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OL = Our Lady's
SH = Sacred Heart

4th/5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

Holy Saturday	SH	8.00pm		Frances Duffus R.I.P.
Easter Sunday 5th April	OL	9.15am	Easter Sunday Year A	Breda Coleman R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Peter Edwards R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Alessandro Rossetti R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Martin Daly
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Agnes Rees R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Joyce D'monte R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Ellen & Bill Travill R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Second Sunday of Easter Year A	John Flattery R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm		Keith Muspratt R.I.P.
Sunday 12th April	OL	9.15am		John Pacheco R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Tony Teevan R.I.P. (Anniversary)

Confessions. Confessions will resume on Saturday 11th April: Our Lady's from 10am-10.30am and 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. Mondays 10-11am – except Bank Holidays.

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. Brody, Maureen Smyth.

Please pray for all our sick.

The Holy Father's Special Intention. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour. This will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Sunday 12th April at 3pm.

Sacred Heart Parish Coffee Morning. There will be a coffee morning on Thursday 9th April from 10am-12noon in the Church Hall downstairs. A chance to catch up with friends; all welcome!

Tea & Coffee at Sacred Heart. We will not be serving tea and coffee after Mass on Easter Sunday but will return after Mass on 12th April.

Sacred Heart Parish Golden Jubilee. We would like to display the flags of all the countries of origin or family roots of all our parishioners. There is a sheet in the porch to collect the names of these countries. You do not need to put your name, and we only need the country to be listed once. Thank you for your help.

Confirmation Classes 2026. Young people in Yr 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should please attend, with their parents/carers, the registration sessions after the 9.15am Mass **at Our Lady's on Sunday 12th or Sunday 19th April**. The Confirmation preparation classes will take place at **Our Lady's**, Great Billing and will begin on 17th May after the 9.15am Mass. There will be 7 sessions at Our Lady's - details to be given at registration. There will also be three compulsory classes at St Gregory's on Saturdays 23rd May, 13th June and 11th July leading to Confirmation on Sunday 20th September. If you require more information please email confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com.

If you are a parent/carer of a young person hoping to make their Confirmation this year, or if you attend Mass at Our Lady's and could spare a little time, your help would be much appreciated as I will require another adult to be around during the 40 minute sessions at Our Lady's. No catechesis experience is required, but you will need a DBS check and have attended a 60-90 minute online Safeguarding course. If interested, please email confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com or speak to Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's. Thank you.

Flower arranging course. We are excited to restart the flower arranging course this spring/summer from 10.3am-12.30pm on 10th & 24th April, 22nd May, 12th June and 10th July. Costs are £20 per person for the whole course. Space is limited, so please email the parish office as soon as possible if you would like to book your spot. Please note, you should avoid parking in front of, or opposite, the garages.

Prayer Ministry Training. 18th April 2026, 10am - 4pm at St. Thomas Centre, The Cathedral, Barrack Rd. Northampton. In line with Bishop David's desire to have trained prayer ministers serving across the Diocese, the Diocesan Prayer Ministry Team are organising a training day. This day is for those already engaged with prayer ministry and those who are interested in learning more.

For more information and booking go to: www.northamptondiocese.org/courses/prayer-ministry-training

Vacancy. St Gregory's Catholic Primary School are recruiting for a SEN Teaching Assistant. Part time, fixed term in line with funding. 12.5 hours per week (5 days, hours TBC). Further information about the school can be found on the school website: www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.uk, and applications can be made via the MyNewTerm portal: <https://mynewterm.com/school/St-Gregory's-Catholic-Primary-School/142733> or on the Trust website: www.olicatschools.org. Closing date for completed applications: noon on Sunday 12th April 2026. Interview Date: Friday 17th April 2026. Start Date: Summer term or as soon as possible after.

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.

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.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. On the 18th March the House of Lords voted in favour of decriminalising abortion up until birth for women acting in respect of their own pregnancy. This means that a woman can kill her unborn child by any means right up until the moment she is due to give birth, with no legal repercussions and no police investigation.

At what point will society and especially Catholics say, 'enough is enough'? What are you going to do about it?

Please consider joining the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) which seeks to protect life from conception to natural death. We are a small group but should be a massive group considering the importance of what we are fighting for. Please contact William Currie via email wpcurrie@btinternet.com or text on 07393965643.

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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