

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Sung Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Monday <b>ALL SOULS</b>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Martin de Porres</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</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
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – 32<sup>ND</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-SECOND 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)

## Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £297.79

**THIS WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION**  
**Bishop's Maintenance 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 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Origin of the festival of All Saints:** The earliest cult of the saints focused on the martyrs, those who courageously gave their life out of commitment to Christ. From at least the fourth century the Easter church had a festival honouring all the saints who have departed; in Rome in the fifth century the pagan Pantheon was consecrated as a church honouring Mary and the martyrs. By the eighth century the cult of the saints is extended beyond the martyrs to honour others who lived selfless, faithful Christian lives. At this time there is the first indication that the festival was fixed on 1<sup>st</sup> November in the West. This festival is not primarily about remembering the faithful departed (we do that on 2<sup>nd</sup> November). It is about honouring those who have been faithful disciples of Jesus. Those who model for us Gospel living. Those who inspire us to be likewise faithful.

**The Communion of saints:** There are numerous references in the New Testament of addressing the early Christians as "saints." Most of Paul's salutations at the beginning of his letters address "God's beloved. . . who are called to be saints" (Rom 1:7; NRSV). In the Apostles' Creed we profess belief in "the communion of saints." This article faith comes immediately after our profession of belief of belief in the Holy Spirit, and before our profession of belief in the resurrection of the body and everlasting life. The communion of saints cannot be doctrinally separated from the Holy Spirit's work of binding us into a church, whereby we are members of the Body of Christ, nor from Christ's promise and our hope that we will receive a share in his risen Life. Our union with one another in Christ through the Spirit is one of intimacy with our triune God and with one another – one another both living and dead. We saints on earth are united with the saints in heaven in Christ's one Body, forever giving God glory and praise.

## 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:** John recounts a vision of those who will be delivered in the end times. The group is described as a great multitude representing every people and nation on earth. In response to the question of who these people are, the answer is the cryptic, "they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." Because their clothing is symbolic of who one is, the author wants us to know that while sharing in the suffering of Christ, these are the ones who remained faithful, even to the shedding of their own blood. They now rejoice in the presence of God.

**Responsorial Psalm 24:** This psalm is considered a processional psalm. It begins by declaring that all creation belongs to the creator. In order of to truly enter into the presence of God, one must have pure hands and heart. In other words, one's actions and attitudes must be rooted in love of God and neighbour, not in the vanities of the world. Like the multitudes describe in Revelation, these people who long to see the face of God will have a blessed ending to their search.

**Second Reading:** Our passage opens with an exclamation: "See what love . . ."

The greatness of God's love is not just an esoteric idea. It becomes palpable in its effects. It actually makes us children of God. Those who believe in Jesus's name are children begotten by God (John 1:12-13), reborn from above (John 3:3). This is more than simply being God's creatures, or even a Chosen People. According to John, this is the most profound relation to God possible in this life. And yet, there is more. John goes on to say that what we will be has not been revealed. Now, as believers, we submit our lives to him, imitating the earthly Jesus to the best of our ability. But, the day is coming when we will not simply remember Jesus, nor merely experience what it means to be children of God. In the future, when we see Christ as he is in the glory of the Father, that vision will transform us. Now we strive to imitate him, then we will "be like him." Now, as Paul says, we see dimly, as in a mirror, Then, when we see the glorified Christ face to face, we will be transformed in ways we cannot imagine (see 1 Cor 13:12 and 2 Cor 3:18).

**Gospel:** The people who are the objects of divine favour, the blessed, are those who recognise that they have nothing to bring to God but are dependent on grace for everything. In justice causes them to mourn, while their desire for right is as strong as hunger and thirst. Hearts fully devoted to God lead them to act with mercy and to sow peace. Their way of living, will be an affront to powers of domination and thus, like the Master, they, too, will suffer. But even as they have grown in his image. they cannot imagine what awaits them

**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.