

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST)

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass
Monday <i>St Columban</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. private intention</i>
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOV. FIRST SUN. OF ADVENT</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Cynthia Bowles, RIP, B'day Int.</i>

*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 Matt

Last week's Offertory Collection - £313.84

Sick & Retired Clergy Fund - £176.05

*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, 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](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

**Monday 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

**Celebration:** Just as Lent opens onto Easter, if we have patiently worked our way through Ordinary Time – and, indeed, through the whole of this past liturgical year – when we come to this Solemnity we are ready for a jubilant celebration. The fruits of our labours will be consistent with the extent of our labours. If our liturgical year has been rather lackadaisical, then these high festivals probably won't move us. We will depend on the environment and the music to carry us rather than on the inner strength that comes from watching ourselves be transformed ever more perfectly into the Body of Christ during this past year.

Liturgical celebration has little to do with "whoop-dee-do" and much to do with self-emptying. Our greatest joy and celebration come not from what we do but from the deep experience of what God has done in us. We need to be careful that we don't cloud the real meaning of these high festivals with externals that actually keep us from the deepest and most satisfying feasting. Celebration is really the play between surrender and encounter in which we are transformed. Anything less than this gets in the way of our being God's Presence, God's reign in this redeemed world.

**Missio 2016 Calendars are available in the porch. Please help yourself.**

**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.

## 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

### About this Solemnity

Today is the Thirty-Fourth or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Its official name is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, as an observance celebrating an aspect of Jesus's identity rather than of his life. Conventional understandings of kingship and power are transformed. Rather than calling up images of Jesus Christ dressed in kingly robes, the Gospel proclaims him as king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross. (I.N.R.I. – *Jesus nazarenus rex indaeorum* – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Paradoxically, it is the thief who recognised in Christ the Lord and Messiah.

**First Reading:** The Son of Man will come on the clouds of heaven. He will receive dominion over all. All nations shall serve him. His dominion shall never be taken away. All this is foreseen by the away. All this is foreseen by the prophet Daniel.

**Responsorial Psalm 93:** The Lord, the creator, the one who entered into a covenant with Moses – the Lord is king. He wears majestic robes. He is armed. He established the firmament. His throne has been around from time immemorial, and it will continue to last for ages to come. Furthermore, the decrees of this Lord are trustworthy. They are a sign of the eternity of God's power. This psalm links the images of God the Father and God the Son. God the Father created the world and established the covenant; God the Son is Lord of all, the one whose Gospel is trustworthy, and whose kingdom shall last forever.

**Second Reading:** To Jesus Christ belongs all glory and power forever and ever. The Book of Apocalypse assigns the vision of clouds (see First Reading) to Jesus as well. In this one passage we meet prophecy and fulfilment as we are reminded of the words Jesus used to speak of himself.

**Gospel:** This passage helps us understand that we mean by the title "King" as applied to Jesus. To a contemporary society in which kings are held in low esteem, the word carries a sense of entitlement and caste. But the kingship of Jesus is not of this world. We all yearn for a ruler who will influence the goodness of others, who will contain evildoers and rescue the poor. Jesus Christ is the ideal ruler, and we have given to him the throne of our hearts.

## Our Lady's Catholic Primary School PTA

is holding a Hollyberry Fayre  
on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.