

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(14TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Bert and Frances Mendis, RIP</i>
Monday <i>St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Cuthbert</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 6TH SEPT. – 23RD SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Sung Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form</i>
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Basil and Betty Carney, 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



Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £246.13

NEXT WEEK - SECOND COLLECTION for National Catholic Fund

Many thanks for your generosity.

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

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.



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.

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

THIS AFTERNOON
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

Second Reading fits this Sunday: By happy coincidence the second reading corresponds nicely with the gospel – it gives the counterpart behaviours for the list of sins with which the gospel selection concludes. It points us in the direction of forming right relationships. This would be a good Sunday to spend some time reflecting on the second reading.

Liturgy and life: The gospel's inclusion of the quotation from Isaiah (29:13) is a strong reminder for us of the necessity of an inherent relationship between liturgy and life. The prophets often sounded the warning that worship without right living is not acceptable to God (for example, Micah 6:6-8 and Amos 5:21-4). Our Christian liturgy, however, demands more of us than simply doing just deeds. Our liturgy forms us into a just people so that our good deeds come from within us. Both liturgy and life are rooted in the paschal mystery with its demands to die to self so that we can rise to new life. This isn't something we can do occasionally – it is a way of life. What is at stake in this way of life is a relationship with God evidenced in keeping God's commandments. Obedience goes way beyond blind obedience – it is really about coming closer to the Lord God. Paying attention to the Presence of God dwelling within us and then living out of this intimate relationship with the Divine is what brings us to the good way of living described in the second reading.

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.

Congratulations to Charles Bennett & Lucy Rae, who were married in Our Lady's Church, yesterday. We pray that God will bless their new life and home with peace and joy.

Welcome to Reverend Laurie Clow who will be Instituted, Inducted and installed as Rector of St Leonard's Church, Chesham Bois, on Tuesday evening. We pray for God's blessings that his ministry and service here in Chesham Bois may be fruitful and build up the church into the body of Christ.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: As Moses presents God's law, he insists that obedience will make the people famous and assure a good life. Most of all, he underlines the fact that they are uniquely privileged in the way God is present to them and has taught them. This reading, coming at the end of the summer season, invites us to look at our religious experience and tradition and appreciate our faith heritage in the same way that Moses encouraged his people to do.

Responsorial Psalm 14: When we pray "the just will live in the presence of the Lord," we are not saying that God is absent from the unjust. Rather, doing justice is our way of choosing to be conscious of and responsive to his presence. That includes an attitude of heartfelt truth expressed that comes to light in service of others.

Second Reading: In today's language we might say that the Epistle of James is the epistle of transparency. James insists that our faith must be expressed in action for the good of others. If we are saved, then we will act like people who have nothing to worry about and who therefore can share with abandon. He goes so far as to equate work for justice with worship. In the light of that, he would ask us how we live and worship outside of the church building.



Gospel: If we want to summarise today's Gospel with a key question, it would be "Where is your heart?" The "law" that the religious leaders were quoting to Jesus was actually scholarly commentary on God's law developed over centuries. Certainly, it was a good and healthful practice to eat with clean hands, but scrupulous attention to detail was not part of Jesus's vision of God's reign. According to Jesus, those whose religion focuses more on legal detail than on the needs of others block the way to God for themselves as well as for others.

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.*