

Sacred Heart Parish and

Diocesan Shrine & Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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23rd/24th March 2024

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday	OL	9.30am		Eileen Weston (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Palm Sunday	Joyce D'Monte R.I.P.
Sunday	OL	9.00am	of the Passion of the Lord	People of the parishes
24 th March	SH	10.30am	Year B	Sean O'Reilly R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		James Fanny R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Margaret Wilson R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Ita Griffiths (Foundation Mass)
	OL	7.30pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross	
Maundy	OL	6.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper	Rudi Gumbs R.I.P.
Thursday	SH	7.30pm		Margaret Gleeson (Int)
Good Friday	OL	11.00am	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion	
	SH	3.00pm		
Holy Saturday	SH	7.00pm	Easter Vigil Mass	Keith E. Muspratt R.I.P (3 rd Anniversary)
Easter Sunday	OL	9.15am	Easter Sunday	Mark, Roxann & Rachele Castillo (Int)
31st March	SH	10.30am	Year B	People of the parishes

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

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

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

Anniversaries: George Gallard, Philip Bradley, Claire Smyth, Martyn Keegan, Jolanda Mendez, Kathleen Treacy, Angelina Van Der Lehy, Alfred Jackson, Myles Connors, Jennifer Hignell, William Schmid, Vincent Jordan, Winifred Arnold. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. John Pacheco, Arquilla Simoes, Tom Buston & Oliver Hilliard.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' 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.

Sacred Heart Retiring Collection. This Sunday, there will be a retiring collection for Easter flowers for the church.

First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday 6th April 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.

Exposition at Sacred Heart. Please note that there is no Exposition on Easter Monday.

Planned Giving envelopes. The envelopes for 2024-25 are now available. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Fr Brendan or email the parish office.

Help needed. The SVP have a family who need a hoover, a chest of drawers and a bedside cabinet. If anyone can help, please contact the SVP on 07504 465707.

Remember – clocks go forward one hour next weekend!

Calling all children at Sacred Heart Church! A Bible Easter egg hunt! Today, Palm Sunday (24th March), we invite the children to collect a plastic egg in the porch after Mass. There will be a Bible reference inside - look the reference up and copy it onto the back. If the children then bring the egg and Bible verse to church on Easter Sunday and bring it to the hall after Mass they will receive an Easter egg prize!

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour. This will take place at our Lady of Perpetual Succour on Sunday 7th April at 3pm.

The Annunciation of the Lord: 24 Hour Adoration Monday-Tuesday 8th-9th April. There will be the usual 9.30am Mass at the Sacred Heart, Weston Favell on Monday 8th April. There will be an additional Mass at 10.30am at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on that Monday. This will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will continue until the 9.30am Mass at Great Billing on Tuesday 9th April. Sign-up sheets for the Exposition are available at the back of both churches.

Accommodation needed. One of our families is looking for 2/3 bedroom accommodation. If anyone can help, please contact the parish office.

Tea & Coffee at Sacred Heart. There are no refreshments after Mass on Sundays 24th and 31st March. Service will resume on 7th April.

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. Our final class for March is today, Sunday 24th March. See below for other important dates.

Sacred Heart Confirmation Course January 2024. The remaining taster service session is on Friday 29th March: Good Friday event at St. Gregory's church 10am – 12pm and any young people who wish to register for Confirmation, can do so then. There is also a tour of the Cathedral on 19th April at 5pm and there are three <u>compulsory</u> 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.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk! This Lent Thomas Becket Catholic School is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world. We are inviting our students to join us in collectively walking 1000km towards raising £1000. This will take place on Wednesday 27th March, during Holy week. Please pray for us. We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting those in greatest need around the world and living out the mission of our school. We would love parishioners in our surrounding parishes to support this great fundraising effort too. We have set up a 'Giving Page' through CAFOD. If you would like to donate to this cause, please follow the link. https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/thomas-becket-fundraising-page Every single £1 will make a difference to the fight against poverty! Thank you for your support.

Northampton Diocese – Life in the Spirit Seminars. Beginning on Tuesday 16th April and running for 6 weeks including a retreat day on 18th May, Life In The Spirit Seminars are designed for anyone looking to know more about life in the Spirit of God. The seminars are free to attend and can be joined at Northampton Cathedral or one of the 'hub' venues in Milton Keynes, Luton, Slough, Bedford, Corby or Aylesbury. For more information visit https://northamptondiocese.org/life-in-the-spirit-seminars-2024/

Senior's Party. Our annual SVP Senior's (over 60s) Party will take place on Sunday 21st April from 3pm - 6pm in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. If you would like to come along, please sign the sheet in the church porch. If you require transport and if you require a vegetarian option, please indicate on the sheet. The meal, drink, music and good company are all provided free. Donations are accepted but not expected. Music by "The Last Resort".

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