



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



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16th/17th March 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am		A. Johnson (Birthday)
	SH	5.30pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B	Michael Connors R.I.P.
Sunday 17th March	OL	9.15am		Jan Grzesiukowicz R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Brigitte Berney R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Martin Jelly R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am	Solemnity of St. Joseph	People of the parishes
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Josphine Shalley (sick)
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Norman Calder R.I.P.; Felicidade Hatcher R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Jimmy Costello R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Eileen Weston (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B	Joyce D'Monte R.I.P.
Sunday 24th March	OL	9.00am		People of the parishes (Please note the change of Mass time)
	SH	10.30am		Sean O'Reilly R.I.P.

Palm Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. Please note that Mass next Sunday will begin slightly earlier at **9am**.

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.

Holy Week. Wednesday (27th): Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Our Lady's at 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper at Our Lady's at 6pm and at Sacred Heart at 7.30pm,
Good Friday: Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at Our Lady's at 11am and at Sacred Heart at 3pm,
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart at 7pm,
Easter Sunday: Mass at Our Lady's at 9.15am and at Sacred Heart at 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.

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 and Mondays after 9.30am Mass – 11am.

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

Anniversaries: Florence Smith, Jerome O'Donovan, Gunther Kaiser, Mick Mahoney, Miguel Penlaver, Flore Drummond, Mary Newman, Bridie Hall, Louise Bowes, Bina Palmer, Rose Coleman, Elizabeth Saward, David Wallace, George Gallard, Philip Bradley, Claire Smyth, Martyn Keegan. **R.I.P.**

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

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.

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. The remaining date for Children's Liturgy is 17th March. Please note, this is aimed at children from the age of 4 until they are 8 or have made their First Holy Communion.

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

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.

Project "Take Five". After Mass today (16th & 17th March) you will be offered a pack of five Easter Card invitations. On the back of each card are the dates and times of all the events taking place in our two parishes during Holy Week. We would like you to take your pack of five invitations and give them to people you know who might like to come to our Easter Services. May we also suggest that if you can't think of five people to give the invitations to pop an invitation in a neighbour's letterbox and let the Holy Spirit do the rest!

Calling all children at Sacred Heart Church - a Bible Easter egg hunt! On 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!

Employment help. A lovely member of the African community within our parish is looking for employment and if any of our parishioners has job opportunities, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

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. 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. Classes continue through March on Sundays 17th and 24th. There are three compulsory theory dates: 27th April, 11th May, 8th June at St. Gregory's Church.

Sacred Heart Confirmation Course January 2024. There are only two remaining taster sessions and any young people who wish to register for Confirmation, can do so at the Sunday sessions. These will take place at St. Gregory's Church:

Meet and Greet congregation: 8.30am Sunday 24th March,

Friday 29th March: Good Friday event at church 10am – 12pm,

There is a tour of the Cathedral on 19th April at 5pm and there are three compulsory 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.

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.

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

Parish registration. We will soon be using a new computer system to help us manage our parish better. It starts with us making sure that we have up to date contact information for all of our parishioners and so we would be grateful if you could complete the registration form by scanning the relevant QR code below or by typing the relevant link into your browser. If you don't have an email address, please speak to Lorraine in the parish office who can complete the form on your behalf.

Sacred Heart, Weston Favell
www.caspar.church/me?ID=56037



Our Lady's, Great Billing
www.caspar.church/me?ID=56012

