

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

(25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST)

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Catherine McGuigan, RIP</i>
<b>Monday Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>	9.30am	Mass
	1.00pm	Funeral Service for <i>Sylvia Mary Jenkins, RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday St Leo the Great</b>	9.30am	Mass
<b>Wednesday St Martin of Tours</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thursday St Josephat</b>	11.00am*	Mass with Our Lady's School – Year of Consecrated Life
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
<b>Friday Feria</b>	9.00am	Mass
<b>Saturday Feria</b>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 33<sup>RD</sup> IN O.T.</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T.</b>	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 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) or call 01582 720627 or see [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org)



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.

## OUR LADY'S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. The Boot & Slipper, 2 Rickmansworth Road, Amersham, HP65JN. The festive menu is available with a 2 course meal costing £19.99 and 3 courses £22.99. Prices include a £2 per person charge to cover the costs of prizes for our now world famous Christmas Quiz! If you would like to come please find menu choices in the porch and write your selections on the form as indicated. As usual a £5 deposit per person is required in advance which must be left in the box provided. If you have any questions feel free to email Agostino on [agodifalco@icloud.com](mailto:agodifalco@icloud.com)

The **November 2015** edition of **The Vine**, the **Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available. Please take a copy home. It is free of charge!

## Readers of God's Word – Formation Course

**Mondays 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015**  
**7.30pm in the Guild Room**

These evenings are 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

**Discipleship and intercession for the dead:** We have recently celebrated All Souls' Day, and we customarily keep all of November as a month when we remember the dead. Rather than our remembrance of the dead becoming just a rote or mechanical practice, we might consciously place our prayers for the dead in the larger context of true discipleship. Praying for the dead beyond our own loved ones is an act of discipleship because it evidences our connection with each other as members of the Body of Christ and our continued care and concern for one another.

**CAFOD memorial mass** for all deceased CAFOD supporters will be on the 15 November, 9:45am at Our Lady of Peace – Lower Britwell Road, Slough SL2 2NL. Refreshment served after mass. All welcome! If you want someone remembered in our memorial book, please send their names to [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) or call 01844 274 723.

**Our Lady's Catholic Primary School** is now accepting applications for admissions for **September 2016**. There are supplementary application forms available in the Church porch. The closing date for applications is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

**Our sympathy and condolences to the family of Mrs Sylvia Mary Jenkins**, late of South Road, Amersham, who died on 22 October. Her funeral service takes place at Our Lady's church on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. May her soul and souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen. Please keep Sylvia and her family in your prayers.

## 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.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** God speaks through the prophet and brings his words to fulfilment, bestowing blessing. The prophet is the spokesman, but it is God who acts. We see the dawning of universalism in which God extends a hand of compassion and mercy to draw in all people, demonstrating the love of the one who is Creator of all.

**Responsorial Psalm 146** acknowledges and repeats the teaching of the preceding passage: our Creator and God cares for all, the work of divine hands. This psalm expresses so well God's care for the oppressed, the hungry, prisoners, the blind, the stranger, and the widow and orphan. This is understood as divine justice, affirming the right relationship that underlies authentic righteous behaviour.

**Second Reading:** This passage in Hebrews tells us that Jesus, our perfect and blameless High Priest, has now taken his own blood and entered the heavenly sanctuary to bring about our forgiveness and reconciliation. He has become the mercy seat of the new law, from which has come our eternal redemption. Another important allusion to the Old Testament is found in the final verse of this passage where it reads, "offered once to take away the sins of many." In the fourth song of the servant in Second Isaiah (read on Good Friday), we find reference to the redemptive death of the servant, which brings about the forgiveness of sins (c.f. Isaiah 53:11-12). The author of Hebrews saw Jesus as the fulfilment of both these Old Testament images (the High Priest and the Servant). The author of Hebrews makes the point that this one perfect sacrifice of Jesus need never been repeated, for it has surpassed and completed what the Old Law never envisioned could be accomplished. When Christ appears again, this time it will be to bestow salvation at the end of time.

**Gospel:** Throughout the Scriptures, the biblical authors portray God as caring for the poor. The widow, the orphan, the foreigner, and all who are need are the concern of God and his people. The Gospel shows Jesus in this same light, having a heart open to the needs of the poor, bringing them healing of body and consolation of spirit. The religious leaders fail to show or appreciate the kind of compassion expected of God's ambassadors to the poor. Rather, their religious practice is for show and self-aggrandisement. They understand neither their calling nor their deepest responsibility.

**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.

## Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £287.75  
Bishop's Maintenance Fund - £150.81

**NEXT WEEKEND - SECOND COLLECTION**  
**for Sick & Retired Clergy Fund**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

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

## 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.*