

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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23RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(15TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Sung Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Basil and Betty Carney, RIP</i>
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday NATIVITY OF THE B.V.M.	9.30am*	Mass at Our Lady's School
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 13TH SEPT. – 24TH SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
24TH 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.

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 - £290.00

THIS 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.

This week, the crumbling boundary wall along Amersham Road was repaired and our mature trees were trimmed to help to keep our church grounds safe. During the summer, new gates were fitted in the parish grounds to replace those that have suffered the ravages of time. Slowly, we repairing and upgrading the surroundings of our church site.

The **September 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 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).

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Formation Course

Mondays 21st, 28th September and 5th October 2015
7.30pm in the Guild Room

These evenings are for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who presently serve in Our Lady's parish, and those who Fr Andy has asked to consider taking up this ministry as well others who are interested discover more about the Church's teaching on ministry and the Eucharist.

ABOUT LITURGY

Lectors, assembly, and proclamation of the word: Proclamation involves more than just speaking and hearing. True proclamation demands a commitment of self on the part of both lector and assembly that is evident in the way one lives. This is why being a lector is much more than being a good reader. One might read flawlessly, but the word would not necessarily be a proclamation. True proclamation comes from the lived experience of the lector (the individual has already lived God's word during the week before proclamation) and rings so true that it moves the assembly to live the word as well. In other words, proclamation demands something of the proclaimer and something of the hearer. If either is lacking, then the proclamation is lacking. Good proclamation requires living what we might call a "spirituality" of the word." This means that one isn't a lector just on the Sunday when one proclaims, but is a lector every moment of every day. It also means that the assembly is called to live the word proclaimed as well. Proclamation of God's word becomes a way of life that is evident in the way one speaks in ordinary daily living (kind, uplifting words; no profanity; encouragement and challenge; etc.). A spirituality of the word would also be characterised by one who spends extra time with God's word – the bible or Lectionary – perhaps reading a few verses each day and keeping them in mind while one goes about the day. In this way God's word becomes so familiar as to become the very words of the individual.

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.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 27th September, led by Bishop Philip Egan. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flier from the porch.

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2015 – FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing with the Oil of the Sick

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Isaiah's salvation proclamation begins with a call to "be strong, fear not!" No matter what struggles surround or overwhelm us with fear, trust that God comes to save. God's salvation is for all.

Responsorial Psalm 145: This "Hallelujah" psalm calls the entire community to praise the Lord with all their being (soul). Such total praise is due because God "keeps faith for ever," secures justice, feeds the hungry, and liberates the captives.

Second Reading: James counsels all followers of Christ to live lives that manifest love for all, most especially the poor and those that society easily marginalises because of their looks, appearance, or social status.

Gospel: Made whole by becoming able to speak and hear, the healed deaf mute becomes a sign of God's reign and saving power, realised and activated through Jesus.

Assisted Dying Bill Postcards

As you will know, there is a very important debate taking place in the House of Commons **this Friday**, 11th September 2015, on a Private Members Bill to legalise assisted suicide. **Statement by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on the publication of the "Assisted Dying Bill" by Rob Marris MP**

"This Private's Member's Bill seeks to legalise assisted suicide in England and Wales. It will have its Second Reading debate in the House of Commons on Friday 11th September 2015.

The intrinsic value of each human life will be gravely undermined if this or any bill to legalise assisted suicide were to become law. I urge Catholics, as active citizens, to contact their local MP about this most important issue before the vote.

Each of us is made in the image of God. The life of every individual is equally valuable (Genesis 1:27). Licensing doctors to supply lethal drugs to terminally ill patients to help them commit suicide rests upon the premise that some lives are worth less than others. It is therefore contrary to human dignity. It is also contrary to the 'do no harm' principle that underpins all medical practice. Helping someone to commit suicide compromises the fundamental human dignity of both parties involved. Assisted suicide is assisted killing. Those who are seriously or terminally ill deserve the best care that our society can give and must never be made to feel that they are a burden. We seek to support people in these circumstances, to the best of our abilities and resources. Palliative and end of life care have undergone significant advances in recent decades and we urge the government to continue to develop these services.

A further profound anxiety has to be considered. If assisted suicide becomes legal, it will be impossible to ensure that people's decisions will not be influenced by many kinds of pressure or coercion, not just from others but from within themselves.

The dangers inherent in changing the law are reflected by the significant opposition of medical professionals.

MPs will face many different pressures in deciding how to vote. We will keep them in our prayers."

The Catholic Bishops have prepared postcards to send to our local MP. These 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 send a postcard.*