



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



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10th/11th February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Our Lady	William Stratton (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B	People of the parishes
Sunday	OL	9.15am		Joseph Dan Vu R.I.P.
11th February	SH	10.30am		Patrick Bennett R.I.P. (birthday memories)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Martin & Annie McDonagh R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Paul Sefton R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	Ash Wednesday	Robin Quinn R.I.P.
	OL	7.00pm		Sidney Jones R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Antonia 'Tola' Mathews (Foundation Mass)
Friday	SH	9.30am		Thomas & Ellen Ward R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Jen and Ollie Prendergast R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	First Sunday of Lent Year B	Mark Cooke R.I.P.; Obenayang Obu Alice R.I.P.
Sunday	OL	9.15am		People of the parishes
18th February	SH	10.30am		Annie Bennett R.I.P. (Birthday); Tony O'Connor R.I.P (Birthday)

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.

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.

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

1st Saturday of the month after 9.30am Mass until 10.30am: Devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm and Monday 9.30am-11am.

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

Anniversaries: Charles Hughes, James Whiteside, Harold Mason, William Fossey, Margaret Griffiths, Ellen Curley, Neil Guare, Ellen Cullen, Sarah Hulbert, Christine Brown, Sidney Jones, Jack Best, Elizabeth Gleeson, Felix Doran. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Thomas Cooke, Noreen Kelly, Teresa Dillon, Janet Gibbons, Stephen Amedu, Rita Caldeiro, Angela Tidbury, Joe Golton, Leo.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Special Second Collection this Weekend. A number of students from our Thomas Becket Catholic School are hoping to attend this weekend's retreat in Northampton for young people. It is a most beneficial experience. The students are covering half the costs. It is hoped that local parishes may be able to help towards the rest. Thus, we are having a second collection for them. Thank you!

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

Our Lady's Confirmation Classes 2024. Young people in Year 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should please attend with their parents/carers one of the registration sessions after the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's this Sunday, 11th February, and next 18th February. Classes will begin in March at Our Lady's after the 9.15am Mass, with three compulsory classes at St Gregory's on Saturdays 27th April, 11th May and 8th June leading to Confirmation at the end of June.

Confirmation Course January 2024. From January there will be taster service sessions (Jan -March) and any young people who wish to register for Confirmation, can do so at the Sunday sessions. All of these will take place at St. Gregory's Church:

Pizza and faith night: 16th February 5 - 6.30pm,

Reading practice: Sunday 3rd March after 9am Mass,

Meet and Greet congregation: 8.30am Sunday 24th March,

Friday 29th March: Good Friday event at church 10am – 12pm,

Cathedral tour: 19th April 5pm.

There are three compulsory theory dates: 27th April, 11th May, 8th June.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Diocesan vacancy. We are currently recruiting for a Pastoral Development Worker to help our pastoral areas and parishes identify mission and community needs and to work with local groups to discern and implement their local vision. The role will be for 37.5 hours per week on a three-year fixed term contract, involving weekend and evening work. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting <https://northamptondiocese.org/jobs/> The closing date for applications will be Friday 16th February. Interview dates to be confirmed. All candidates should complete an application form and email it to:

hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org

CAFOD School Volunteers needed. Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or call 07786 114 390

Light up Lent: 29th Feb – 7th March. Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

Diocesan e-newsletter. Keep up to date with news and opportunities from across our diocese by signing up to receive updates straight into your inbox. Simply visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup>

Safeguarding. Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the healing and reconciliation group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

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 (January 2023)*. Bishop David Oakley 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. Bishop David ensures that he is able to meet with people affected by abuse on a bi-monthly basis or more frequently, depending on your request and can be accessed through our safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org

A Lifeline for Marriage! Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue often? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need. The next programme starts with a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City: 14-16 June 2024. For more information contact: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 Email: retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com www.retrovaille.org.uk Complete confidentiality assured.

National Marriage Week This an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. A Christian marriage is rooted in faith; that means faith in God as the giver of life and the one who promises eternal life to those who believe in him. SmartLoving provides an online enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your home on your own timetable, this course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: www.smartloving.org/marriage-kit (Use code MarriageWeek24 for half price). There is also a resource from our bishops that you can see on the diocese website to help you pray through this week and reflect on the vocation of marriage.