

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY



Saturday (Vigil)
Sunday 28th December



Monday **St Thomas Becket**

Tuesday **Christmas Octave**

Wednesday **Christmas Octave**

Thursday **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday **St Basil Great & Gregory Nazianzen**

Saturday - **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Sunday 4th January

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6.00 pm	Mass
8.00 am	Low Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form</i>
10.00 am	Mass
11.45 am	Mass (<i>St Aidan's Congregation</i>)
9.30am	Mass
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NO MASS	
6.00pm*	Adoration and Benediction
7.00pm*	Mass
9.00am	Mass
9.30 am	Mass
10.15–11.00am	Confessions
6.00 pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00 am	Sung Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)</i>
10.00 am	Mass
11.45 am	Mass (<i>St Aidan's Congregation</i>)



*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.*

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Today's liturgical feast has been on the Church calendar for about one hundred years, often on different dates. It is a "devotional" or "idea" feast that was inaugurated by Holy Family associations. Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, comes from the Gospel accounts read over the three years. It celebrates the unity and love of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.



Simeon's prayer in today's Gospel is called the Canticle of Simeon or the *Nunc dimittis*. This is the proper Gospel canticle for night prayer (or Compline) and has been an invariable part of the Liturgy of the Hours since about the fourth century. Just as the elderly Simeon could face death with peace because he knew he had seen the Messiah so, too, when we sing this canticle every night before retiring can we sleep peacefully in the confidence that God will see us through the night, since the terrors of darkness were dispelled when the Light came into the world. It is a wonderful habit to pray this prayer of confidence in God each night.



At the 10am Mass today we will **Welcome and Baptise Annabelle and Alice Adams**. Please keep them both, along with their parents Sarah and Steven, and godparents in your prayers.

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 18th 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 in January on **Tuesdays at 7pm** 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!

Prayer for families

We bless your name, O Lord,
for sending your own incarnate Son,
to become part of a family,
so that, as he lived its life,
he would experience its worries and its joys.
we ask you, Lord,
to protect and watch over this family,
so that in the strength of your grace
its members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace,
and, as the Church alive in the home,
bear witness in this world to your glory.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. **6th – 8th 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 or call 01582 720627.

2015 Missio calendars are now available in the porch. If you would like one, you are welcome 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.

Thank you

to all who work so hard throughout the year to make our church look so beautiful for our Liturgies and create an environment of welcome for our parishioners and visitors: cleaners, flower arrangers, those who launder the altar linens, provide teas & coffees, carpenters, musicians, altar servers, readers and Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. It is all very much appreciated!