



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



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**17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**First Sunday of Lent**

Saturday	OL	9.30am		Jen and Ollie Prendergast R.I.P.
	SH	5.30pm	First Sunday of Lent Year B	Mark Cooke R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b>	OL	9.15am		People of the parishes
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	SH	10.30am		Annie Bennett R.I.P. (Birthday); Tony O'Connor R.I.P (Birthday)
Monday	SH	9.30am		Joyce D'Monte R.I.P.
Tuesday	OL	9.30am		Rita Caldeiro R.I.P.
Wednesday	SH	9.30am		Thomas Francis R.I.P.
Thursday	OL	9.30am	Feast of The Chair of St Peter	Patrick McCarthy (sick)
Friday	SH	9.30am		John Flattery R.I.P.
Saturday	OL	9.30am		People of the parishes
	SH	5.30pm	Second Sunday of Lent Year B	Mark Cooke R.I.P.
<b>Sunday</b>	OL	9.15am		Olga Dalrymple-Wilson (Foundation Mass)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	SH	10.30am		Sean O'Reilly R.I.P. (Anniversary)

**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.

Saturdays after 9.30am Mass – 12noon: Exposition.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after 9.30am Mass until 10.30am: Devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Daily 9am before Mass (except Sunday): Rosary.

**Sacred Heart:** Exposition: Saturdays from 4.45pm - 5.15pm and Monday 9.30am-11am.

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

**Anniversaries:** Jack Best, Elizabeth Gleeson, Felix Doran, Kathleen Houghton, Deborah Lewin, Ellen Dunton, Berry Walsh, Henry Thomas, Ivy Sheridan, Rita Kelly, Thomas Lynch, John Doyle, Samantha Borucki, John Campion, Catherine Buist. **R.I.P.**

**Please pray for all our recently deceased.** Teresa Dillon, Janet Gibbons, Stephen Amedu, Rita Caldeiro, Angela Tidbury, Joe Golton, Leo, Patrick Cullen.

**Please pray for all our sick.**

**Pope Francis' Special Intention.** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

**Next week's retiring collection:** CAFOD Lent Fast Day. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Please use the envelopes provided or give online [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Do join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families and live safely. Thank you.

**First Saturday of every month, devotion in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.

**Saturday Evening Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** This year's First Communion candidates will be attending the 5.30pm Mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. This will be a Childrens Mass with simplified readings and during the Mass there will be a commentary in order to help them understand what is going on. Everyone is, of course, very welcome to attend.

**Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church.** The dates for Children's Liturgy are as follows: 18<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please note, this is aimed at children from the age of 4 until they are 8 or have made their First Holy Communion.

**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.** 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 2024.** 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, today, 18<sup>th</sup> February. Classes will begin in March at Our Lady's after the 9.15am Mass, with three compulsory classes at St Gregory's on Saturdays 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> June leading to Confirmation at the end of June.

**New Confirmation Course January 2024.** From January there will be taster service sessions (Jan -March) and any young people who wish to register for Confirmation, can do so at the Sunday sessions. All of these will take place at St. Gregory's Church:

Reading practice: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March after 9am Mass,

Meet and Greet congregation: 8.30am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March,

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday event at church 10am – 12pm,

Cathedral tour: 19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm.

There are three compulsory theory dates: 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine in the parish office.

**CAFOD School Volunteers needed.** Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? You will be supported by CAFOD with training and all resources will be provided and expenses paid. Do consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Debbie Purfield [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or call 07786 114 390

**Light up Lent: 29<sup>th</sup> Feb – 7<sup>th</sup> March.** Light Up Lent is our diocesan Week of Accompanied Prayer, a retreat in everyday life. Begin or deepen your prayer life, get to know the Scriptures better, and above all, grow in faith and in love for the Lord who loves you. With one-to-one support each day for a week, via Zoom, from an experienced prayer guide. Find out more:

<https://pastoralministryoffice.org/event/lightuplent/>

**Thomas Becket Catholic School Performance.** Join us at TBCS as our students perform Disney's Frozen The Musical Jr. on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Thomas Becket Catholic School, Becket Way, Kettering Road North, Northampton, NN3 6HT. Tickets are £5 and can be booked online: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/53189?>

**Diocesan e-newsletter.** Keep up to date with news and opportunities from across our diocese by signing up to receive updates straight into your inbox. Simply visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/#signup>

**Safeguarding.** Within our diocesan safeguarding structures, the healing and reconciliation group is focussed entirely on representing the voice of survivors and reaching out to those who have been hurt by abuse. As a diocese we are particularly keen to encourage membership from those who have lived experience of abuse. We value your insight and would like to be able to listen, hear and act upon your advice to help improve our response to those who have been hurt by abuse. To make further enquiries please contact safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**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 (January 2023)*. Bishop David Oakley 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. Bishop David ensures that he is able to meet with people affected by abuse on a bi-monthly basis or more frequently, depending on your request and can be accessed through our safeguarding office on 01604 723514 or [safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org](mailto:safeguarding@northamptondiocese.org)

**A Lifeline for Marriage!** Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold? Do you argue often? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need. The next programme starts with a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden City: 14-16 June. For more information contact: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Complete confidentiality assured

**Diocesan Pilgrimages.** As we prepare for the Jubilee year in 2025 as 'Pilgrims of Hope' you are invited to join our diocese on pilgrimage. There are plenty to choose from including the Shrines of Northern France in October 2024, Lourdes in August 2024, Walsingham in June 2024 and Rome and Assisi in 2025. For more information on all of these pilgrimages and our diocesan walking pilgrimage, 'The Way of Our Lady of Guadalupe' visit <https://northamptondiocese.org/pilgrimage/>