

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

(12th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 16TH 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. Leyla Rose, RIP Anni.</i>
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Elizabeth Richardson, RIP Anni.</i>
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Bernard</i>	7.00pm	Mass (No Adoration during month of August)
Friday <i>St Pius X</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>The Queenship of Mary</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 23RD AUG. – 21 SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
21ST 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 during Bishop Peter's visit on 30th July. Please send them to Father Andy who will arrange for a selection of them to be printed and displayed in the Guild Room.

PARISH BARBECUE

Pray for good weather for the afternoon of Sunday 30th August 2015! Another occasion for our parish to celebrate our centenary! From 12.30pm in parish grounds ... join us for pot-luck lunch or later for tea!



Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £202.17

2nd Collection: Aid to the Church in Need - £397.01 (gifts and sales raised **grand total of £571.51**).

Sr Jacinta Davenport, IBVM, wrote to thank parishioners for the cheque for **£259.39** for the **Loreto Sisters' Albania Project** for the quarter ending June 2015.

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.

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.

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).

ABOUT LITURGY

Assumption Day has long been an occasion to give thanks to God for the bounty of the earth and sea and sky. People in coastal areas bless the creatures of the sea. In mountainous regions, sheep and goats are blessed. A widespread custom on Assumption Day is the blessing of herbs, vegetables and flowers. At the end of the 10am Mass today, we will bless herbs. The blessing includes these splendid words that allude to the *Magnificat*, Mary's song of praise:

*All powerful God, . . .
fill the hearts of your people with gratitude
that from the earth's fertility
the hungry may be filled with good things
and the poor and needy proclaim
the glory of your name.*

Calling the earth our mother is an identification made in ancient times, nearly universal in the human race. The mystery of the virgin Mother of God is wrapped up in the mystery of the sanctity of matter.

15th August 2015 is the 70th anniversary of V-J (Victory in Japan) Day, the end of the Second World War in 1945. In 1950, with Pope Pius XII's declaration of the dogma of the Assumption, the ancient festival was given new emphasis as an occasion to honour the holiness of created things, especially the human body. War demonstrates that flesh is destined for destruction. On Assumption Day we rejoice that our flesh is destined for glory.

The preface of the Eucharistic prayer for Assumption Day includes these moving words:

*For today the virgin Mother of God
was assumed into heaven
as the beginning and image
of your Church's coming to perfection
and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people.*

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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: John wrote this fantastic, symbolic description of the woman giving birth in the face of overwhelming danger to comfort his persecuted people. God had raised Christ up; their future in God was secure, no matter what the appearances.

Responsorial Psalm 44: Today's psalm reminds us of Mary's unique position in the history of humanity. Though she never dressed as a queen, she is the one to whom the Angel declared "You have found favour with God."

Second Reading: Paul reminds us that Christ was the "first-fruits" of the Resurrection. Depictions of the death or "dormition" of Mary show Christ at her bedside, receiving and carrying her into eternal life. The doctrine of the Assumption assures us of the ultimate goodness of the flesh and the promise of our own resurrection in body and soul.



Gospel: Mary's *Magnificat* glorifies God for all the blessings she has received. She sees God's grace as the origin and destiny of all of history, even though she had to have an inkling of the hard times that would come in between. The Church has chosen her prayer as our prayer each evening. Let us give thanks with her always.

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.*

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. See posters.