

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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8th February 2015

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING

SEXAGESIMA

**Saturday (Vigil)**  
**Sunday 8th February**



Monday *Feria*

Tuesday *St Scholastica*

Wednesday *Our Lady of Lourdes*

Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday Ss CYRIL AND METHODIUS

**Sunday 15th February**

QUINQUAGESIMA

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
10.00am	Mass
11.45am	Mass ( <i>St Aidan's Congregation</i> )
9.30am	Mass
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<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 – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form ( <i>Tridentine</i> )
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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**The Church's ministry to the sick:** The strength of God is especially needed at times of illness. The church is well aware of the need for God at this time and has an extensive, personal ministry to those who are ill. First, there is a special sacrament for those who are sick or dying. Either individually or in a communal celebration, the sacrament of the sick not only brings comfort and healing to the ill but also the prayers of the whole church. Second, the permission for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to take Holy Communion to the ill and housebound is another personal expression of Jesus' healing ministry through the work of the church. Third, each time we exercise our baptismal priesthood and pray intercessions for the sick and dying (during liturgy or during our own private prayer), we are participating in Jesus' healing ministry.

**Healing in Mark's gospel:** Mark's gospel tends to cluster material; the gospel selections from the fifth to the eighth Sundays in Ordinary Time in Year B all include healing stories. These are not mere repetitions, but each Sunday these healing stories move us deeper into Mark's overall agenda: to announce the inauguration of God's kingdom. One good way to prepare for each Sunday's gospel is to look each week for what is new in the readings that furthers our understanding of the establishment of God's reign. We might especially consider how each healing story reveals something deeper about Jesus' love and care, about his offer of salvation, and about his very personal invitation to us to be disciples of healing and personal care.

**First Reading:** Job's story of restlessness, sleeplessness, and sadness is the story of many people. His reflections on life's drudgery, however, are not his entire story. While he never answers the question why God seems to permit suffering, his experience teaches us that God is faithful. What God asks of him and us is to be faithful in the midst of suffering, because as humans, all of us will encounter suffering in one form or another.

## 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)**. Last weekend we enrolled eight young people for our faith community into preparation for these Sacraments: **Jenna Campbell, Sophia Dipol, Matthew McGowan, Jacob Morgan, Christopher Petrou, Helen Petrou, Ross Tobin, and Sarah Tobin**. This parish community promised to encourage them with our prayers and example of our witness to the faith.

**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 10th February at 7pm in the Guild Room.**

**Next Sunday will be the last before we begin the season of Lent.** It is our tradition to return old palms (and palm crosses) that are to be burned before the start of Lent. We will burn old palms after the 10am Mass next Sunday. The remains of these ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday (18th February).



**Gospel:** At the conclusion of last Sunday's Gospel, we heard of the rapid expansion of Jesus' reputation based on his healing of the man with an unclean spirit. Today's Gospel begins with the individual healing of Simon's mother-in-law and then narrates the healing of many in the entire town. After doing this work, Jesus prays alone in a deserted place, yet Simon and others follow him, telling him that everyone is looking for him. Jesus knows he must continue to preach and heal, and so he goes forth from his short-lived place of solitude.

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](mailto: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!

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### MONEY MATTERS

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**Second Collection** – Catholic Education Services  
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