



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



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30th November/1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Feast of St. Andrew	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm	First Sunday of Advent Year C	Mary McNulty R.I.P.
Sunday 1st Dec.	OL	9.15am		
	SH	10.30am	Theresia Thomas R.I.P.	
Monday	SH	9.30am		Carolina De Souza R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am	St. Francis Xavier	Family Thanksgiving – Terry Joyce
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Sylvia Brandford R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Angela Arrowsmith R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Peter Anderson R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am	St. Ambrose	People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm	Second Sunday of Advent Year C	Kathleen Connors R.I.P.
Sunday 8th Dec.	OL	9.15am		
	SH	10.30am	Sabina Hyland R.I.P.	

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 and Mondays 10am – 11am.

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

Anniversaries: Eric Bartlett, Mary Shine, Pauline Welford, Edward Forrestal, Florence Goom, Eric Berney, Rose-Marie Hone, Linda Hall, Theresia Thomas, Jeannie Borton, Paddy & Winnie Prendergast, Phyllis Corr, William Mansfield, Chipu Mugugu, Caroline D'Souza, Dolly Byrne, Win Catlin, Peter Anderson, Tony Ahmed, James Kelly, Eric Tyler, Freddie Craffy. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Henry Holtz, Doreen Smith, Angela Arrowsmith, Helen Jones, Carmel Newton.

Please pray for all our sick.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. In honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday 7th- Sunday 8th December). There will be the usual 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's Shrine, Great Billing, Northampton on that Saturday, 7th December. This will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will continue until the usual 9.15am Sunday Mass. Sign-up sheets for the Exposition will be available at the back of both churches.

Thank you! The Christmas stall at Sacred Heart raised a fantastic £325 for the SVP Christmas Giving Tree appeal. Thank you to our lovely parishioner who has worked tirelessly this year, creating all the items for sale, and to our generous parishioners who have bought items and supported the sale.

Help needed. We have two separate families who are in desperate need of accommodation. Both are reliable tenants. Minimum of two bedrooms required. Please contact Lorraine in the parish office if you are able to help.

This year's First Holy Communion. Last week, we welcomed this year's candidates for First Holy Communion and their families. Please hold them in prayer as they learn and prepare.

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?

Cake & Carols. At All Saints Church, Little Billing on Sunday 1st December at 3pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Giving Trees in Sacred Heart and Our Lady's. Once again, this year, the SVP have decided to give the families they help, gift vouchers to enable them to purchase their own Christmas groceries. To enable us to buy these vouchers, and for any other needs that families may have in the coming months, we are asking parishioners for financial donations. There will be several ways to donate:

- Donation envelopes (with Gift Aid form should you wish), will be hung from the Giving Trees. Envelopes can be returned, under either tree, where they will be collected after each mass.
- Online donations (Account name: SVP Sacred Heart Northampton. Account No. 46083383. Sort Code 60-60-04). Should you wish to Gift Aid online donations, Gift Aid forms will be available under the trees and at the back of the churches.

As in previous years, the children will not be forgotten! One of our members has again been sourcing toys and gifts for them throughout the year. The trees will be in the churches from Friday 22nd November to Friday 13th December. Thank you so much for your generosity in the past.

Advent on-line retreat. Doorways of Grace, week 2, with Canon John Udris and Avril Baigent. In preparation for the Jubilee Year, we begin by opening our second Holy Door and encountering St. Peter the disciple. How will we meet Jesus in our lives this Advent? Find out more and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/doorways>.

Advent Reflection Service. Our local Catholic schools will have their Advent Reflection Service, led by the children and students, on Wednesday 4th December at 5pm at The Cathedral. All are welcome.

Lighthouse Trust (Northampton). A Christmas Quiz to raise funds, proceeds will be go towards delivering Christian assemblies in our local schools. The Christmas Quiz will be held at St. Peter's Church Hall, High St, Weston Favell, NN3 3JX. The date is 7th December at 7pm. The entrance fee of £10 will also include a Jacket Potato and Chilli. Please register your interest by clicking the QR code. Pay on the night. If there are any dietary requirements please contact Viv Vass on 07809 132212. Information about Lighthouse Trust (Northampton) can be found at <https://lighthouse-trust.org.uk>. Thank you for your support.



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. To join the zoom meeting please message Mark on 07724 337196.

Flower arranging course. The flower arranging course continues from 10am-12noon meets for the final time this year on 13th December. Please note, you should avoid parking in front of or opposite the garages.

Dennis Meredith. Dennis has written a book called 'My Life...the way I see it', is on sale and will be available at the back of the Sacred Heart Church from Sunday. Cost is £9.99.

Alpha course. Billing Covenanted Churches Together will be running an Alpha course in the spring, aiming to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. Wednesday 7pm-8.45pm from 22nd January to 26th February at Great Billing Methodist Chapel, High Street, NN3 9DT. Dessert and refreshments provided. For further info, contact: bcctsec@gmail.com

Appeal. SPUC seeks to reverse the 1967 Abortion Act and to stop the Assisted Suicide Bill becoming law. SPUC Northampton has just four members! Three Catholics and a Russian Orthodox. With these crucial moral issues, we should be worrying about finding a venue large enough to hold meetings! Help us change this. Join SPUC and contact William on wpcurrie@btinternet.com or text 07393 965643

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.