



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



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27th April/28th April 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm		Lilian Scanlon R.I.P.
Sunday 28th April	OL	9.15am	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	Patrick Cullen R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Margaret Gleeson R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am	St. Athanasius	In honour of the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Cornelius & Mary Bohane R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	Feast of Ss. Philip and James	Joyce D'Monte R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		John Pacheco R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am	Feast of The English Martyrs	Matt & Margaret Kavanagh (Int)
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B
	SH	5.30pm	Paddy & Noreen Swords R.I.P.	
Sunday 5th May	OL	9.15am	People of the parishes	Chrissie Mace R.I.P.
	SH	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: Godfrey Finn, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Charles McCarthy, Derek Humphries, Marion Forsyth, Joan Piri, James Ingram, Josie McGirr, Connie Davis, Noreen Swords, Mary Yates, Margarita Scott, Philip Kelly, Fred Fuller, Genevieve Chaffey, James Wisener, Cathie Clifford, Lawrence Forsyth, Margaret Heffernan, Doug Doyle. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Margaret Gleeson, Ann Fennell, P.J. Ferguson & Maria Gotts.

Please pray for all our sick

Pope Francis' Special Intention. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Next weekend's retiring collection. Healing garden at the Cathedral. On Tuesday 30th April, the day is dedicated as the National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. We have been asked as a pastoral area to support our diocesan victims and survivors with the proceeds of a retiring collection this weekend going to the healing garden at our Cathedral.

First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday 4th May 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 for our readers. Available at back of both churches, are notes for the readers.

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, 10am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church. The dates for Children's Liturgy are 28th April, 12th May, 2nd June, 16th June, 30th June and 14th July. Please note, this is aimed at children from the age of 4 until they are 8 or have made their First Holy Communion.

Our Lady's Confirmation Programme. Dates for May:

Sunday 5th May 10.10-10.45am - Session 5 at Our Lady's (after Mass),

Saturday 11th May 9.30am-11.30am - compulsory preparation session at St Gregory's Church Hall,

Sunday 19th May 10.10-10.45am - Session 6 at Our Lady's (after Mass).

Saturday 8th June 9.30am-11.30am – final compulsory preparation session at St. Gregory's Church Hall.

Remember to check the rota for when you are helping out with the Sunday Mass Collection at Our Lady's. Check emails for Programme details and get in touch if you have any queries. Thanks! Miriam.

Sacred Heart Confirmation classes. The next time to meet is for the compulsory preparation sessions on Saturdays 11th May and 8th June from 9.30-11.30am.

New Youth Group! The Cathedral Hub parishes are hoping to establish a youth group, which will meet on the last Friday of each month. As a launch, we'd like to invite those in years 7 to 12 to join us in the St Thomas Centre behind the Cathedral from 7pm to 8pm on Friday 26th April. Let us know if you're able to join us by emailing parish.cathedralhub@northamptondiocese.org With every blessing, Fr Simon, Fr Daniel, Kacey, Joe, Joel and Martin.

Northampton Diocese – Life in the Spirit Seminars. These began on Tuesday 16th April and are 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/>

Parish Musicians. Our diocesan liturgy commission music section will host a day for singers, choirs and instrumentalists on Saturday 11th May, 11am-3pm at Thomas Becket Catholic School in Northampton. Adults £10 and young people free if 18 or under but must be accompanied by an adult. Please book via this link: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/diocesan-music-day/> Bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee, juice provided. For more details: music@northamptondiocese.org

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal. Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at www.cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

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

Diocesan Pilgrimages. As we prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope' you are invited to join our diocese on pilgrimage. There are plenty to choose from including the Shrines of Northern France in October 2024, Lourdes in August 2024, Walsingham in June 2024 and Rome and Assisi in 2025. For more information on these pilgrimages and our diocesan walking pilgrimage, 'The Way of Our Lady of Guadalupe' visit: <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>

Thomas Becket leavers class of 1980. We are holding a reunion at the Vocal club on Bailiff St, Northampton on Saturday 20th July from 8pm. Tickets are now available online for £10 from Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thomas-becket-class-of-1980-60th-birthday-reunion-tickets-844653560537>

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 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.

