

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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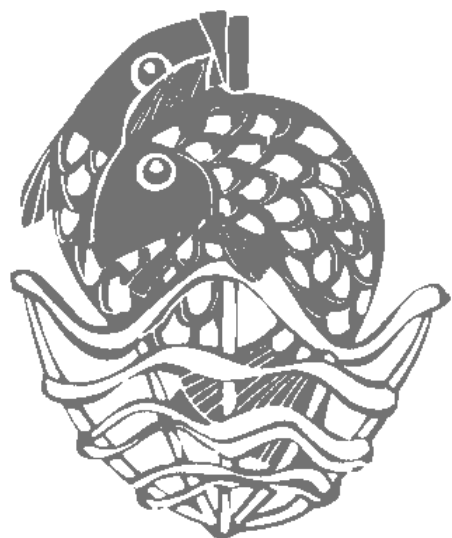
7<sup>th</sup> February 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Ash Wednesday <i>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</i>	<b>9.30am*</b>	<b>Mass with imposition of ashes</b>
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Applications for preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** at Our Lady's Church have now closed. Our candidates will be enrolled into sacramental preparation during **10am Mass today**. We will celebrate First Reconciliation (Confession) in Our Lady's Church on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. *Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare for the Sacraments.*

## 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. Bookings have now closed. 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.

## ABOUT LITURGY

*"Lord I am not worthy . . ."* At Mass our response in the invitation to Holy Communion includes the words, "Lord, I am not worthy." This Sunday's gospel challenges us to utter these very words not simply as a confession of sinfulness or a way to debase our own dignity as daughters and sons of God, but as a simple statement of recognising our own status as creatures before God's all-powerful and divine boldness. The amazing generosity of Jesus' self-offering of his Body and Blood for our nourishment and drink is that God doesn't focus on our unworthiness but raises us up to share in divinity. Holy Communion should always be a kind of wake-up call in which we praise and thank God for the call to holiness, and also resolve to be faithful to God's call to continue Jesus' mission. Sharing in God's holiness is also sharing in God's mission.

**The Vine** Diocese of Northampton Newspaper. **February 2016** edition now available – Please take a copy home – it's free of charge!

## Vacancy – Safeguarding Co-ordinator

We are currently recruiting for a Safeguarding Co-ordinator, to lead in the implementation and management of safeguarding policy and practice for the Diocese of Northampton. Full information for the position and an application form can be obtained by visiting the Diocese Website [www.northamptondiocese.org](http://www.northamptondiocese.org) and going to The Diocese/Diocesan Departments/Human Resources or by contacting Paula Wynn – HR Advisor, e-mail: [hr@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:hr@northamptondiocese.com). The closing date for applications will be **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**.

## Interested in the Christian approach to Punishment and Prison?

*Pact – Prison Advice & Care Trust, a Catholic prison charity is seeking two new trustees to give guidance, to ensure good governance, strategic oversight and direction. Pact is a growing, award-winning independent Catholic national charity working in prisons and communities across England & Wales. Its aim is to offer realistic hope of a fresh start to tens of thousands of prisoners, ex-prisoners, offenders, children and families. To find out more visit [www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/get-involved) or call Chris Dunne: 020 7735 9535*

**PREPARATIONS FOR LENT 2016** – Lent begins this Wednesday. Today, after the 10am Mass, we will burn blessed palms from last Palm Sunday, to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHAM – SERIES OF TALKS FOR LENT 2016

The talks will begin at **8pm on Wednesdays** at **Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham**. The Programme is:

<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Dr Krish Kandiah, London School of Theology</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Sir Peter Fahy, former Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Dr Sharon Dirckx, Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Lord Leslie Griffiths, Methodist Superintendent Minister</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Anne Atkins, broadcaster, novelist and journalist</b>

**Volunteer for CAFOD** We need volunteers to speak in Schools and/or parishes about our work in the developing world. Training will be given. If you are able to use social media, we would love to hear from you too. Please get in touch on 01844 274 723 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) if you are interested.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The call of Isaiah follows a familiar pattern. Isaiah has an encounter with the Lord, seeing a vision of the Lord's magnificence in his dwelling in the Temple. Transformed and inspired by that encounter, Isaiah offers himself enthusiastically in service of the Lord. Though Isaiah understands his own limitations, he trusts God and is purified for his mission of preaching God's steadfast love and mercy to a people in great need.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Today's psalm praises the Lord for rescuing his people. Even though the people have sinned and turned away from God, God's love and mercy never fade. God's saving love inspires a hymn of praise in the people. In the same way, God's actions in our lives are not a private matter, but a public act. Our response must be public as well, praising the Lord in the liturgical assembly of his people.

**Second Reading:** Like Paul, all disciples are called to share the Gospel. The Gospel we are called to proclaim is quite simple: Jesus died for our sins and was raised from the dead so that we might share in eternal life. If we do not believe in this truth and live our lives formed by this belief, our preaching will be empty and useless. If the preacher is not formed by faith, the preacher will not be able to inspire, convert, and transform.

**Gospel:** Paralleling the First Reading's call of the prophet Isaiah, the Gospel recounts the call of Jesus' first disciples. This call follows the familiar pattern. Jesus extends the invitation. Having encountered Jesus and his preaching and having seen his glory (in the miraculous catch of fish), Simon Peter, James, and John are transformed. They abandon the life they have known and begin to follow Jesus, strengthen by the mission with which Jesus entrusts them.

Bishop Peter Doyle warmly invites you to **The Diocesan Mass for Married Life**, at **The Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD** on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. Praise will start at 11.30am followed by **Mass at 12noon**.

It has been suggested that travelling to Luton rail station would be advisable due to lack of parking around the church. Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517 or at [mfi@nores.org.uk](mailto:mfi@nores.org.uk) All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

**Thornton College** (Convent of Jesus and Mary) MK17 0HJ are holding an **Open Afternoon today** Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at **2pm**. An opportunity to see the facilities and meet with pupils and staff. There are also other events and Scholarship dates. For more information see leaflets and posters in the porch or [www.thorntoncollege.com](http://www.thorntoncollege.com).

## Money Matters

**Last week's Offertory Collection - £320.41**

*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.*