# PARISH OF ()UR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## 18th January 2015

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### Saturday (Vigil) Sunday 18th January

Monday St Wulstan Tuesday St Sebastian Wednesday St Agnes

Friday Feria Saturday St Francis de Sales

THIRD AFTER EPIPHANY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday St Vincent

Sunday 25th January

6.00pm Mass – Int. People of the parish 8.00am Low Mass in Extraordinary Form 10.00am Mass – Int. Brian Farrelly 11.45am Mass (St Aidan's Congregation) 9.30am Mass

NO MASS

9.30am

12 noon Funeral Service - Christopher Taylor, RIP

6.00pm Adoration and Benediction

Mass

7.00pm Mass 9.00am Mass 9.30am Mass 10.15-11.00am Confessions

6.00pm (Sat.) Mass – Int. People of the parish

8.00am Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)

10.00am Mass



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 worch.

Websites - Parish: www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org - School: www.ourladys-bucks-sch.co.uk - Priestly Fraternity of St Peter: www.fssp.org.uk

Ordinary Time: During Ordinary Time this year we proclaim the Good News according to Mark (Year B), and follow the gospel narrative from the call of the disciples at the beginning of Mark's gospel to confrontation with the cross to the joy of the resurrection near the end. Each Sunday liturgy brings us a piece of how salvation unfolds in the Gospel of Mark. What we can unfailingly expect during Ordinary Time - if we are faithful to our paschal mystery/gospel journey - is that God will transform us in some particular way during this particular year.

During all three years of the Lectionary cycle, however, the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time uses a gospel chosen from John rather than from the Synoptic Gospel assigned for the Year. The reason for this is that the second Sunday "continues to centre on the manifestation of the Lord, which is celebrated on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, through the traditional passage about the wedding feast at Cana [the gospel for Year C] and two other passages from the Gospel of John." The first period of Ordinary Time (from after the Christmas season until the beginning of Lent) focuses on the early events in Jesus' public life, especially the call of the disciples and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. These weeks at the beginning of the new civil year might be a good time for each of us to assess how well we heat God's relentless call to be faithful followers of Jesus. Each of us can probably recall times when we have turned deaf ears to God; if we remember that God's call is relentless (see first reading), then we might be encouraged to listen more carefully and sooner. God won't let go!

Pax Christi, the Catholic Movement for Peace in England and Wales, relies on your support to continue their work of peacemaking. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. A second collection will be taken for Pax Christi.

## CALLTOTHE SACRAMENTS.

We have begun our annual call to the Sacraments take a leaflet an 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 TODAY 18th January. It is **important** that everyone attends this meeting.

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

Sharing our Faith. We will meet again on Tuesday 20th January 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!

There are other 2015 Calendars available in the porch. You are welcome to take these they are free of charge!

The January 2015 edition of The Vine - the Northampton Diocesan Newspaper is available please take a copy!

There are a few 2015 Catholic Diaries for sale in the porch. Price £2.50

There are copies of the 2015 edition of Northampton Diocesan Directory available, packed with useful information about our diocese! Price £4.50 each.

For some time, our parish has collected used postage stamps to send to St Patrick's Missionary Society to fund their work in Africa, Asia, and South America to build schools and hospitals and feed the very hungry. Hilary Allington sends these stamps off to St Patrick's when they reach 1kg in weight. Thanks to all who have left stamps in the box in the porch. We are still collecting for those who still receive old fashioned post!

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.

Everyone in the Diocese is invited to the Cathedral on 21st January at 7.30pm to celebrate with Bishop Peter the 50th anniversary of the Vatican II Decree on Ecumenism. Archbishop Longley Birmingham will be preaching, and there will be guests from Churches Together in England and its member churches. Do bring friends from other churches.

Condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of the late Christopher Taylor, who died last Monday following illness. His Funeral **Service** will take place in our church at **12noon** on Thursday 22nd January. May he rest in peace. Please keep his widow, Helen, and their family in your prayers.

#### **MONEY MATTERS**

Last Week's offertory collection £427.27 Second Collection - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) White Flower Appeal last week raised £255.99. Many thanks for your generosity