

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(21st SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 18th 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 Paul of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St John Paul II</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 24th OCT. – 30th SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
22nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
30th 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 - £252.11
PACT – PRISONERS' SUNDAY - £29.50

**THIS 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

Parish ministry and servanthood: Every Sunday at Mass we see any number of men, women, and children selflessly give of themselves by means of the various liturgical ministries – presiders, deacons, hospitality ministers, music ministers, altar ministers (including servers, sacristans, cleaners, flower arrangers), readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. These are quite visible to all those who come to Sunday Mass. Additionally there are many other parish ministers (e.g. members of the parish council, finance group, school governors, etc.) who, generally, work behind the scenes. Yet when we add all these members together, sad to say the persons actively ministering on a parish remain rather small percentage of the whole parish census. Two points might be worth our reflection time.

First, the parish ministries express real servanthood. Many people sacrifice much of themselves in order to minister in their parishes and this is truly part of what Jesus asks when we are to be servant of all. If we truly believe that the parish is really the people then being serious about our commitment to follow Christ means that our service begins with our own parish community.

Second, we ought to encourage and thank one another for this faithful commitment of service. One time someone mentioned that she had given selflessly for twenty-three years to her parish and on one had ever come up to her and said "thank you." This is a sad commentary on how much we take for granted! Perhaps our greatest expression of servanthood is to recognise and thank those who selflessly model for us what serving all really means.

This being said, we must always remember that the primary locus for our self-emptying is in serving the world, neighbourhood, home. The primary role of the church is to serve the world and be a sign of God's reign in our midst.

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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Although the opening line of today's selection sounds exceptionally harsh, the point is not that God is pleased with pain; rather, God is pleased with our faithfulness of the servant in spite of and through the course of the servants offering.

Responsorial Psalm 32: The refrain we chant sums up and deepens our appreciation of the prayer as we beg for God's mercy and proclaim and promise our trust.

Second Reading: The author designates Jesus as Son of God, and his emphasis is on divine compassion. The Son of God, far from being aloof, sympathises with each human creature and, as we proclaimed in the psalm, offers mercy and grace whenever we are in need.



Gospel: Not unlike the rich man of last week's gospel, the disciples had not yet understood that the only real security and power come from trust in God. Neither wealth nor power can prevent or survive death.

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. Your prayers and donations today will support the work of missionaries and young churches like the church in Mongolia, as they share faith, build churches and provide healthcare and education, often in difficult and dangerous environments. The World Mission Sunday collection will support mission projects worldwide that bring God's love and message of dignity for all. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are tax payer. Every gift makes a real difference to people living in poverty who are yearning to hear the Good News of God's love for them.

THE GIFT

On Wednesday evenings in November and December, St Joseph's Gerrards Cross (SL9 8RY) is hosting a series of talks aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

The six sessions will cover: The Father's Love, The Joy of the Gospel, the Gift of the Spirit, unwrapping God's Gift, Encountering God's Spirit and Living in the Spirit. These talks are relaxed, personal and informative and the teachings are rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, *Evangelii Gaudium* and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis.

We are very fortunate to have these well-known international speakers coming to our Pastoral Area. The Seminars are open to all- everyone is most welcome. Please come along and join us as we our best to respond to the call from Pope Francis to be "Spirit-filled evangelisers". For more details, see poster and booking forms in the porch.