



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



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OL = Our Lady's
SH = Sacred Heart

25th/26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday	OL	9.30am	Feast of St. Mark	Paddy & Meg McHugh (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A	Rita Daly R.I.P.
Sunday 26th April	OL	9.15am		Carlos, Jean & Natalia Maria Munoz-Rodriguez (Foundation)
	SH	10.30am		Denis & Bernadette Galvin R.I.P.
Monday	SH	9.30am		Margaret & Tony Hall (Int.)
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Wladzia, Franciszek, Cecylie R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am	Feast of St. Catherine of Siena	Ann Joyce (Int)
Thursday	OL	9.30am		Mary Green R.I.P.
Friday	SH	9.30am		Fr. Brendan Killeen (Int.)
Saturday	OL	9.30am	St. Athanasius	William Stratton (Foundation Mass)
	SH	5.30pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A	Paddy & Noreen Swords R.I.P.
Sunday 3rd May	OL	9.15am		Patricia Fahey R.I.P.
	SH	10.30am		Mary Joyce (Int.)

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: Eileen Clark, Charles Rowland, Patricia McKillop, Charles Drummond, Kath Mullen, Godfrey Finn, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Charles McCarthy, Derek Humphries, Marion Forsyth, Joan Piri, James Ingram, Josie McGirr, Connie Davis, Noreen Swords, Mary Yates, Margarita Scott, Philip Kelly, Fred Fuller, Genevieve Chaffey, James Wisener. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Maureen Smyth, Justice King, Susan Dicks, Maureen Treacy, Robin Bridgeman.

Please pray for all our sick.

The Holy Father's Special Intention. Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

This week's retiring collection: Priests' Training Fund.

First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Saturday 2nd May 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 supporting a family in need of a washing machine. If you can help, please contact us on 07504 465707. Thank you.

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.

Confirmation Classes 2026. Confirmation classes will commence at Our Lady's, Great Billing on Sunday 17th May after the 9:15am Mass. Thank you to those who have registered for the course. If you require information, please email: confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com.

If you are a parent/carer of a young person hoping to make their Confirmation this year, or if you attend Mass at Our Lady's and could spare a little time, your help would be much appreciated as I will require another adult to be around during the 40 minute sessions at Our Lady's. No catechesis experience is required, but you will need a DBS check and have attended a 60-90 minute online Safeguarding course. If interested, please email confirmationsacredheartwf@gmail.com or speak to Miriam after Mass at Our Lady's. Thank you.

Flower arranging course. The flower arranging course continues from 10.30am-12.30pm on 22nd May, 12th & 26th June and 10th July. Please note, you should avoid parking in front of, or opposite, the garages.

Vacancy. St Gregory's are recruiting for a Class Teacher: Permanent, Part-time, 2 days per week. Further information about the school can be found on the school website www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.uk and applications can be made via the MyNewTerm portal on our website www.stgregoryscatholicprimaryschool.uk or on the Trust website www.olicatschools.org. Closing date for completed applications: Monday 27th April. Interview Date: To Be Confirmed. Start Date: 1st September, or as soon as possible.

Pro Life Chain - Saturday 2nd May 2026. On Saturday 2nd May, SPUC Northampton is holding a Pro-Life Chain on St. Peters Way, Northampton. This act of silent witness is to remember the millions of lives lost to abortion since the Abortion Act 1967. It will take place between 10am-12noon. If you can join us or want more information, then please contact William on 07393965643(text is fine) or wpcurrie@btinternet.com Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

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.

Called & Equipped 2026-27. Want to go deeper in your faith? Is now the time to take the next step? Our year-long Called & Equipped discipleship course begins again this September, offering a foundation in Catholic teaching and a journey of faith formation, with a like-minded community. Find out more here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/called-equipped/> or sign up to one of our introductory webinars on: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/northamptondiocese>

Parish Golden Jubilee 14th June 2026

We will be celebrating this important event with a special Mass at 10.30am, followed by a shared lunch downstairs.

The Mass:

- We will have flags of the 27 nations which are represented in our parish. We will need flagbearers for this, so if you have put your nation on the list and would be willing to carry the flag in the procession, please speak to Cath.
- Children making their First Communion this year are invited to walk in the procession wearing their outfits.
- During the Offertory we will bring up a book containing the names of deceased parishioners. This will be in the porch for a few weeks before, for you to add names of deceased family and friends who attended the Sacred Heart.

Shared lunch:

- We need offers of food to be brought on the day. We have several offers of food from the African community, which is wonderful, but we would also love to have a variety of dishes from different cultures, including the UK. So, is anyone able to contribute any of the following?
 - Any national dishes,
 - Small cakes, scones or pastries,
 - Salads,
 - Cheese & biscuits.

If so, please add your details to the list in the porch. If you need further information, please speak to Stella or Jean. **Please note that we ask you not to bring anything that contains nuts due to severe allergy concerns. For the same reason we would like you to indicate if your donation includes any of the main allergy groups.**

- Tea, coffee, juice/squash will be provided, but if you would like to drink alcohol, please bring it yourself.
- If anyone could provide a gazebo we would love to hear from you. Please tell Gareth or Jean.
- If you have a bright tablecloth that reflects your nationality (or is just bright) and would be happy to lend it, please speak to Jean.
- Any offers of hostess trollies would be helpful.

Set up/Clear up

- We would welcome offers of help setting up on the Saturday afternoon and clearing up after the event on Sunday.

And finally:

- We would like to open the church on Saturday afternoon for a couple of hours for any passers-by who might like to pop in. If you would be willing to steward this for an hour or so, please let Gareth or Stephen know.
- Any help with stewarding or taking care of the less mobile on the Sunday would also be appreciated.
- We hope to have some lovely flowers arranged by a couple of parishioners, but as these are so expensive, we are having a second collection on the weekend of 30th/31st May. Any extra money collected will go to support the purchase of flags, etc.