

Sacred Heart Parish and

Diocesan Shrine & Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

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29th/30th November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Our Lady	Una & Billy Shearer R.I.P. (Anniversary)
	SH	5.30pm	First Sunday of Advent	Anne Carty R.I.P.
Sunday	OL	9.15am	Year A	Anthony (Tony) Kavanagh) R.I.P. (3 rd Anniversary)
30 th Nov	SH	10.30am		Mary McNulty R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Prenda Matisa R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Eric Berney R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	St. Francis Xavier	Gjon & Katrina Vasa R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Carolina De Souza R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Joyce D'monte R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Maurice Wilson R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	Second Sunday of Advent	Kathleen Connors R.I.P.
Sunday	OL	9.15am	Year A	Margaret Smith R.I.P. (Anniversary)
7 th Dec	SH	10.30am		Sabina Hyland R.I.P.

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. Mondays 10-11am - except Bank Holidays.

Anniversaries: Francis Mangan, Clem Williams, Bridget Brassil, Eric Bartlett, Mary Shine, Pauline Welford, Edward Forrestal, Florence Goom, Eric Berney, Rose-Marie Hone, Linda Hall, Thresia Thomas, Jeannie Borton, Paddy & Winnie Prendergast, Phyllis Corr, William Mansfield, Chipo Mugugu, Caroline D'Souza, Dolly Byrne, Win Catlin, Peter Anderson, Tony Ahmed, James Kelly. R.I.P.

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Richard Prendergast, Brian O'Doherty, Matthew Kavanagh.

Please pray for all our sick.

The Holy Father's Special Intention. For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Christmas stall/bazaar at the Sacred Heart. This weekend: Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November. Christmas arrangements, ornaments and tree decorations. Cash only. Please bring small change.

Mass and Sacrament of the Sick. There will be Mass including the Sacrament of the Sick in the hall at the Sacred Heart on Wednesday 3rd December at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. Anyone who needs transport, please ring the SVP number on 07504 465707 and we will arrange to collect and return you home.

Help needed. Does anyone have an adult's bike in good condition that they no longer need? The SVP are helping someone who needs it to get to his new job. Contact the SVP on 07504 465707 or Lorraine in the parish office. Thanks.

Help needed. The SVP need a single wardrobe for one of our families; does anyone have one they could donate? If so, please ring the SVP number 07504 465707.

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

24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (Sunday 7-8th December). There will be the usual 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on that Sunday. This will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will continue until 9am on Monday at Great Billing. Sign-up sheets for the Exposition will be 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 SVP Community Pop-in (Warm Space). Every Thursday, 10.30am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

SVP Giving Trees. The SVP Giving Trees will remain in the churches until 22nd December to give everyone time to collect an envelope from the tree and return it to the base of the trees with any monies you can contribute inside towards the distribution of vouchers which the SVP give to families in need at Christmas. All offerings will be collected at the end of each Mass. Thank you from the SVP.

Online Advent Retreat. Monday 1st December at 7.30pm. Disrupted by Grace, week 2. Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Michelle Moran who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Michelle will be unpacking the story of Rahab for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Watch week 1's Advent Retreat and register here: https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/

Advent Reflection. This is a lovely event led by the children of St Thomas Beckett, St Mary's, St Gregory's and the Good Shepherd. Wednesday 3rd December at 5pm at the Cathedral. All are welcome.

Flower arranging course. The course continues from 10am-12noon on **Fridays 5**th (extended session) **and 19**th **December**. Please avoid parking in front of or opposite the garages.

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 This vacancy remains open until the position is filled.

Love Christmas – Share the Joy, Spread the Light. This Advent, join Caritas Northampton's Love Christmas Campaign and help bring the true spirit of Christmas to those most in need across our diocese. Over the past four years, your generosity has shared over 1,700 Bags of Kindness, touching the lives of more than 4,000 people, from children in care and young carers to isolated elderly and families struggling to make ends meet. Together, we can make an even greater difference this year. Simply collect small gifts, such as toys, chocolates, warm clothing, or toiletries and we'll provide the bags and arrange collection. Let's fill our communities with hope and compassion this Christmas. Sign up at northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas or caritas@northamptondiocese.org/lovechristmas or caritas@northamptondiocese.org/lovechristma

Marriage Preparation Weekend Course. 9–11 January 2026. The CHC's weekend marriage preparation course is intended for couples who wish to engage more deeply with the Catholic vision for marriage. Structured around the elements of the marriage rite, couples will reflect deeply on foundational Scriptural texts to gain a better understanding of both the natural and sacramental aspects of Matrimony. The weekend includes prayer, time for personal and shared reflection, group discussion, and a social gathering. It can be attended as a stand-alone experience or in support of an online or in-person course. Details and registration: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation

LUX. 13-15th February 2026 at Kings Park Centre, Northampton. Ages 11-18 (school years 7-13). £110. If you've not heard about it before, LUX is our diocesan residential weekend for teens that happens in February every year. It's for those in school years 7 – 13 and is a weekend packed with activity. Every year we explore a theme through workshops, dramas, music, worship, Mass, prayer times, games, inputs, and time with friends. This year's theme is Belong. Visit nymo.org/lux-belong-2026/ or email NYMO@northamptondiocese.com to find out more.

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 Support is offered before, during and after appointments.

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 Sacred Heart:



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