

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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19th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

(11th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)



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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass
Monday ST LAWRENCE	9.30am	Mass – Int. Elizabeth Richardson, RIP Anni.
Tuesday St Clare	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	7.00pm	Mass (No Adoration during month of August)
Friday St Maximilian Kolbe	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
	12.00noon	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Assumption of the BVM)
SUNDAY 16th AUG. – ASSUMPTION BVM	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V. MARY	10.00am	Mass – Int. Leyla Rose, RIP, Anni.



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 on Thursday evening. Please send them to Father Andy who will arrange for a selection of them to be printed and displayed in the Guild Room.

Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £351.53

2nd Collection: THE WHITE FATHERS
(Missionaries of Africa) - £329.39

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK –
Appeal for the Aid to the Church in Need**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Boxes of Offertory Envelopes are now available. Please contact Philip Seed, Parish Treasurer, or Father 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.

ABOUT LITURGY

Eucharist, cross, and sacrifice: Eucharist and cross go together because, in the Christian mystery, dying and rising go together. There has been a long-standing tradition in the church to use the image of sacrifice in relation to Eucharist. One aspect of sacrifice surely refers to Jesus' physical death on the cross. Another aspect is that Jesus' death embodies his total giving of himself, holding back nothing. The shedding of his blood is the pouring out of his life for us. Eucharist, as well, is a total and perpetual giving of himself to us for our strength and nourishment. When we celebrate Eucharist, then, we are really not re-enacting Calvary and the Last Supper, as if we are engaging in a religious drama. No, the Eucharistic celebration enacts in the present moment the continual gift of Jesus' self-giving. The cross and the Last Supper are once-and-for-all unrepeatable historical events. Jesus' acts of self-giving are an ongoing outpouring of his love for us. But there is more.

Our sharing in Eucharist is the concrete manifestation of our encounter with Christ and our participation in his mystery. Eating and drinking Christ's Body and Blood transforms us more perfectly into being the Body of Christ. This means that we ourselves are better equipped to embrace the dying to self that is an essential prerequisite for rising to eternal Life. We must embrace the cross of self-giving each time we share in the Bread of eternal Life. This is the power of the mystery: to transform us into believers committed to self-surrender.

News from The Priestly Fraternity of St Peter.

There are a few changes at the Reading base The Confraternity of St Peter, whose priests look after the 8am Traditional Latin Mass in Extraordinary Form on Sundays here at Our Lady's Chesham Bois.

Firstly we welcome Fr Ian Verrier, FSSP, is from Birmingham and recently ordained following 6½ years at the Fraternity's American Seminary. Fr Verrier has been assigned to St John Fisher House in Reading and from where he will assist Fr Matthew Goddard, FSSP, with celebrating the 8am Sunday Masses at Our Lady's. Fr Goddard will be in charge in Reading.

Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP has been assigned to St Mary's Church in Warrington in the Archdiocese of Liverpool as of September 2015. Today will be Fr de Malleray's last Sunday Mass in Chesham Bois. We pray for Fr de Malleray as he begins his new ministry that God will continue to bless the work Fraternity of St Peter especially amongst our Parish here at Our Lady's.

Thanks to all who made Father Don Anderson, M Afr., so welcome last weekend. Thanks to those who helped to set up for the Saturday and Sunday evening Masses.

During the past week, new wooden gates have been fitted in the grounds of the church to replace those that have suffered the ravages of time. Slowly, we repairing and upgrading the surroundings of our church site.

Thanks to all who gathered in Our Lady's Church on the evening of 30th July, as we welcomed Bishop Peter preside at Mass and Dedicate Our Lady's Church for the Worship of God. IT was great to see so many parishioners. A very big *Thank You* to those who worked hard to prepared the Church and Guild Room, and grounds for the occasion. Bishop Peter has written to congratulate the whole parish "on the lovely centenary celebration and Mass of Dedication."

The **August 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).

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Mother Theresa is said to have remarked that God would never give her more than she could handle. But she added, "I only wish he didn't trust me so much!" When Elijah felt like that, ready to lie down and die, God sent an angel to wake him up and give him food to strengthen him. This might remind us of the warning "My child, if you aspire to serve the Lord you come to serve the Lord, / prepare yourself for an ordeal" (Ecclesiasticus 2:1). The only consolation, known by all who serve until the end, is that God will be with us.

Responsorial Psalm 33: What a change of mood, from the ordeal of serving God to "glorify the Lord with me." Saints and holy people across the ages seem to agree: to the extent that we recognise and accept our own incapacity, we recognise and experience God working through us. This is not to deny our abilities, but rather to offer all that we are and are not so that God can work in and through us.

Second Reading: How often have we considered the effects of our Baptism? Paul wants us to understand that Baptism has a profound effect on us. As baptised, we have become Christ's own so profoundly that Christ's Spirit lives in us, luring us toward all that we can become through sharing life with Christ. We cannot control the Spirit, but are free to choose how much we wish to be open to God's constant offer of grace.



Gospel: Throughout John's Gospel we encounter superficial understandings of Jesus's teaching. The people hearing Jesus in today's story held such a high opinion of their knowledge of Jesus's background that they blinded themselves to him and his message. They who refused to accept the living bread stand as a warning to us about the devastating effects of low expectations.

This weekend, **we welcome Heather Ward**, Regional Coordinator for Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), who will be making an appeal to the parish for the work of this Catholic charity throughout the world. Heather will speak at the end of each of the Masses this weekend.

Aid to the Church in Need is a Pontifical Foundation of the Catholic Church, supporting the Catholic faithful and other Christians where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. The Charity is at work in more than 130 countries, helping Christians who are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. More information may be found at their website: www.acnuk.org