

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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16th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

(8th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 19th JULY - (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish.</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass
Monday <i>St Apollinaris</i>	9.30am*	Mass in Our Lady's School
Tuesday <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Sharbel of Makhlūf</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday ST JAMES, apostle	9.30am	Mass
	10.15–11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 26th JULY – 17th SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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 7th June. A selection of these pictures are on display in the Guild Room.



Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £189.56

Second Collection for

The Apostleship of the Sea - £189.84

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
FOR A DAY FOR LIFE**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Boxes of Offertory Envelopes are now available. *Please consider giving under Gift Aid as this increases your giving by enabling the Diocese to recover the tax you have paid without any extra cost to yourself.* Please contact Philip Seed, Parish Treasurer, or Fr Andy.



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 30th July at 7.30pm) are continuing – last week the sanctuary and porch walls were repainted. A very big *Thank You* to all who came along and helped with our 'Spring Clean' last Saturday. You all worked really hard and as a result the church building and grounds look great. If you have not done so yet, please ensure that you fill out a reply to the invitation for the evening of the 30th July. We want to ensure we offer hospitality to all who plan to join us on that evening!

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*).

Each Sunday (or Saturday evening) we follow many paths to the doors of Our Lady's Church here in Chesham Bois. We come through these doors into the house of the church. Our house. We come into this meeting place – a meeting place for each other, a meeting place for the church and its saints and its Lord. In some parishes, the doors of the building bring the assembling people right up against the baptism place. Sunday after Sunday, the font and its water recall that this is indeed the entrance to the church – baptism into Christ's death, baptism to life in Christ's body, the church. In places where the font is so approachable, the people assembling each Sunday can take its water and sign themselves with the cross. But in all our churches, water is placed by the door. All of us take this water on our hand and with it sign ourselves with the cross. Here, we say, "I acknowledge that in this room I am conscious of what I am a part of and who we are always: the body of Christ. In this room I let water remind me of my baptism into the church. In this room I let the sign of the cross remind me of the one to whom I belong. And so do I prepare for this deed, this Mass, we do together."

Are we an assembly when we come together on Sunday for the liturgy? Is just being there enough? Is being there and listening enough? Is being there and doing our own private praying enough? Don't we call ourselves the one body of Christ?

Remember the scriptural analogy of the body of Christ and the human body: "There are, indeed many different members, but one body. . . If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honoured, all the members share its joy" (1 Corinthians 12:20, 26). Where in this world that stresses individualism can we make this vision of an assembled humanity a reality, if not when we come together at Sunday Mass?

For it is at Sunday Mass that we *assemble* to praise and to thank God – together. We ask for God's blessing and we pray for all people – together. We listen to the word and we sing – together. We receive the body and blood of Christ – together.

At this liturgy we are called to go beyond all that makes us different, all that separates us one from another, to find and to express that which makes us one, that which makes us the body of Christ.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The religious leaders of Jeremiah's day left much to be desired. The assurance we find in this reading is that God will find a way to care for us, even when those appointed to do not live up to their calling. If we hope for leadership that cares for those in greatest need, we must also be prepared to do our part.

Responsorial Psalm 22: This most well-known psalm reminds us that God is ever watching over us. It does not promise a life of ease, but rather that God will be there with us through the dark valleys.

Second Reading: Paul tells us that Christ is our peace. The work of Christ was to bring together all of us who were far off and far apart. Therefore, when we offer or seek the peace of Christ, we are committing ourselves to do our part to bring about the unity that all of humanity was created to enjoy.



Gospel: Here we see Jesus's solicitude for his disciples and the crowds. Like the disciples, we need to know that there is a time for rest as well as a time to respond to the needs of others. Pastors understand that are times when the needs of the sheep prevail.

MARRIAGE NOTICE

Congratulations to Antonino Andò and Laura Louise Janet Whysall who were married on Saturday 18th July 2015 at Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois!

This year **DAY FOR LIFE** (*Sunday 26 July 2015*) focuses on cherishing life and accepting death. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the mysteries of life and death, as well as the Church's teaching on appropriate treatment at the end of life. It also highlights the prayer to St Joseph for a good death. The theme of this year's Day for Life is most appropriate as there is an *Assisted Suicide* or so-called *Assisted Dying Bill* (sponsored by Rob Marris MP) scheduled for debate in the House of Commons on 11th September. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please get in touch with 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-dying-bill-2015 or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found in the Church porch. This year's Day for Life provides another opportunity to talk about support, not suicide, at the end of life.