



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



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OL = Our Lady's
SH = Sacred Heart

21st/22nd March 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A	Norman Calder R.I.P.	
	SH	5.30pm		Teresa Gatens R.I.P.	
Sunday 22nd March	OL	9.15am		Felicidade Hatcher R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
	SH	10.30am		Molly Owens R.I.P. & Rosemary Craddock R.I.P.	
Monday	SH	9.30am		Mark & Gillian Brockway (Int.)	
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Maggie Daly	
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		The Annunciation of the Lord	Breda Coleman R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Graeme Gardner R.I.P.	
Friday	SH	9.30am		Marcella Brown (Int.)	
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A	Tony Kelly R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	Antonio D'Souza R.I.P.		
Sunday 29th March	OL	9.00am	Margaret Wilson R.I.P.		
	SH	10.30am	Louis Holtz R.I.P.		

Stations of the Cross. The final Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at the Sacred Heart Church on Friday 27th March at 6.15pm, and at Our Lady's, Great Billing on Sunday 22nd March at 8.40am.

Holy Week. Palm Sunday: Our Lady's at **9am (please note earlier start time)**, Sacred Heart at 10.30am,

Tuesday: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's at 7.30pm,

Maundy Thursday: Our Lady's at 6pm, Sacred Heart at 7.30pm,

Good Friday: Our Lady's at 11am, Sacred Heart at 3pm,

Holy Saturday: Sacred Heart: 8pm,

Easter Sunday: Our Lady's 9.15am, Sacred Heart: 10.30am.

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. Stations of the Cross during Lent. Should anyone wish to join, they need not stay for the complete hour unless they would like to.

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: Margaret Hawkesworth, Nellie Kennedy, Felicidade Hatcher, John O'Leary, Isabella McArthur, Charles Ruddick, Fr Edward Byron, Mary Casey, Susan Maynard, Margaret Warrington, Thomas Brassil, Marjorie Whiteside, Ruby Forde, Margaret Wilson, Joseph Catalano, Barbara Guagenti, Bidy Robson. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Louis Holtz, 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.

Last week's collection's: Our Lady's: £321.89. Sacred Heart: £702.50. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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. Weds-Thurs 25th-26th March. 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 11am at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on Wednesday 25th March. Which will continue until the 9.30am Mass on the Thursday. 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 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.

Coffee morning at St. Gregory's School. Wednesday 25th March, 10.15-11.15am. Join us in the school hall for a hot drink and sweet treats to help us raise vital funds for the work of Mary's Meals. All are welcome!

CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk. Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? How about walking 200km during Lent for life-saving water? 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. Go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> to sign up and for more information.

Born for This. The Cathedral, Northampton at 6pm on Weds 25th March. Weston Favell Academy students will be taking to the stage to share a moving and powerful depiction of the stations of the cross (lasting approx. an hour). It is FREE to all. Donations welcome.

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.

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.

Liturgical Formation Sessions. The Diocesan Liturgical Formation team holds a series of online Zoom Sessions exploring the upcoming Lectionary Readings and Seasons of the Liturgical Year for readers and other interested people. It's a valuable opportunity to develop our engagement with the Scriptures that we hear proclaimed at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Each session is 7.30-8.30pm - includes prayer, input and the opportunity to comment and ask questions. The next one is Weds 8th April. There's no charge but you can make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing deaconpeter.collins@northamptondiocese.org Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the online Zoom session.

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 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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