

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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25<sup>th</sup> January 2015

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Saturday (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**



Monday Ss Timothy and Titus

Tuesday  
Wednesday St Thomas Aquinas  
Thursday

Friday Feria  
Saturday St John Bosco

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

SEPTUAGESIMA

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
10.00am	Mass – Int. Joseph Leonard, RIP
11.45am	Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)
9.30am	Mass – Int. Malcolm Deighan, RIP
12.30pm	Funeral Mass – Robin Shillitto, RIP
9.30am	Mass – Int. – John Brendan O'Sullivan, RIP
<b>NO MASS</b>	
6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
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 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)

**Proclamation and believability:** This Sunday's readings point out the importance of the Liturgy of the Word and the Scriptures we hear proclaimed each Sunday. The best way for this to happen is for priests, deacons, and readers to make a concerted effort to live the Scripture passage in as many practical ways in their daily life as they can the week before they proclaim it. In this way the believability of the proclamation comes from the conviction of their very lived experience of the Scriptures. For members of the assembly (the community of Faith gathered in celebration), this means that the Scriptures heard on Sunday aren't simply nice readings listened to then quickly forgotten, but words listened to so deeply that they make a difference in our lives. We hear these readings in order to be changed. We say it again: the readings ought not to be forgotten as soon as we're out of the church doors but they ought to be carried over into the way we live. The Scriptures are a blueprint for our everyday Gospel living. **Fluidity in the liturgical year:** At first glance the first reading and gospel might seem more appropriate for Lent than for a Sunday in Ordinary Time because they speak so strongly of repentance and fasting and penance. This challenges us to think about the liturgical year not in terms of discrete seasons with limited motifs, but as a fluidity in which the dying and rising of the paschal mystery keep showing up in different contexts. In today's readings the call to repentance comes within the context of the call to follow Jesus. During Lent we see a different context for repentance – preparation for or renewing our baptismal commitment and preparing to enter into the solemn Easter mysteries.

**First Reading:** This is the only Sunday in all three years of the Lectionary cycle of readings that we hear a passage from the book of Jonah proclaimed. God's mercy abounds! This is the message of the reading which recounts Jonah's journey to Nineveh with the prophetic message of repentance and change. The people of Nineveh heard the possibility of destruction and turned away from evil. God, in turn, responded choosing life over destruction. **Gospel:** Leave your job and family. Follow Jesus, not alone, but with others. Repent. Accept and live the message that the kingdom of God is at hand. These are summary statements of the call to discipleship found in Mark. We, like the first disciples, come after Jesus, believing that in him God's kingdom is present. This is the kingdom we proclaim to the world by virtue of our Baptism and our repentance.

## CALL TO THE SACRAMENTS.

Thank you to all the families who came along to our meeting last Sunday as we begin preparation for **First Reconciliation (Confession) and First Eucharist (Communion)**. We will enroll our candidates during the 10am Mass on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2015**. **Please encourage these candidates and their families through your own witness to our Faith and by your prayerful support.**

**Infant Baptism.** There will be **preparation meeting for parents and godparents**, who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter Season **after 10am Mass on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2015**. *Baptism is not usually celebrated during Lent.*

**Sharing our Faith.** We will meet again on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

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!

**Today** at the 10am Mass, we welcome **Emma Jane Slater**, who will be Baptised during Mass Please keep her parents, Mark and Fiona, and godparents in your prayers. This afternoon, we will baptise **Lucas Thomas Branklin**. We pray for his parents, Samantha and Rory, and godparents, and grandparents and parishioners, **Patricia and David Cooper**, in your prayers.

**Next weekend**, after both 6pm and 10am Masses, we will celebrate a **Blessing of expectant parents**. This is a spiritual enriching experience for couples as they prepare for a baby's arrival. If you would like to have the blessing, please approach the altar rails after Mass.

**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.

**Condolences and sympathy** to the family and friends of the late **Robin (Robbie) Shillitto**, who died on the 4<sup>th</sup> January. His **Funeral Mass** will take place in our church at **12.30pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. May he rest in peace. Please keep his widow, , and their family in your prayers.

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

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

## MONEY MATTERS

**Last Week's offertory collection** £203.96

**Second Collection – Pax Christi Appeal** last week raised £208.55.

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

*There will be a **second collection next Sunday** for Catholic Education Fund.*