

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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15th February 2015

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

QUINQUAGESIMA

Saturday (Vigil)
Sunday 15th February



Monday *Feria*

Tuesday *Feria*

Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**

(A day of fasting and abstinence)

Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday *Feria*

Sunday 22nd February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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
9.30am	Mass
9.30am	Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes
7.00pm	Mass with distribution of ashes – <i>Int: Fr Michael Cullinan</i>
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



*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 role of ministers of hospitality: Although it is every member's responsibility to make sure everyone feels included in both the liturgies and in the parish community, it is part of hospitality ministers' (including ushers and greeters, or welcomers) mandate as a "visible liturgical ministry" to model inclusiveness in the parish. Inadvertently, hospitality ministers (and other members of the assembly) can sometimes make others feel like religious and social "outcasts." Sometimes we are so busy catching up with friends coming into church that we miss the opportunity to say welcome to the person we don't know. Sometimes we might miss an opportunity to help parents feel more at ease dealing with young children who are restless and noisy on a particular morning. Sometimes we miss an opportunity to be the first to comfort the person who might become sick during liturgy. Hospitality ministry is about inclusiveness, attending to the needs and comfort of others, and minimising distractions and challenges so that members of the assembly can more easily surrender themselves to the transforming Presence and action of God.

Another consideration for hospitality ministers that might be a reflection derived from today's gospel is that we are not simply welcoming people to a social gathering. Our welcome helps form the members for the assembly into the one Body of Christ. Their ministry is far more than a social welcome. The heart of it concerns helping the assembly become church made visible, gathered around the visible Head, Christ. This is why there can be no outcasts – we are all members of the one Body of Christ.

The First Reading comes from a section of Leviticus that describes the purity codes relating to unclean animals, childbirth, leprosy, and bodily cleanliness. A priest is to declare a person who bears the sores of leprosy "unclean." Today's reading, however, does not provide for the healing of lepers as the ritual codes in the next chapter of Leviticus do. The Lord wants people to be healed. The link with today's First Reading and Gospel is Jesus's healing of the leper. No one's home will be outside and away from God. Once healed, all will dwell with God.

Gospel: Healed by Jesus, the leper is no longer unclean, nor is he an outsider in Jesus' world. He, too, like those without leprosy, dwells with God in Jesus. We do not know whether or not the leper followed Jesus's instructions to show himself to the priest as required by the purity laws. We do know that he disobeyed Jesus's command to not tell anyone about how he was healed. He couldn't help but publicise the miracle and lead others to Jesus.

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)**. Eight young people from our faith community have been enrolled into our parish preparation for these Sacraments: **Jenna Campbell, Sophia Dipol, Matthew McGowran, 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 **Monday 16th February at 7pm** in the **Guild Room**.

Today after the 10am Mass Sunday we will burn last year's palm crosses. These remains will be used for distribution during our Masses on Ash Wednesday.



Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March
11am at St John's Methodist Church, Amersham, followed by Soup Lunch. Leader: The Rev. Diana Glover. All are welcome.

At 10am Mass, **we welcome Finley John Denis Hayes**. He will be baptised in our church later today. Please keep Finley, and his parents Charlotte and Robin and his godmother, Alison in your prayers.

Car parking. Following the repairs to the surface of Amersham Road last weekend, road marking have now been repainted on the tarmac too. Please park your car in Our Lady's School opposite our church at weekends. On weekdays please park in the side roads with care and consideration for our neighbours and avoid parking too close to road junctions, or on the pavements. Thank 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!

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 £259.52
Many thanks for your generosity.