

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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33RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

(26TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. private intention</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
Monday <i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>	9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Ronald Bishop, RIP, anni.</i>
Tuesday <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Hugh of Lincoln</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Edmund</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 22ND NOV. – CHRIST THE KING	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	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 Matt

Last week's Offertory Collection - £295.92

THIS 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.



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 5th December at 7.30pm. The Boot & Slipper, 2 Rickmansworth Road, Amersham, HP6 5JN. The festive menu is available with a two 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

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 16th and 23rd 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

Parousia and eschatology: "Parousia" is a technical theological term that refers to Jesus' Second Coming. This Sunday's gospel only mentions the good cosmic events that will accompany his return. Additionally, when Christ comes at the end of time there will be the general judgment (see Matthew 25) and general resurrection. If the Second Coming would be all there is at end times, then perhaps there could be reason for fear. However, the Parousia isn't all there is – it ushers in the final stage of fulfilment. This time of fulfilment is theologically referred to as the "eschatological times". This strange term comes from two Greek words meaning the study of finality or end times. Eschatology, then, marks the point (not to be understood chronologically) in time when God's reign will be finally and fully established.

It is easy to put these future events out of our heads; most of us (when we think of them at all, usually only on these last Sundays of the liturgical year) think of the end times as way off in the future. Contrary, in the very early church they thought that Christ would return immediately and so they lived their lives in a most radical way – sharing all things in common, devoting themselves to prayer, etc. (see, for example, Acts 2:42-47 and Acts 4:32-35). One of the challenges of these future events is that we, too, learn to live in the present as faithful disciples, making Christ's saving Presence known in our world. We are to live in expectation, not in fear.

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 15th January 2016.

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: Daniel, who earlier interpreted dreams and advised the Babylonian king, is here warning the people to live uprightly, for there will come a day of severe reckoning. Wisdom and prudence tells us to live in a manner that acknowledges a day of judgement, when our lives shall be evaluated and a sentence passed. A key point of this passage is its reference to the notion of resurrection. While earlier Jewish thought told only of Sheol, the abode of the dead, here we find one of the earliest references to the resurrection of the just, to be later developed in the New Testament.

Responsorial Psalm 15: There are several lines of connection between the previous reading and this psalm. In verse 8, "I keep the Lord ever in my sight" is a poetic way of expressing the will and desire to follow God's law; on the day of judgement, God, who knows the human heart, will reward the upright. In verses 9-11, the psalmist refers to both *Shoel* (death) and the "path to life." Though this psalm is not expressing a belief in resurrection, to experience the "fullness of joy in [God's] presence" is a way of living uprightly, and righteously coming before God in the Temple.

Second Reading: This week, the author of Hebrews brings another dimension to the fruitless efforts of sacrifice according to the Old Law. The priests offer sacrifice daily, but it failed to bring about its hoped-for results. Again, it is Christ whose sacrifice has accomplished the reconciliation that had never been done before; he thus eliminates the levitical priesthood. Christ's once-for-all and single sacrifice, perfected by his total offering, has opened the way for our eternal salvation.

Gospel: Watching for the signs has given rise to predictions of the final and awesome day; yet Jesus clearly says of that day; yet Jesus clearly says of that day, "nobody knows," but the Father. With all the upheaval that will take place, the one thing that will remain is God's Word: "my words will not pass away." Mark is encouraging the early Christians to hold fast to their faith, for in the heavenly and eternal kingdom. Most importantly, they must remain firm and faithful.

Our Lady's Catholic Primary School PTA

is holding a Hollyberry Fayre
on Sunday 13th December, 2-4pm at the School
All are welcome!

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.