



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



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19th/20th March

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Solemnity of St. Joseph	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm	Third Sunday of Lent	John Plunkett (healing)
Sunday 20th March	OL	9.15am	Year C	Thanksgiving
	SH	10.30am		Hania Rydzkowska R.I.P.; Zbyszek Wasiukiewicz R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Shane O'Connor R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Doris Tandrayan (70 th birthday)
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		The Hibberd Family
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Jane Bishop R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord	Mavis Midgley-Bryan R.I.P.
	OL	10.30am	Start of 24-hour Exposition	In honour of the Holy Spirit
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Margaret Wilson R.I.P. (Anniversary)
	SH	5.30pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent	People of the parishes
Sunday 27th March	OL	9.15am	Year C	Sr. Rose Quadros R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Davidson Barreau R.I.P. (birthday)

Response to Sunday's Psalm: "The Lord is compassion and love."

Confessions. Confessions will be on Saturdays, at Our Lady's from 10am-10.30am and at Sacred Heart from 4.45pm-5.15pm.

Stations of the Cross: During Lent, Fr Brendan will be leading Stations of the Cross at the Sacred Heart on Fridays at 6.15pm and Our Lady's on Sundays at 8.40am.

Annunciation of the Lord: 24 hours of Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. In honour of the Annunciation of the Lord there will be 24 hours of Exposition of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Adoration will start after the 10.30am Mass on Friday 25th March. The 24 hours will conclude with the usual Saturday 9.30am Mass. There will not be any further Exposition that day. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet available at the Shrine and the Sacred Heart Church or contact either the office or Gillian on 07724337202. Thank you.

Events at our churches. Our Lady's: Exposition: Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross.

Saturday Exposition: Saturdays after 9.30am Mass until midday.

Parish Prayer Time: Tuesdays 1-2pm. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 1pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Thursdays 1-2pm.

Rosary: 9am before every Mass except Sunday.

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm and Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

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

Anniversaries: Agnes Ingram, Michael Ducker, Marjorie Golton, Anna McManus, Margaret Hawkesworth, Nellie Kennedy, John O'Leary, Isabella McArthur, Charles Ruddick, Fr Edward Byron, Mary Casey, Susan Maynard, Margaret Warrington, Thomas Brassil, Marjorie Whiteside, Ruby Forde, Margaret Wilson **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our sick.

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Zbyszek Wasiukiewicz & Peter McCullough.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. March: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

This Week's Liturgy of the Word: Exod 3:1-8, 13-15, Psalm: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 r. 8, 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Josh 5:9-12, Psalm: Ps 33:2-7 r. 9, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32.

Sacred Heart SVP Community Pop-in. Every Thursday from **31st March**, 10am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

CAFOD. Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can quickly respond in crises such as Ukraine to help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For lots more detail on how your donations are being used, go to the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk. A huge thank you to all our very generous parishioners who kindly donated to last week's CAFOD Family Fast Day collection: £731.87 from Sacred Heart. Our Lady's collection amount to follow.

Helping the Ukrainian crisis. The SVP are collecting essential items to send to the Polish/Ukraine border. Goodwill Solutions, based on the Moulton Park Industrial Estate, are providing the logistics for sorting and transporting the items to where they are most needed. Any items from the following list will be very gratefully accepted: **Pot noodles or similar, tinned food (ring pull tops), food for children and infants, water, tea, long life milk, personal hygiene items, nappies/diapers, blankets, sleeping bags, clothes for children, clothes for women, torches, batteries, hot water bottles.** The items will be collected at the Sacred Heart Church on Sundays.

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.

Confirmation 2022. Young people in Year 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should collect and complete a registration form. Please then attend one of the registration sessions after Masses this Sunday, 20th March (9.15am at Our Lady's, 10.30am Sacred Heart, 9am and 11am at St Gregory's). Classes begin after Easter and will be held on Sunday mornings at St Gregory's, with Confirmation in July. If you have any queries or problems attending registration please email the team on confirmationgregory.21@gmail.com.

Walk With Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer. Booklets, a resource supporting individuals through their Lenten journey, including a message from Bishop David, and calendars are now available in the porches both churches at £1.

Billing Covenanted Churches Together Lent Reflective Morning. Saturday 26th March. Led by Mrs Wendy Villette on the theme of "The Return of the Prodigal Son". The Reflective Morning will be held at the Methodist Chapel, with coffee at 11am for an 11.15am start, and concluding with a bread and soup lunch at 12.30pm There is no charge for the event but there will be an opportunity to make a donation to BCCT funds over lunch.

Sacred Heart Flower arranging course. We welcome back the flower arranging course on 8th April, 13th May, 10th and 24th June in the church hall. Cost for the whole course will be £20. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Alpha course. The next Alpha course will be in person! (Dates below.) It is highly recommended and is very enjoyable. Each session starts with a good meal (A proper evening meal, not just a snack), then we watch a film together about our faith. After the film we have a conversation around our table about what we have seen and heard. It is good to have established believers as well as potential converts and those who simply want to know more about our faith. Please come, and if you can, bring a friend. There is no charge, but donations are cheerfully accepted. For catering purposes, please register at www.stgregory.org.uk/alpha
Course dates: 26th April, 3rd 10th, 17th and 24th May, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th June, 5th & 12th July. An Away-Day on 16th-17th June.

Lourdes pilgrimage - would you like to join us as an assisted pilgrim? We still have some places left for our Lourdes pilgrimage and are especially interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join us as an assisted pilgrim. We can provide wheelchairs, other basic assistance and helpers for you at no cost! If you are interested in hearing more, please do speak to Colette in the music group at 10.30 mass or contact the parish office - we'd love to hear from you! Booking forms to confirm interest need to be returned to Colette or Father Brendan by 31st March, with deposits due slightly later.

NYMO Young Adults Brunch. NYMO invite you to a Brunch event at the NYMO Offices in Luton on Saturday 9th April, for a morning of food, faith formation, prayer and worship. From 11.30am - 1.30pm. For ages 18-35. See www.nymo.org/brunch for more details.

Stella Maris. Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is the largest ship-visiting network in the world; improving the lives of seafarers and fishers through a network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support. On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Catholic charity Stella Maris is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Register now to join online at www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation on 23rd March at 7.30pm to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

Called & Equipped - what is God calling you to do next? Have you found the events of the last year or two have caused you to ask questions about your faith? Is this the moment to really go deeper with God? Called & Equipped is a year-long programme offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation. Find out more here: <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/called/>. The webinar is on 30th March at 7.30pm. Register here: https://calledequipped_webinar.eventbrite.co.uk