



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



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Sacred Heart = SH
Our Lady's = OL

8th/9th March 2025

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	First Sunday of Lent Year C	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm		Francesca Trezise R.I.P.
Sunday 9th March	OL	9.15am		Cilla and Bernard Johnson (Wedding Anniversary)
	SH	10.30am		Margaret Leavy R.I.P. (Birthday)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Paddy Walsh R.I.P. (Eamonn's cousin)
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Sheila Green
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	John Lavelle R.I.P.	
Thursday	OL	9.30am	Michael Connors R.I.P. (Anniversary)	
Friday	SH	9.30am	CAFOD Fast Day	Fr. Frank Calnan R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Second Sunday of Lent Year C	Sidney Jones R.I.P. (Birthday)
	SH	5.30pm		Michael Connors R.I.P.
Sunday 16th March	OL	9.15am		Mark Hatcher
	SH	10.30am		Gac Vasa 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. 7pm: Divine Will prayer group. 1st Thursday of the month is via Zoom.

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: Ben Rigley, Joseph Sagnell, Vernan Martyr, Peter Barrett, Fr Jim Boyd, Ellen Travill, Patrick Coleman, Ann Costello, Tony Teevan, Ellen Carpenter, Bridget Campbell, Sarah Vickers, Anne-Marie Carnell, Florence Shaw, Davidson Barreau. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Irene Kennedy, Mary Leahy, Kevin Edwards, Paul Craven, Ronald Longrigg, Roger Mistin, Willie Lynch, Fred Bason, Louis Agius, Harry Brophy, Christine Mason.

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.

Next week's retiring collection. CAFOD Lent Fast Day. By donating, you'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. You can use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text: CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

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

Spring clean. Come and join us on Saturday 22nd March for a while between 10am and 11.30am to clean the hall and kitchen ready for the Healing Mass on 26th March. We could also litter-pick around the property if the weather is good!

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 Spaces). Every Thursday, 10.30am – 2pm. Pop in for a chat, a cup of tea or something to eat. Why not come and join us?

Our Lady's Confirmation Classes 2025. Young people in Year 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should please attend, with their parents/carers, the registration sessions after the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady's on **Sunday 9th March**. The Confirmation preparation classes at Our Lady's, Great Billing will begin on 30th March after the 9.15am Mass. There will be 7 sessions at Our Lady's - details to be given at registration. There will also be three compulsory classes at St Gregory's on Saturdays 26th April, 24th May and 28th June leading to Confirmation at the beginning of September.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound - Including the Anointing of the Sick. The SVP Mass for the Sick will take place in the Sacred Heart Church Hall on Wednesday 26th March at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend, please fill in the form at the back of the church. If you require a lift, please indicate by ticking the box or speak to a member of the SVP. Light refreshments will be provided after the Mass. All are very welcome.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year. You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Parish pilgrimage. Wintershall on Saturday 21st June 2025. Please read the attached information sheet which contains information about the day and how to sign up. 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 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 18th 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.

Divine Will prayer group. The Divine Will prayer group will take place via Zoom on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm. The remaining Thursdays of the month it will be at Our Lady's in Great Billing at 7pm. All are welcome. Those who want to join the zoom meeting please message Mark on 07724 337196.

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 5th 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 or text on 07393965643.

Changes to Safeguarding processes. As a Church we have a responsibility to ensure that all those who undertake work in the name of the Church are adequately trained in safeguarding matters. Nationally, there are new expectations that all volunteers complete safeguarding training every 3 years and as a diocese and parish, it is our role to adhere to this requirement. All new volunteers are expected to have completed the new safeguarding training PRIOR to their commencement in role. All existing volunteers will be expected to have completed the training before the point of their next DBS renewal. You can do this at any point before your DBS renewal. This is a mandatory requirement and non-negotiable, however, there are many benefits of increased understanding and confidence around safeguarding. Lorraine, our Parish Safeguarding Representative, will guide you through the process and hopefully make it as straightforward as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine in the parish office.

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: As of 1st January 2025, we will not be holding 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.

Our Lady's: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56012

Sacred Heart: www.caspar.church/me?ID=56062

Please note, if you would like to receive the newsletter by email on Fridays, you must register for CASPAR.

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Our Lady's:

