

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2015

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

(7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST)

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY - (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. Meg Price, RIP</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. People of the Parish.</i>
Monday <i>St Henry</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Bonaventure</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>St Edburga of Bicester</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15–11.00am	Confessions
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY – 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN OT</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
<b>8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
<b>16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass



*Parish Centenary Candles* – To mark the 100 years of our church building, are available together with candles featuring **our church's stained glass window of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** priced at £2.50 each.

**Thanks** to those who took photographs of the Corpus Christi Procession we held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. A selection of these pictures are on display in the Guild Room.

**We made the papers!** Have you seen the article about the carpet of flowers in the Bucks Examiner? You can see it online at the following link: <http://www.getbucks.co.uk/news/local-news/church-lay-down-carpet-flowers-9459393>



Tea, coffee and cold drinks are served in The Guild Room after both of our Sunday Masses.  
*All are welcome!*

**Infant Baptism and Marriage.** By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

**Preparations for Bishop Peter's visit** for the Dedication of our Church (on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm) are continuing – during the week ahead we hope to have the sanctuary and porch walls repainted. We have removed the angel statues from their ledges in preparation for the decoration. They will be returned when the work is completed. A very big *Thank You* to all who came along and helped with our 'Spring Clean.' You all worked really hard and as a result the church building and grounds look great.

The **July 2015** edition of **The Vine**, the **Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available. Please take a copy home. It is free of charge!

We have a wide selection of **Catholic newspapers and journals available** in the porch, including The Universe (£1.30), Catholic Times (£1.30), The Herald (£2.00), The Table (£3.00) and Mass of Ages (Free).

**Change of Mass times, St Augustine's High Wycombe** From the beginning of August 2015, the Saturday evening Mass will cease and the Sunday evening Mass will be brought forward one hour to 6pm.

**New Newsletter.** This month we are using a new newsletter format. The Lectionary Readings we hear at Mass are printed on the back page. This allows us to reflect on those readings after we leave church. We also have new Order of Mass cards which we may use to help us join in the prayers and responses during the Mass. The prayers and responses are also printed on the first 10 pages on the hymn books (Celebration Hymnal for Everyone).

**During our time together at Our Lady's Church each Sunday** (or on Saturday evening), the church is doing in this holy space what the what the church needs to do, hungers and thirsts to do, in order to be the church. The deeds are done not simply by one individual and another individual, but by the church here assembled. The body of Christ is proclaiming itself to be the body of Christ. The body of Christ – you and me – is identifying itself, remembering itself, preparing itself to live as Christ all week long. When we come into this space, we do not come to pray alone for an hour or so.

We come to place ourselves beside our brothers and sisters and to give all that we have to give to the work the church has to do here. It is the church that listens to God's loving word, it is the church that then intercedes, it is the church that gives God thanks and praise over bread and wine, and it is church that takes and is the holy communion. None of us does this alone, yet the church does nothing without each of us doing all we can.

But when we come here as very human, very distracted, very preoccupied with our own worries, our own agendas, even our own prayers. How then can there be a church, a body of Christ? Maybe the question is: In a world with so many worries, agendas and prayers, how can there not be a church? How can we not be filled with an eagerness for this one time a week when we can gather all that worry and agenda and prayer, so much else up into the very body of Christ? It is hard certainly. Everything around us says we are to live and strive and suffer and grow alone. We are so private, so on our own. So it is difficult to come here and be told – yes, you as an individual person are God's beloved as is every brother and sister of ours of every race and religion and condition in all the world. Yes. But here we are to set all that aloneness aside, because this is the church, God called us in Christ into a church, a body, and it is that body God speaks to; it is that body that prays here today; it is that body that sings and gives thanks and is nourished in holy communion. We are that body! Baptism made us so. God's word each Sunday make us so. The eucharist we do here and the communion we share here makes us so.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** When the priest told Amos to stop his prophesying, Amos had a simple response. He told the priest that because it was not he, but God, who had called him to his vocation, no human had the authority to tell him where or how to prophesy.

**Responsorial Psalm 85:** As we pray this psalm, we are challenged to put our heart and soul into the words we say. Are we ready to ask for the kindness and salvation God offers or do we want to fill out an order for God so that our requests will be answered according to our will?

**Second Reading:** Paul is calling us to rejoice in the mystery of our very being. He invites us to contemplate what it means to have been chosen "before the foundation of the world, to be holy.



**Gospel:** Jesus "summoned the Twelve." They did not choose him, but he them, and he sent them. Likewise we who are baptised have been summoned to continue Jesus's mission in the world. This is a moment to ask what gifts God has given us for the good of others.

**Today is Sea Sunday**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information on the work of AoS please visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

## MARRIAGE BANS

Antonino Andò and Laura Louise Janet Whysall are to be married on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois.

**On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September the House of Commons** will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website [www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church.