

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(17TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. Charles Lockyer, RIP</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
Monday ST MATTHEW	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Connie Lockyer, RIP</i>
Wednesday <i>St Pio of Pietrelcina</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday SS Cosmas & Damian	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 28TH SEPT. – 26TH SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
26TH 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 - £305.70

THIS WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION
to support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and 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.

Last 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

Communion and greatness: In this Sunday's gospel the disciples are arguing about "who was the greatest" and Jesus teaches them that true discipleship consists in becoming "the least of all." The dynamic is from greatest to least. It is interesting that in the Communion rite exactly the opposite dynamic happens: we go from least to greatest.

At the invitation of the presider to begin the Communion procession ("Behold the Lamb of God . . . Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb") we respond with "Lord, I am not worthy . . ." Before coming to the messianic table to participate in the Lord's feast we declare that we are the least among God's people. Then we come to the table and share in the feast and, indeed, become the greatest because we eat the Body and Blood and become what we eat – the Body of Christ. The biblical source for this familiar liturgical text is Matthew 8:8, where the Capernaum centurion approaches Jesus and asks him to heal his servant. When Jesus answers that he will come, the servant replies, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word." At Communion these words are an invitation to Jesus to visit us, now in the most wondrous gift of his Body and Blood. In addition to a confession of humility, these words we utter just before Communion are also an expression of confidence that our Lord will come to us – to nourish us, heal us, strengthen us, save us, and transform us.

The memorial tablet for Sec. Lieut. Arthur George Evelyn Bouchier has been removed for restoration work. During November, the month when the Church traditionally remembers her dead we hope to have a Memorial Mass for both of the soldiers from the Great War commemorated in our church.

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 flyer 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

APF – MILL HILL Red Boxes If you are a Red Box holder please bring your full box to church. The contents will be counted, banked by our local secretary, Greta Jeffreys. If you would like to become a Red Box holder, please speak to Greta or Fr Andy.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The wicked are characterised as believing that life is short, that we were born by chance and we will soon be no more. Therefore, life is always ripe for revelry as we use our strength against the weak. But the response of Wisdom goes on to say that "they are misled, / . . . / For God created human beings to be immortal, / . . . / the souls of the upright are in the hands of God" (2:21 – 3:1).

Responsorial Psalm 53: An appeal to the name of God implied an appeal to God's strength and faithfulness: the essence of the divine character. It was a way of asking God to become visibly active in the parishioner's life. The whole of the psalm, like the responsorial itself, proclaims faith that God will care for the unjustly oppressed one.

Second Reading: In today's passage, James returns to the topic of division, this time both within the individual and in the community. The cause is jealousy and selfish ambition. The jealousy James condemned had generated conflicts that he compared to war and murder.

Gospel: The death that Jesus was going toward was politically and physically appalling retort to Peter's rebuke underlined the problem the disciple. Religiously, it was considered proof of the person's God-forsakenness. Jesus, seeing the disciples' opinions about rank, declares that God is to be found where they least expect or want to go. The just one will suffer, but God will not abandon him.

HOME MISSION SUNDAY 2015

"The bishops of England and Wales invite every parish on 20 September 2015 to celebrate *Home Mission Sunday* to support the Catholic community to respond generously to the call to evangelise.

"Many Mass-going Catholics feel the pain and sorrow caused by a large number of family members and friends not practising their faith. In response, there is an urgency for us all to consider afresh how we might respectfully and joyfully reach out to our absent brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for all that you are already doing in this regard.

"The prayers offered and money raised on *Home Mission Sunday* enable new projects and partnerships to be developed to support Church growth and the work of outreach in England and Wales. We have been able to offer *Proclaim '15*, for example, thanks to the support of our sponsors, and as a fruit of the response to this annual appeal Sunday.

"Please do celebrate *Home Mission Sunday* this September as generously as you can. Thank you and God bless you."

Bishop Mark O'Toole

Chair, Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis