

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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28TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(20TH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Sung Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass
Monday <i>St Wilfred of York</i>	9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Gill Hennie, RIP, Rec. Deceased</i>
Tuesday <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Frankie Swanbrick, RIP, Rec. Deceased</i>
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	NO MASS	
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Phylis de Boorder, RIP Rec. Deceased</i>
Saturday <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 18TH OCT. – 29TH SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
29TH 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 - £321.48
CAFOD Harvest Fast Day - £275.71

**NEXT WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION
for World Mission Sunday**

Many thanks for your generosity.

**Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Offertory
Envelopes** are now available. See 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.

During the summer, the crumbling boundary wall along Amersham Road was repaired, mature trees were trimmed to help to keep our church grounds safe, and 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 **October 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).

Readers of God's Word – Formation Course

**Mondays 2nd, 16th and 23rd November 2015
7.30pm in the Guild Room**

This evening is for all who presently read God's Word at our Liturgies 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 Holy Scripture and the ministry of Reader of God's Word.

ABOUT LITURGY

Presentation of the Gifts: The entire Eucharistic liturgy is an invitation to empty ourselves, to dispossess ourselves of anything that stands in the way of our being transformed more perfectly into the Body of Christ. One concrete symbol of this dispossession takes place at the presentation of the gifts. This procession is more than a practical way to get the bread and the wine on the altar; if this were the case they could simply be placed there by an altar minister after the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful; which, for simplicity, is often what happens during a weekday Mass).

The procession with the bread and the wine is symbolic of our own journey from this life to eternal Life when we will stand at the messianic banquet "in the age to come."

The bread and wine are also symbolic of ourselves; just as the bread and wine are substantially changed into the real Body and Blood of Christ, so are we transformed into more perfect members of that Body. Finally, when the gifts of the community include food, necessities, and money for the poor, this is wonderfully symbolic of our willingness to "give to the poor" and puts Jesus; invitation to follow him into visible practice. It is a concrete way for us to show our willingness not to be possessed by our riches, not to have divided hearts, but to give of ourselves, emptying ourselves to better follow Jesus with undivided hearts. Therefore, the presentation of the gifts is symbolic of our own desire for dispossession – for having the undivided heart needed to follow Jesus.

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.

Today is Prisoners' Sunday. As a Church we are asked to pray especially for those who are affected by imprisonment. It is estimated that 200,000 children are affected by parental imprisonment across England and Wales. Imprisonment has a rippling effect encompassing the Prisoner's wider family. Often when a Parent is imprisoned the children are twice as likely to experience behavioural and mental health problems, and are less likely to do well at school.

The Prison Advice & Care Trust is the only national Catholic charity in England & Wales that works solely with those who are affected by imprisonment. Pact works with Prisoner's, their families, and with ex-offenders once they have been released. You can help by praying continually for Prisoner's and their dependants. You can help by volunteering your time to help those affected by imprisonment (visit www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get-involved). You can help by donating after Mass in the collection basket.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The selection we read today recalls Solomon's prayer for wisdom (1 Kings 3:6-9). Wisdom is more important than power, wealth, health, or beauty. The speaker would choose wisdom even over sight, knowing that with wisdom one can assign everything else its true and lasting value.

Responsorial Psalm 90: The verses we pray are an apt response to the First Reading's proclamation about wisdom. We ask not only to know how to value the days of our lives, but also to learn to appreciate the lessons of times of trial. Our refrain recapitulates the message as we implore God to give us the only thing necessary: the love that gives meaning to life.

Second Reading: Just as the First Reading encourages us to seek true wisdom, this selection from Hebrews calls us to meditate on our appreciation of the word of God. Do we believe in its power? Do we consciously seek an encounter with the living God in Scripture? Do we allow that word to judge and guide our daily activities and attitudes? Do we seek the wisdom of the word beyond other values?

Gospel: Jesus reminds the man in the passage of the Commandments that refer to human relationships, and the man claims to have lived without transgressing them. Then, Jesus looks at him with the discerning gaze that tenderly lays bare the heart. Having searched the man's soul, Jesus invites him to follow him in truly fulfilling the Commandments by giving his very self for others. With that, the wealthy man's enthusiasm disappear and he who had run to kneel before Jesus turns away, utterly disenchanted. As the man left, Jesus addressed his followers to underscore the fact that the invitation he had issued applied to them as well as to the retreating rich man.

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. Thanks to you support the Catholic Church is growing and many parishes can now take care of themselves. However, 40% of the Universal Church is still too new, young or poor to survive without our help, just like the church in Mongolia. By Supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping missionaries in over 1,000 dioceses bring hope and new life to people who do not yet know that they are precious in the eyes and heart of God. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

An insight into Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'

All welcome to an evening where Linda Jones (CAFOD's Theology programme advisor) will be exploring this encyclical and our study guide for parishes. **13 October, 7:30 – 8:30pm** (coffee/tea from 7pm) at **St. John's Parish Centre, 296 Sundon Park Road, Sundon Park, Luton, LU3 3AL.**

Come along to PROCLAIM DAY 2015

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES IN THEIR MISSIONARY CALLING

**Saturday 17th October 2015, 10am-3pm,
Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Hall**

(Damien Hall), High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA
Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.