



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



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OL = Our Lady's  
SH = Sacred Heart

**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Palm Sunday**

Saturday	OL	9.30am		Tony Kelly R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A	Antonio D'Souza R.I.P.
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	OL	<b>9.00am</b>		Margaret Wilson R.I.P.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	SH	10.30am		Louis Holtz R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Margaret Gleeson R.I.P. (Anniversary)
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Michael Daly
	OL	7.30pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Alan Watts R.I.P. (Anniversary)
Maundy	OL	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	People of the parishes
Thursday	SH	7.30pm		Mary Bell R.I.P.
Good Friday	OL	11.00am	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
	SH	3.00pm		
Holy Saturday	SH	8.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Frances Duffus R.I.P.
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	OL	9.15am	Easter Sunday Year A	Breda Coleman R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Peter Edwards R.I.P.

**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

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

**Sacred Heart:** Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm. Mondays 10-11am – except Bank Holidays, including Easter Monday.

**Anniversaries:** Joseph Catalano, Barbara Guagenti, Bidy Robson, Albert Handy, Ita Griffiths, Keith Muspratt, Margaret Gleeson, Jason Stansfield, Michael Browne, Loxie Villa, Teresa Murray, Fong Kiu Cheng, Thomas Casey, Fr Owen Wynn, David John Moon, Denise Williams, Timothy Lehane, Bridget Teague, Danny McFadden, Thomas Brassil. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our recently deceased.** Mavis Brophy.

**Please pray for all our sick.**

**The Holy Father's Special Intention.** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**Good Friday's retiring collection:** Holy Places.

**Penitential Service and Chrism Mass.** This year's Penitential Service will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm and the Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 12noon, both at the Cathedral.

**Please note.** There will be no Confessions on Holy Saturday at either Church. There will also be no Exposition at our Lady's on Holy Saturday or at the Sacred Heart on Easter Monday.

**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. If you have Sacred Heart parish's envelope 33, please return immediately and you will be given an alternative box.

**Thanks from CAFOD.** Thank you to all those who donated to our Lent Family Fast Day. If you still have an envelope, it's never too late to return it, or donate online. Remember, hunger doesn't just last for one week but is there all the time so we can help that by giving a monthly donation online. Doesn't have to be a huge amount as every little helps! *Mary*

**Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour.** This will take place at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Great Billing on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

**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. We will not be meeting on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and will return after Mass on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

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

**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. Over the next few weeks there will be 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.

**CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk.** Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? Walk anytime, anywhere – raise funds for life-saving water. You can start part way through Lent if you didn't get a chance to sign up beforehand. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help to bring life-saving water to communities in places like Ethiopia and Peru. For info & to sign up, go to: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

**Confirmation Classes 2026.** Young people in Yr7 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 12<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.** The Confirmation preparation classes will take place at **Our Lady's**, Great Billing and will begin on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July leading to Confirmation on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. If you require more information please email [confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com) or speak to Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's. Thank you.

**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](http://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](http://www.olicatschools.org). Closing date for completed applications: noon on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Interview Date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026. Start Date: Summer term or as soon as possible after.

**Flower arranging course.** We are excited to restart the flower arranging course this spring/summer from 10.3am-12.30pm on 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> 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

**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 18<sup>th</sup> March the House of Lords voted in favour of decriminalising abortion up until birth for women acting in respect of their own pregnancy. 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](mailto: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](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56012)

Sacred Heart: [www.caspar.church/me?ID=56062](http://www.caspar.church/me?ID=56062)

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