



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



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Sacred Heart = SH
Our Lady's = OL

15th/16th March 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Second Sunday of Lent Year C	Sidney Jones R.I.P. (Birthday)
	SH	5.30pm		Michael Connors R.I.P.
Sunday 16th March	OL	9.15am	Feast of St. Patrick	Mark Hatcher
	SH	10.30am		Gac Vasa R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am	Solemnity of St. Joseph	Brigitte Berney R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		People of the parishes
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	Third Sunday of Lent Year C	Mary Leahy R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Felicidade Hatcher R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am	Breda Coleman	Norman Calder R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Irene Kennedy R.I.P.
Sunday 23rd March	SH	5.30pm	People of the parishes	Fred Bason R.I.P. (Christine's twin)
	OL	9.15am		
Sunday 23rd March	SH	10.30am		

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. 7.30pm: Divine Will prayer group. 1st Thurs of the month is via Zoom at 7.

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

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

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm. Mondays from 10-11am

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

Anniversaries: Sarah Vickers, Anne-Marie Carnell, Florence Shaw, Davidson Barreau, Kathleen Weedon, Kathleen Bishop, Brian Smith, Edna O'Malley, Jozef Nowak, Olive Vickery, Mary Mulvenna, Cecelia Jenkins, Shirley Mahoney, Robert Butler, Caroline Davis, Christine Sye, Cecil Cooper, Martin McNeela, Annie Smith Patricia Sinclair, Mario Tandrayen. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Willie Lynch, Fred Bason, Louis Agius, Harry Brophy, Christine Mason, Jason Pothin.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

This week's retiring collection. CAFOD Lent Fast Day. By donating, you'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

Next week's retiring collection. Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Spring clean at Sacred Heart. Come and join us on Saturday 22nd March for a while between 10am and 11.30am to clean the hall and kitchen ready for the Healing Mass on 26th March. We could also litter-pick around the property if the weather is good!

Help needed. The SVP are looking for a washing machine in good working order. If anyone can help, please contact the Parish office.

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.

The Annunciation of the Lord: 24 Hour Adoration. Monday-Tuesday 24th-25th March. 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 11am at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on Monday 24th March. Which will continue until the 9.30am Mass on the Tuesday. Sign-up sheets for the Exposition are available at the back of both churches.

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

Confirmation Classes 2025. Our joint Parish Confirmation preparation classes for young people in Year 7 and above will commence at Our Lady's, Great Billing on **30th March** after the 9.15am Mass. There will be 7 sessions at Our Lady's plus three compulsory joint classes on Saturdays 26th April, 24th May and 28th June leading to Confirmation at the beginning of September. If you have any queries about Confirmation preparation classes, please see Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's or email: confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound - Including the Anointing of the Sick. The SVP Mass for the Sick will take place in the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Wednesday 26th March at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form at the back of the church. If you require a lift, please indicate by ticking the box or speak to a member of the SVP. Light refreshments will be provided after the Mass. All are very welcome.

Saturday 29th March 2025: A Lent Reflective Walk with Coffee and Lunch (You are invited to join us at any point during the morning.) For those who would like a leisurely walk with time to enjoy paths and greenspaces around Great Billing, please meet at the **Methodist Chapel** at 10.45am. Meanwhile, coffee will be served at **St Andrew's Parish Church** from 10.45am and the walkers will join at St Andrew's where there will be a Lent Reflection at 11.30am. We will then walk through the village to **Our Lady's** for a time of quiet in the garden or in the church. There will be a Lent Reflection at 12.15 before we move on to the Methodist Chapel for a **Bread & Soup Lunch**. All are welcome to stay, but it would be helpful if you are able to tell us if you would like to join us for the lunch. *Contact: BCCT Secretary bcctsec@gmail.com*

Italian Supper. Please join us for a delicious Italian Supper on Saturday 29th March at St. Gregory's church hall at 6.45pm to eat at 7pm. Tickets £15 per person available from Estelle on 07510 194147. Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking. We are raising funds towards building a new nursery school at Reaching The Unreached, in Tamil Nadu, South India. Registered Charity No. 1091295.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year. You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Parish pilgrimage. Wintershall on Saturday 21st June 2025. Please read the attached information sheet which contains information about the day and how to sign up. The Pilgrimage is intended for the whole Parish Community and the desire is that everyone should be able to attend should they wish to do so. We have a 53-seater coach booked and places will be given on a first come first served basis, so book early. The suggested donations on the info sheet: we are happy to receive donations of the full cost, some of the cost, or even more than the cost, whatever you can afford. Any donations, cash or cheque, should be placed in an envelope marked WINTERSHALL, and either placed in the collection basket or posted through the presbytery letterbox by Sunday 18th May. The donation can be anonymous, if preferred. Cheques should be made payable to Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton.

Divine Will prayer group. The Divine Will prayer group will take place via Zoom on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. The remaining Thursdays of the month it will be at Our Lady's in Great Billing at **7.30pm**. All are welcome. Those who want to join the zoom meeting please message Mark on 07724 337196.

Public Witness to Oppose Kim Leadbeater MP's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Please join members of SPUC Northampton between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 5th April on St Peters Way, in a public witness, to oppose legalised assisted suicide and the above bill currently going through Parliament. It is important that MPs realise that there is strong opposition to this bill. It is not a premature death our terminally ill brothers and sisters need but good palliative care. For further details please contact William on wpcurrie@btinternet.com or text on 07393965643.

Lighthouse Trust Northampton is in need of a part-time administrator. The role is currently a self-employed position of 10 hours a month, paid at £13.00/hour. Are you Organised, detailed oriented, and focused on delivering a good service. Then we would love you to join our charity to ensure we provide the best possible service to our schools, donors, supporters and staff. For further information and a full job description please contact Viv Vass - Chair - 07809 132312.

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.