

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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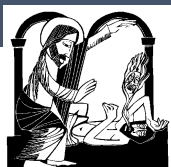
1st February 2015

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EDUCATION SUNDAY

SEPTUAGESIMA

Saturday (Vigil)
Sunday 1st February



Monday THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday *St Blaise*

Wednesday *Feria*

Thursday *St Agatha*

Friday *Ss. Paul Miki & Companions*

Saturday *Our Lady on Saturday*

Sunday 8th February

SEXAGESIMA

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00am	Sung Mass in Extraordinary Form
10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Maureen McClure, RIP</i>
11.45am	Mass (<i>St Aidan's Congregation</i>)
9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. James McClure, RIP</i>
9.30am	Mass with blessing of throats
NO MASS	
6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
7.00pm	Mass
9.00am	Mass
9.30am	Mass
10.15–11.00am	Confessions
6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
10.00am	Mass
11.45am	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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Liturgy as prophecy: Prophets were those persons chosen by God to announce anew the covenant, confronting the community with their choices to stray from God and calling them to renewed relationship with God and commitment to the covenantal terms. We usually think of John the Baptist as the last of the prophets. With the coming of Jesus, a new era of divine communication and relationship was opened up. But this does not mean that prophecy has ended. Just as with the people of old, sometimes we need a voice calling us to a renewed covenantal relationship with God. Liturgy itself has a prophetic thrust. Liturgy always reminds us of our baptismal covenant and calls us to deeper relationship with God, to a renewed commitment to live according to God's will.

Obviously, one way liturgy is prophetic is through the proclamation of the Scriptures during the Liturgy of the Word. During this time we are continually reminded of God's abiding Presence and love, of the divine desire to be in intimate relationship with us. We hear in the Scriptures both challenge and encouragement as we journey deeper into our relationship with God. We hear in the Scriptures how to confront and overcome evil. Another way liturgy is prophetic is through the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful). As we conclude our proclamation and reflection on Scripture, we turn our hearts to the church, world, those in need, and our own local community. As we pray for all these needs, we also nudge ourselves to face the systemic and personal causes of human suffering and commit ourselves to reach out to make our church and world a better place for everyone. There is a call to goodness in the universal prayer.

Yet another way liturgy is by hearing the proclamation of our Christian story in the Eucharistic prayer and approaching God's table of abundance to be nourished on the heavenly food. By remembering God's great deeds for us and divine desire for salvation, we are invited to deeper commitment remembering that our baptismal covenant has made us "kin," daughters and sons of God who are now conformed to the dying and rising of the beloved Son.

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 **Today**. **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 8th March 2015**. *Baptism is not usually celebrated during Lent.*

Sharing our Faith. We will meet again on **Tuesday 3rd February 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!

This 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 after Fr Andy returns from greeting parishioners in the porch.

First Reading: Moses, the first among the prophets for the Israelite, speaks about another prophet that the Lord will raise up. The Lord's words will come from the mouth of this prophet. A true prophet speaks the words of the Lord; those who speak what the Lord has not commanded will perish. Christians see God's promise delivered by Moses to raise up another prophet fulfilled in Jesus.

Gospel: The newly called disciples follow Jesus to Capernaum, where they begin to witness firsthand who he is. Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches with an authority different from that of the scribes. He exorcises an unclean spirit who, even before Jesus cast out the demon, proclaimed him as the Holy One of God.

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!

WHITE RABBIT: St Joseph's in Chalfont St Peter is delighted to welcome the professional Christian theatre company **RISE Theatre**, who will be performing their brand new original play **"White Rabbit"** in the Hall on Tuesday, 3 March at 7:30pm. This play is a powerful story about two people and their journey to faith – an imaginative and moving tale of love, loss and self-discovery. The performance is suitable for adults and ages 12+. For booking information and tickets priced at £8 and £6 for concessions, please contact the Parish Office on 01753 886581 or office@stjosephs.org.uk.

WHITE RABBIT: Is also being performed by the RISE Theatre, a Christian Theatre Company at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Great Missenden on Friday March 13th 2015. For more details, please see poster.

The **February 2015** edition of **The Vine** – the **Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available – please take a copy!

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 £300.62
Many thanks for your generosity.