



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



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OL = Our Lady's
SH = Sacred Heart

14th/15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Feast of Ss. Cyril & Methodius	Sidney Jones R.I.P. (Birthday)
	SH	5.30pm	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A	Mark Cooke R.I.P.
Sunday 15th February	OL	9.15am		
	SH	10.30am		Kathleen Robinson (Sick)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Marian Thomson R.I.P. & Angus Merkerrel Thom R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Betty Williams R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	Ash Wednesday	Stanislava Tunaitiene (Birthday)
	OL	7.00pm		People of the parishes
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Rita Caldeiro R.I.P. (2 nd Anniversary)
Friday	SH	9.30am		Friends & relatives of Georgina McMorrow (Thanksgiving)
Saturday	OL	9.30am		Betty & Dennis Williams R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	First Sunday of Lent Year A	Rachel Murphy (sick)
Sunday 22nd February	OL	9.15am		Aley John R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Sean O'Reilly R.I.P.

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 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.

Anniversaries: Sarah Hulbert, Christine Brown, Sidney Jones, John Pacheco, Jack Best, Elizabeth Gleeson, Felix Doran, Kathleen Houghton, Deborah Lewin, Ellen Dunton, Harry Brophy, Berry Walsh. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Graeme Gardner, Breda Coleman, Alessandro Rossetti.

Please pray for all our sick.

The Holy Father's Special Intention. For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Adoration on Mondays at the Sacred Heart. Due to the cold weather, we have paused Adoration on Mondays until further notice.

Coffee morning at the Sacred Heart! There will be a coffee morning in the hall on Thursday 19th February from 10am-12noon for a chance to get together for a cuppa – all welcome!

Sacred Heart's Parish Pastoral Council/Golden Jubilee. The next meeting to discuss the arrangements for the Church's Golden Jubilee will be on Sunday 1st March 2026 after 10.30am Mass. Could the leaders of each group please contact their members so that we can start to finalise the details of the day/weekend? Please come along and join in.

Help needed. SVP are supporting a family needing a condensing tumble drier. We are also happy to hear from any electricians who can do occasional Portable Appliance Testing. If you can help, please speak to one of the SVP or leave a message on the SVP phone 07504465707. Thank you.

CAFOD: The Big Lent Walk. Are you ready for a challenge this Lent? How about walking 200km in 40 days for life-saving water? Walk anytime, anywhere for 40 days – raise funds for life-saving water. Your sponsorship can and will change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help to bring life-saving water to communities in places like Ethiopia and Peru. See the poster in the porch and go to <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> to sign up and for more information.

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.

Vigil Mass Saturday 28th February. As they move into the next part of their preparation for their First Holy Communion, the children and their families will be attending this Mass which will be commentated to help them understand what is going on and also have simplified readings.

Mass for the Sick at the Sacred Heart. The SVP Mass for the Sick will take place on Wednesday 11th March at 1.30pm in the Church Hall. We will be joined by children from St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School who will lead our singing. Refreshments will be provided after mass. Should you require a lift, please fill in the form at the back of the church or inform a member of the SVP. If you know anyone who would like to attend, please encourage them to come along.

Born for This. The Cathedral, Northampton at 6pm on Wednesday 25th March. Weston Favell Academy students will be taking to the stage to share a moving and powerful depiction of the stations of the cross (lasting about 1 hour). It is FREE to all. Donations welcome.

Catechist Formation - Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis (Level 1). Are you called to be a catechist? Do you want to grow in confidence and understanding as you accompany others on their faith journey? This online training course draws from Scripture, Church documents, and lived experience. It is ideal for both new and experienced catechists. The course is 7 virtual sessions from 7.30-9pm, starting Friday 27th February, with the remaining sessions on 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March and 10th, 17th April. For more info, Zoom links, course materials go to: <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/bishops-certificate-in-catechesis-level-1-february-2026/>. Includes refreshments. No fixed fee but donations welcomed.

Lenten quiz. The Knights of St Columba are holding a Lenten quiz at 7pm on Friday 27th February at St Francis & St Therese, Northampton, NN4 0RZ. Just £5 buys your refreshments, fun and entertainment. FREE for children. The proceeds go to the Bishop's vocation fund, so justify your Lenten jollity, knowing you are doing something positive. Contact William wpcurrie@btinternet.com so we can organise refreshments or just turn up on the night. The winning team gets prizes and they won't be sackcloth and ashes!

Diocesan vacancies. We are currently recruiting three Property Area Coordinators, each responsible for the maintenance, compliance, and performance of a defined portfolio of properties within an allocated geographic area of the Diocese. The role ensures that buildings are safe, legally compliant, well maintained, and fit for mission and ministry, while providing support to parishes, clergy, and diocesan stakeholders. This is a full-time, 12-month fixed-term contract, with the possibility of extension or becoming permanent. As each role covers a different part of the Diocese, three area-specific Job Descriptions are available, and candidates should review the one relevant to their preferred location. The closing date for applications is Friday 7 March 2026. Interview dates will be confirmed in due course; however, we reserve the right to close the advert early should we receive a sufficient number of applications. 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

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.

Role Vacancy – Chair of the Safeguarding Advisory Board. The SAB continues in its search for a new Chair to lead the work of the board. The SAB meets on a quarterly basis (3 meetings online) to oversee the work of the safeguarding office including new and ongoing reports of allegations and concerns. A new Chair is required to lead the board with an initial term period of 3 years. A brief description and role specification is available. We are keen to hear from anyone who might be interested in this rewarding role, an opportunity to support the diocese to build further upon its recent audit and improve safeguarding standards for all. Please get in contact on 01604 723514 to discuss the role further.

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

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