



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



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OL = Our Lady's  
SH = Sacred Heart

**21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**First Sunday of Lent**

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| Saturday                               | OL | 9.30am  | First Sunday of Lent<br>Year A        | Betty & Dennis Williams R.I.P.           |
|  | SH | 5.30pm  |                                       | Rachel Murphy (sick)                     |
| <b>Sunday<br/>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.</b> | OL | 9.15am  | St. Polycarp                          | Aley John R.I.P.                         |
|  | SH | 10.30am |                                       | Sean O'Reilly R.I.P.                     |
| Monday                                 | SH | 9.30am  | Intentions of Family & Friends of FMH |  |
| Tuesday                                | OL | 9.30am  | Richard Palmer (sick)                 |  |
| Wednesday                              | SH | 9.30am  | Richard Prendergast R.I.P.            |  |
| Thursday                               | OL | 9.30am  | People of the parishes                |  |
| Friday                                 | SH | 9.30am  | CAFOD Family Fast Day                 | Marie & Jim Coeur de Lion (Special Int.) |
| Saturday                               | OL | 9.30am  | Second Sunday of Lent<br>Year A       | Jim D'monte (Birthday)                   |
|  | SH | 5.30pm  |                                       | Molly Owens R.I.P.                       |
| <b>Sunday<br/>1<sup>st</sup> March</b> | OL | 9.15am  | CAFOD Family Fast Day                 | Kathleen Sheridan R.I.P.                 |
|  | SH | 10.30am |                                       | Christine Mason R.I.P.                   |

**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

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

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

**Sacred Heart:** Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm.

**Anniversaries:** Deborah Lewin, Ellen Dunton, Harry Brophy, Berry Walsh, Henry Thomas, Ivy Sheridan, Rita Kelly, Thomas Lynch, John Doyle, Samantha Borucki, John Campion, Catherine Buist, Dan Dunne, Rachel Forsyth, Ernest Humberstone, Gill Mahoney, Christine Mason, Norina Coulton, Robert Anderson, James Fanny. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our recently deceased.** Graeme Gardner, Breda Coleman, Alessandro Rossetti.

**Please pray for all our sick.**

**The Holy Father's Special Intention.** For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

**Next week's retiring collection:** CAFOD Family Fast Day. This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, use the QR to donate online or at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



**First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the Shrine, Mass at 9.30am, followed by Adoration, Confession until 10.30am, Meditation on one of the mysteries of the Rosary, and recitation of the Rosary. For the salvation of souls and peace in the world. Devotion concludes at 10.30am. Adoration until 12noon.

**Help needed.** SVP are supporting a family needing a condensing tumble drier. We are also happy to hear from any electricians who can do occasional Portable Appliance Testing. If you can help, please speak to one of the SVP or leave a message on the SVP phone 07504465707. Thank you.

**Vigil Mass Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February.** As they move into the next part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion, the children and their families will be attending this Mass which will be commentated to help them understand what is going on and also have simplified readings.

**CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk.** Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? How about walking 200km in 40 days for life-saving water? Walk anytime, anywhere for 40 days – raise funds for life-saving water. 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. See the poster in the porch and go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> to sign up and for more information.

**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.

**Mass for the Sick at the Sacred Heart.** The SVP Mass for the Sick will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be joined by children from St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School who will lead our singing. Refreshments will be provided after mass. Should you require a lift, please fill in the form at the back of the church or inform a member of the SVP. If you know anyone who would like to attend, please encourage them to come along.

**Born for This.** The Cathedral, Northampton at 6pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 about 1 hour). It is FREE to all. Donations welcome.

**Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1).** Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists. The course is 7 virtual sessions from 7.30-9pm, starting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, with the remaining sessions on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> April. For more info, Zoom links, course materials go to: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-february-2026/>. Includes refreshments. No fixed fee but donations welcomed.

**Lenten quiz.** The Knights of St Columba are holding a Lenten quiz at 7pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at St Francis & St Therese, Northampton, NN4 0RZ. Just £5 buys your refreshments, fun and entertainment. FREE for children. The proceeds go to the Bishop's vocation fund, so justify your Lenten jollity, knowing you are doing something positive. Contact William [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com) so we can organise refreshments or just turn up on the night. The winning team gets prizes and they won't be sackcloth and ashes!

**Diocesan vacancies.** We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2026. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications. 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](mailto:hr.admin@northamptondiocese.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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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