



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



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Sacred Heart = SH  
Our Lady's = OL

**22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Third Sunday of Lent Year C	Breda Coleman
	SH	5.30pm		Irene Kennedy R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	OL	9.15am		People of the parishes
	SH	10.30am		Fred Bason R.I.P. (Christine's twin)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Louis Agius R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Harry Brophy R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		People of the parishes
Friday	SH	9.30am		José Fernandes R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C	Margaret Gleeson R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm		Noreen Myers R.I.P.
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	OL	9.15am		Margaret Wilson R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Lazer & Lindita (Special Intention)

**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.

**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: Rosary & Exposition. Please note this will not take place this week due to the Mass for the Sick at the Sacred Heart.

Thursdays 1-2pm: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. 7.30pm: Divine Will prayer group. 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of the month is via Zoom at 7.

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

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

**Sacred Heart**: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm. Mondays from 10-11am.

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

**Anniversaries:** John O'Leary, Isabella McArthur, Charles Ruddick, Fr Edward Byron, Mary Casey, Susan Maynard, Margaret Warrington, Thomas Brassil, Marjorie Whiteside, Ruby Forde, Margaret Wilson, Joseph Catalano, Barbara Guagenti, Biddy Robson, Albert Handy, Ita Griffiths, Keith Muspratt. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our recently deceased.** Fred Bason, Louis Agius, Harry Brophy, Christine Mason, Jason Pothin, Agnes Rees.

**Please pray for all our sick.**

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

**This week's retiring collection.** Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

**First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Help needed.** The SVP are looking for a washing machine in good working order. If anyone can help, please contact 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?

**Remember – clocks go forward one hour next weekend!**

**Planned Giving envelopes.** The envelopes for 2025-26 are now available. If you would like to be added to the list, please see Fr. Brendan or email the parish office.

**The Annunciation of the Lord: 24 Hour Adoration.** Monday-Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> March. 24 hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 11am at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March and will continue until the 9.30am Mass on the Tuesday. Sign-up sheets for the Exposition are available at the back of both churches.

**Confirmation Classes 2025.** Our joint Parish Confirmation preparation classes for young people in Year 7 and above will commence at Our Lady's, Great Billing on **30<sup>th</sup> March** after the 9.15am Mass. There will be 7 sessions at Our Lady's plus three compulsory joint classes on Saturdays 26<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May and 28<sup>th</sup> June leading to Confirmation at the beginning of September. If you have any queries about Confirmation preparation classes, please see Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's or email: [confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com](mailto:confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com).

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March: A Lent Reflective Walk with Coffee and Lunch** (You are invited to join us at any point during the morning.) For those who would like a leisurely walk with time to enjoy paths and greenspaces around Great Billing, please meet at the **Methodist Chapel** at 10.45am. Meanwhile, coffee will be served at **St Andrew's Parish Church** from 10.45am and the walkers will join at St Andrew's where there will be a Lent Reflection at 11.30am. We will then walk through the village to **Our Lady's** for a time of quiet in the garden or in the church. There will be a Lent Reflection at 12.15 before we move on to the Methodist Chapel for a **Bread & Soup Lunch**. All are welcome to stay, but it would be helpful if you are able to tell us if you would like to join us for the lunch. *Contact: BCCT Secretary [bcctsec@gmail.com](mailto:bcctsec@gmail.com)*

**Italian Supper.** Please join us for a delicious Italian Supper on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at St. Gregory's church hall at 6.45pm to eat at 7pm. Tickets £15 per person available from Estelle on 07510 194147. Please inform us of any allergies or dietary requirements when booking. We are raising funds towards building a new nursery school at Reaching The Unreached, in Tamil Nadu, South India. Registered Charity No. 1091295.

**Parish pilgrimage.** Wintershall on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. The Pilgrimage is intended for the whole Parish Community and the desire is that everyone should be able to attend should they wish to do so. We have a 53-seater coach booked and places will be given on a first come first served basis, so book early. Therefore, whilst the suggested donations are included in the fact sheet previously attached, we are happy to receive donations of the full cost, some of the cost, or even more than the cost, whatever you can afford. Any donations, cash or cheque, should be placed in an envelope marked WINTERSHALL, and either placed in the collection basket or posted through the presbytery letterbox by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. You do not need to put your name if you would prefer the donation to be anonymous. Cheques should be made payable to Sacred Heart Parish, Northampton.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the closure of Notre Dame Convent School.** In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Sisters of Notre Dame (Namur) - a Teaching Order founded by St. Julie Billiart, arrived in this country to provide education for Catholic girls, by establishing Convent Schools. One of which was in Abington Street in Northampton town centre. Sadly, the school closed in 1975, pupils were moved to a new purpose built mixed R.C. school, and the beloved building and chapel were destroyed, and the grounds built over - with only the Sister's Cemetery left as a reminder of their presence. A Mass in recognition of the Sisters historic role in providing a Catholic education to Northampton school girls and the closure of the Convent School, is being held at the Cathedral, on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon. This will be followed by a reception in the St. Thomas Centre in the Cathedral grounds, allowing former pupils to meet up, and reminisce. If you were a Notre Dame pupil or know someone who was, please come or let them know about the Mass.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org) Support is offered before, during and after appointments.

**Public Witness to Oppose Kim Leadbeater MP's Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.** Please join members of SPUC Northampton between 11am and 1pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April on St Peters Way, in a public witness, to oppose legalised assisted suicide and the above bill currently going through Parliament. It is important that MPs realise that there is strong opposition to this bill. It is not a premature death our terminally ill brothers and sisters need but good palliative care. For further details please contact William on [wpcurrie@btinternet.com](mailto:wpcurrie@btinternet.com) or text on 07393965643.

**Lighthouse Trust Northampton is in need of a part-time administrator.** The role is currently a self-employed position of 10 hours a month, paid at £13.00/hour. Are you Organised, detailed oriented, and focused on delivering a good service. Then we would love you to join our charity to ensure we provide the best possible service to our schools, donors, supporters and staff. For further information and a full job description please contact Viv Vass - Chair - 07809 132312.