



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



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26th/27th February

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday | OL | 9.30am | Our Lady | William Stratton (Foundation Mass) |
| | SH | 5.30pm | 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Henry Filipiak |
| Sunday 27th February | OL | 9.15am | | People of the parishes |
| | SH | 10.30am | | Family & Friends (FMH) |
| Monday | SH | 9.30am | | The Holy Souls |
| Tuesday | OL | 9.30am | The Feast of St David | John Flattery R.I.P. |
| Wednesday 2 nd March | SH | 9.30am | Ash Wednesday | Margaret Embly R.I.P. |
| | OL | 7.00pm | | Philip Murphy R.I.P. |
| Thursday | OL | 9.30am | | Mary & Joe McDonnell (Foundation Mass) |
| Friday | SH | 9.30am | | Eileen Vaughan R.I.P. |
| Saturday | OL | 9.30am | First Sunday of Lent | People of the parishes |
| | SH | 5.30pm | | Dennis Sear R.I.P. |
| Sunday 6th March | OL | 9.15am | | Fr. Damien Walne R.I.P. (Anniversary) |
| | SH | 10.30am | | Margaret Hall (Int) |

Response to Sunday's Psalm: "It is good to give you thanks, O Lord."

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: Exposition: Wednesdays from 2pm - 3pm. During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross. Saturday Exposition: Saturdays after 9.30am Mass until midday.

Parish Prayer Time: Tuesdays 1-2pm. During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 1pm.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour: Thursdays 1-2pm.

Rosary: 9am before every Mass except Sunday.

Sacred Heart: Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm and Wednesdays 1.30pm – 3.30pm.

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

Anniversaries: Dan Dunne, Rachel Forsyth, Ernest Humberstone, Gill Mahoney, Norina Coulton, Robert Anderson, Frank Smith, Peter Dellor, Ian Venables, Vivienne Chute, Phyllis McGirr, Kathleen Woolford, Beryl Finn, Fred Aberneithie, Danny Halse, Annie Noone. **R.I.P.**

Please pray for all our sick.

Please pray for all our recently deceased. Florence Obianke, Dennis Sear, Mavis Midgley-Bryan, Angela 'Lucia' Iannacone, Ellie Fero, Dennis Earl, Zbyszek Wasiukiewicz & Peter McCullough.

Pope Francis' Special Intention. February: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

This Week's Liturgy of the Word: Eccl 27:4-7, Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 r. 2, 1 Cor 15:54-58, Luke 6:39-45

Next Week's Liturgy of the Word: Deut 26:4-10, Psalm: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15 r. 15, Rom 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13.

Stations of the Cross: Throughout Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed at Sacred Heart on Fridays at 6.15pm and at Our Lady's on Tuesdays at 1pm, Wednesdays at 2pm and Sundays at 8.40am before Mass.

Tea & Coffee at Sacred Heart. Please note that there will not be refreshments after this weekend's 10.30am Mass. We shall return next Sunday!

Confirmation 2022. Young people in Year 7 and above wishing to be Confirmed should collect and complete a registration form available FROM SUNDAY 6TH MARCH 2022. Please then attend one of the registration sessions after Masses on Sunday 13th or 20th March (9.15am at Our Lady's, 10.30am Sacred Heart, 9am and 11am at St Gregory's). Classes will begin after Easter and will be held on Sunday mornings at St Gregory's, leading to Confirmation in July. If you have any queries or problems attending registration please email the team on confirmationgregory.21@gmail.com.

Walk With Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer. Booklets, a resource supporting individuals through their Lenten journey, including a message from Bishop David, and calendars are now available in the porches both churches at £1.

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed. Sunday 27th February. When people come together to reclaim their dignity, agency and power, we can make huge changes. In ourselves. In our communities. In the world. The pandemic has brought into focus pre-existing inequalities in society. To prevent more people being swept deeper into poverty, it's vital that the people affected have a say. Now more than ever, churches and communities need to come together to reclaim dignity, agency and power. This Sunday, join with other churches across the UK in giving, action and prayer. Celebrate the transformational possibilities of people coming together to reclaim their dignity, agency and power. For more information, go to <https://www.church-poverty.org.uk/>

Women's World Day of Prayer – 4th March. Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community. There will not be a local service in Billing this year, however there will be other services will be taking place in the Northampton area to mark this event including at St Aidan's RC Church, Manor Road, Kingsthorpe, NN2 6QJ, Northants at 7pm and at Hope Methodist Church, Higham Ferrers, NN10 6DG, Northants at 10.30am

Billing Covenanted Churches Together: Scones of Praise. Sunday 13th March at 3pm hosted at All Saints, Little Billing. This will be led by Richard, music from Margaret & Roy, scones from Eileen Clinton supported by Linda Bull. I will do the usual publicity and hope you will encourage your congregation and friends to support. We had a great S of P at the Methodist chapel last Sunday - a truly ecumenical affair!

Annunciation of the Lord: 24 hours of Adoration of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. In honour of the Annunciation of the Lord there will be 24 hours of Exposition of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar at the Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. Adoration will start after the 10.30am Mass on Friday 25th March. The 24 hours will conclude with the usual Saturday 9.30am Mass. There will not be any further Exposition that day. Please write your name on the sign-up sheet available at the Shrine and the Sacred Heart Church or contact either the office or Gillian on 07724337202. Thank you.

Lourdes pilgrimage - would you like to join us as an assisted pilgrim? We still have some places left for our Lourdes pilgrimage and are especially interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join us as an assisted pilgrim. We can provide wheelchairs, other basic assistance and helpers for you at no cost! If you are interested in hearing more, please do speak to Colette in the music group at 10.30 mass or contact the parish office - we'd love to hear from you! Booking forms to confirm interest need to be returned to Colette or Father Brendan by 31st March, with deposits due slightly later.

Help needed. We have a young family who live locally in a small flat but have quickly outgrown the space and are looking for a larger flat/home to rent. If any of our lovely parishioners can be of help, please contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Fundraising. Shirley McDonnell (Connors), the daughter of one of our lovely parishioners, will be completing a 100km continuous walk of the Jurassic Coast in May, hopefully within 24 hours. With her husband and a group of friends, they are taking on this challenge to raise money for Children with Cancer UK. Every single donation is so gratefully received and you can donate using this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Shirley-Connors?fbclid=IwAR29c05rDDCQvzSdKTIQBmphy7gQsXFGC3-juJvy3y29NGqdLabYCjUuQPk>

Seasons of the Liturgical Year. A valuable opportunity to develop our engagement with the Scriptures that we hear proclaimed at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. Led by the Liturgical Formation Team with presentations by Liz Clark, Fr Allan Jones CRIC, Mgr Kevin McGinnell & Fr Andrew Behrens.

Wednesday 23rd February 2022, (7.30-8.30pm) Preparing for Lent

Wednesday 6th April 2022, (7.30-8.30pm) Preparing for the Triduum

Wednesday 20th April 2022, (7.30-8.30pm) Celebrating Eastertide

Each session will include input, prayer and the opportunity to make comments and ask questions. There is no charge but there will be an opportunity to make a donation. Please register in advance to secure a place by emailing admin@nores.org.uk or phoning 01582 723312 (ext 1). Once your booking is received you will be sent details of how to join the online Zoom sessions.