

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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14<sup>th</sup> December 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
GAUDETE SUNDAY



**Saturday (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**



Monday Feria  
Tuesday Feria  
Wednesday Feria – **O Wisdom**  
Thursday Feria – **O Adonai**

Friday Feria – **O Root of Jesse**  
Saturday Feria – **O Key of David**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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6.00 pm	Mass – <i>Int. Maggie Archer (sick)</i>
8.00 am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
10.00 am	Mass – <i>Int. Frances and Bert Mendis, RIP anni</i>
11.45 am	Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)
9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Vincent Gallagher, RIP</i>
9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Maggie Archer (Sick)</i>
<b>NO MASS</b>	
7.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
8.00pm	Mass
9.30am *	<b>Mass in Church with Our Lady's School</b>
9.30 am	Mass
10.15–11.00am	Confessions
6.00 pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00 am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
10.00 am	Mass – <i>Int. Ron Bishop, RIP</i>
11.45 am	Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)



*Tea, coffee and cold drinks  
are served in The Guild  
Room after both the Sunday  
Masses. All are welcome!*



*Please complete a  
Parish Registration form.  
if you have not done so  
since August 2014. Forms  
are available next to Newsletter  
basket in the porch.*

WEBSITES – PARISH: [www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org](http://www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org) – SCHOOL: [www.ourladys-bucks-sch.co.uk](http://www.ourladys-bucks-sch.co.uk) – PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER: [www.fssp.org.uk](http://www.fssp.org.uk)

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist announces that the Saviour the Jews were waiting for is already among them, but they do not recognise him. This Sunday we are called to reflect on the fact that Jesus is present among us. Do we recognise him in our midst? Do we pay attention to those who witness to us about him? Are we good witnesses of his presence ourselves? Advent is a liturgical time to pay attention and recognise Jesus' presence. It is also a reminder that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation.



In his Pastoral Letter for the First Sunday of Advent Bishop Peter, encouraged us to prepare for the Christmas feast by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Monday (15<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 7.30pm there will be an opportunity to celebrate individual Confession and Absolution during our Penitential Service here at Our Lady's Church. **St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross** also have a Penitential Service on **Tuesday (16<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 7.30pm**. The **Sacrament is also celebrated on Saturday mornings between 10.15am and 11.00am**.

"St. Teresa of Avila's Foundation of St. Joseph's– A model for spirituality today?" the Second Advent talk will be given at **St. Joseph's Church in Gerrards Cross** on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. Refreshments from 7.30pm. Talk at 8pm. The speaker, Dr. Eddie Howells, is a lecturer in Christian Spirituality at Heythrop College. He will aim to give us an insight into how St. Teresa of Avila's spirituality can help us today. *This is part of the St. Joseph's Carmelite celebrations of St. Teresa's 5th Centenary.*

**Conflict, Justice and Peace Eight Film nights – Little Chalfont Community Library 7.15pm for 7.30pm Start: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Babette's Feast.** *Tea and coffee available or you may like to bring your own bottle of wine and nibbles.* Suggested donation £2pp, booking essential – 07775 533954 or email [veronica7th@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:veronica7th@hotmail.co.uk).

## CALL TO THE SACRAMENTS.

We have begun our annual call to the Sacraments - take a leaflet and encourage everyone you know to sign up now! **The call for First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion) is now closed.** Preparation materials have now arrived. We will **meet after the 10am Mass on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. It is **important** that everyone attends this meeting.

**Infant Baptism.** Thank you to all who came along to the **Preparation Session** last week. There will be another meeting in the New Year for **parents and godparents, who could not make last week's meeting.**

**Appeal for volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10.00am Mass on Sunday.** We have an offer of help from someone ... but we need more! If you would like to help, please speak with Fr Andy.

**Sharing our Faith.** We will meet again at 7pm **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** – in the **Guild Room**. Would you like to know more about our Catholic faith? Perhaps you are not a Catholic and have been wondering what the Church teaches? Or maybe your children are asking questions about our faith that you are finding difficult to answer? These evenings could be for you!



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School are accepting applications for admissions in **September 2015**. Application forms are available in the porch. For further details please contact the school (01494) 726390.

**LUX.adore** is a residential weekend for young people aged 11-18 years (school years 7-13) exploring our Catholic faith with other young Catholics. **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at King's Park, Northampton.** Cost is £80. Twice a year young people gather together from across the Diocese of Northampton to participate, learn, pray and have fun. Many of the young people who come cannot wait to return, although there is always room for people who have never been before. See poster, leaflets, [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org) or call 01582 720627.

**2015 Missio calendars** are now available in the porch. If you would like one, you are welcome to take one home. *(If you have ordered a calendar, there should be one with your name on it.)*

If you took a Gift Aid declaration form during the Missio Appeal Weekend **please return it** to the parish for us to return to Missio.

There are **other 2015 Calendars available** in the porch. You are welcome to take these also.

**November Dead** – If you placed a picture of a departed loved one on the altar of the side chapel, please collect it now.

The **times of Christmas Masses** and Liturgies in Our Lady's, St Columba's and St Aidan's parishes **are printed on a leaflet available in the porch**. Please take one!

**We need Red Poinsettias!** We are asking that each family bring a red poinsettia plant to church next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. We will decorate the church and crib with these plants.