

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(13TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Bernadette Woods, RIP Anni.</i>
Monday ST BARTHOLOMEW	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Monica</i>	7.00pm	Mass (<i>No Adoration during month of August</i>)
Friday <i>St Augustine</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 30TH AUG. – 22ND SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Bert and Frances Mendis, RIP</i>



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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August 2016 and we welcome those in the diocese aged 16 – 30 years old (16 by the date of travel). For a booking form or further information please contact Fiona at fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627 or see www.nymo.org



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

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome!

Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.

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.

Earlier this month, 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.

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).

PARISH BARBECUE

NEXT SUNDAY 30th August 2015
from 12.30pm in the church grounds.

Another occasion for our parish to celebrate our centenary. Join us for a pot-luck lunch or later for tea ... or why not spend the whole afternoon? Please pray for good weather.

Pick up a leaflet for all the details!

ABOUT LITURGY

Eucharist – doctrine and response: For all too many Christians Eucharist is a matter primarily of believing in the right teachings. Right doctrine is important – we believe that the substance of the bread and wine truly are changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ. (This is what “transubstantiation” means: substance is changed.) We aren’t just saying Jesus’ Body and Blood are given to us for our nourishment; the change in substance is real. At the same time that we struggle with right doctrine, we are also faced with a choice every time we go to Holy Communion: to become more perfectly the Body of Christ and to live as Jesus did. Eucharist always demands a self-giving response. Eucharist draws from us belief and conviction. Whether our believing in Jesus Body and Blood stops at the level of doctrine or is carried over into our living is measured by how much over time we (and others) can actually see a difference in our lives.

We often hear that we are a Eucharistic church, that the Eucharist defines who we are. What this means in a nutshell is that we are a self-giving people, concerned always for the good of others. The Eucharist is a great gift; the gift is received not only when we eat and drink Jesus’ Body and Blood, but also when we live the self-giving this gift demands. Eucharist changes us, changes our world. But only when we truly live who we become in Jesus – “The Holy One of God.”

A DIOCESAN MASS for those who are disabled or with special needs, their families and carers will be taking place on Saturday, September 19th 2015 at St. John’s Church, Sundon Park, Luton LU3 3AL at 2p.m. The Mass is being organised by the St. Thomas a Becket Foundation and will be followed by a fun party. All are welcome and there is no cost. If you would like to attend please ring 07930305362 or 07989048522 or 07545807483. For more details please see poster.

Les Petits Chanteurs de Saint-Charles The Little Singers of Saint-Charles Versailles France – August 2015 – England Concert Tour

The children’s choir was founded in 1983 by Father Roger Morandi Their mission to sing to the Lord and his wonders and to radiate faith and Christian joy.

On Monday 24th August they will sing in St George’s Cathedral Southwark and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week they will sing in various churches in Oxfordshire. Free Admission. See posters

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: As Joshua asks the people to choose whom to serve, he offers the choice between the God who has done so much for them or the false gods worshipped by their ancestors and neighbour. We can understand the lure of other gods if we think of idols as work, prestige, winning, flashy possessions, clothes, and so on. When everyone around you believes those things to be necessary, it can be hard to choose the values of the Cross. This reading challenges us to ask ourselves what gets us up in the morning and motivates what we do with our days.

Responsorial Psalm 33: This week, we might meditate on the line “in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.” How would your day be changed if everything you did was consciously done for the greater honour and glory of God?

Second Reading: This entire passage, some of which is quite bound to the culture and time in which it was written, can be summed up with the first line: Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Whether in the intimacy of marriage or in the life of the entire community, Paul is calling us to serve one another, in such a way that we become occasions of grace one for the other.

Gospel: The way Jesus offers is the path of most resistance. Peter and the disciples slowly realized how difficult Jesus’s road would turn out to be, but when Jesus questioned whether or not they would choose him, Peter responded that the hard road was the only one going anywhere worthwhile. Are we with him?

THE DOWRY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Honour of Our Lady at Walsingham
Sunday 6th September 2015

Led by Bishop Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia
For more details see the poster or the website:
www.walsingham.org.uk

Assisted Dying Bill Postcards

As you will know, there is a very important debate taking place in the House of Commons on 11th September 2015 on a Private Members Bill to legalise assisted suicide. There are many MPs in the House of Commons who are paying close attention to the views of their constituents, and it is very important that we should play our part as much as we can to make our voices heard.

The Catholic Bishops’ of England and Wales have prepared postcards to send to our local MP. The postcards are simple and effective in pointing out the grave risks in this Bill, and they can be signed by anyone of any faith or none who opposes the legislation of assisted suicide. Please take a card and send them yourself, or give them to colleagues and friends. *These postcards are available close to the newsletters in the porch.*