



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



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OL = Our Lady's
SH = Sacred Heart

5th/6th September 2026

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Our Lady	Beryl Mary Gilchrist (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A	Sean Shaughnessy R.I.P.
Sunday	OL	9.15am		Fr. Dennis Roberts (Foundation Mass)
6th Sept.	SH	10.30am		Mary Dorothy (Foundation Mass)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Gary Herkes R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	William Davies & Helena Davies R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		James & Margaret Hamill, Tobias Gatens R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		John Varkey R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Dennis Garvin R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	Our Lady	James & Katie Wright R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A	Danny McVeagh (ill)
Sunday	OL	9.15am		Thanksgiving in honour of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart
13th Sept.	SH	10.30am		Mark Salter – in thanksgiving

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: Ann Blackburn, Sheila Wiggins, Mabel Faulkner, Rose Bougher, Eileen Camper, David Simpkins, Tom O'Neill, Angelina Alphonso, Margaret Nevard, Jane Kyle, Yolanda Wilkinson, Francis Murphy, Joseph Hobbins. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Sinéad Rossiter, Sean Shaughnessy, Con Noons, Tom Bodkin, Mary Nicholaou.

Please pray for all our sick.

The Holy Father's Special Intention. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

This week's second collection: The Cathedral's Healing Garden.

The Birthday of Our Lady: 24 Hour Adoration Monday-Tuesday 7th-8th September. 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will start at 11am at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing on Monday 7th September, 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.

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. Please note there will not be tea and coffee after Mass next Sunday (12th).

Confirmation class. Our final Confirmation class will take place on Sunday 13th September after the 9.15am Mass. Please note the Confirmation Mass is on Sunday 20th September at St Gregory's Church. Confirmandi and Sponsors should arrive at St. Gregory's at 12.50pm. The rehearsal is at 1pm. Friends and family should arrive by 1.50pm and the Mass is at 2pm.

First Communion 2027. If you have a child hoping to make their First Communion next summer, we have an important date for you! The registration meeting at Sacred Heart will be after the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 11th October but if you cannot make that date you can attend the one at St Gregory's Church after 11am Mass on Sunday 18th October. No one can register without attending the meeting as parents need to know what they are signing up to.

St Greg's tiny tots. We are currently meeting in the Sacred Heart hall and are starting our year on Tuesday 8th September from 9.30-11.30am. If you have the care of a pre-school child, why not join our friendly group? The cost is only £1 for you and any number of children and this includes snacks and coffee.

Fish & Chips and Bingo Afternoon. Please join us for Fish & Chips & Bingo **Saturday 26th September 1-4pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall.** **Cost £10 per person.** So that we can cater correctly, please make sure names and phone numbers go on one of the lists on table at back of Churches by Wednesday 23rd September latest, tick if you need transport. Numbers are limited so please sign up early! Money can be put in a sealed envelope marked Fish & Chips with your name/contact number and put in collection basket during Masses or through the Presbytery letterbox. Any queries, speak to an SVP member or text SVP 07504465707.

Chris Atkin (Our Lady's) is running 'The Amazing Northampton Run' Half Marathon. On 13th September, Chris is running The Amazing Northampton Run for CAFOD. Chris is a CAFOD schools volunteer and knows how important their work is across the world. CAFOD is an international development charity helping people affected by poverty, climate, conflict and injustice around the world. They work with dedicated local experts within these communities to make a real, lasting difference. If you'd like to find out more about CAFOD's work, visit their website: <https://cafod.org.uk/> If anyone would like to sponsor Chris, you can go to his JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/christopher-atkin-12> Any donation will be much appreciated. Together, we can make the world a better place for all of us.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. An 8-week course starting on Tuesday 8th September at 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart Church hall finishing on 3rd November (excluding 6th October). You will need to register so the workbook and supporting materials can be provided. The workbook is £20 but participants will pay anonymously and only what they can afford. To register or ask for more information please contact John at: johnbarclay01@hotmail.co.uk

Quiz night - Knights of St Columba charity quiz. Friday 25th September at 7pm, Ss Francis and Therese Catholic Church, East Hunsbury, NN4 0RZ. £5 per adult. Refreshments, raffle and prizes. Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition whilst supporting a worthy cause. In order to gauge numbers for catering, please email Peter at peteholloway6@gmail.com or just turn up on the night.

Alpha course. Alpha is a place to share a meal, watch a short video and talk honestly about life, faith and meaning. Starts with lunch on Thursday 17th September, 12noon-2pm, then every Thursday until 3rd December. There is an overnight retreat on 6th-7th November. The Alpha course is free. For more information, have a chat to Alex on 07963 032175.

Aid to the Church in Need. Could You Help Support Persecuted Christians? Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is looking to recruit a Parish Appeals Representative to support its mission across our diocese. The role, which can be undertaken as a volunteer or on a self-employed stipend basis, involves visiting parishes to share the inspiring work of ACN, encouraging prayer for persecuted and suffering Christians, promoting awareness of its campaigns, and inviting support through donations. This is a rewarding opportunity to help strengthen solidarity with our brothers and sisters in faith around the world. If you, or someone you know, may be interested, please contact Aid to the Church in Need for further information: Teresa.Kehoe@acnuk.org

Marriage Help. Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown. 1,000's of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. **Bookings close 18th Sept.** www.Retrouvaille.org.uk 07887 296 983

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.

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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