

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TENTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass
Monday St Norbert	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday St Columba	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Barnabas	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)</b>	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass



## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

As it's the school half-term break there will be **no Liturgy of the Word with Children** this week. It will restart next Sunday (12<sup>th</sup> June).

## WELCOME!

This weekend, we welcome Father Nicolas Alldrit, who is a priest of the Ordinariate, and lives in Northampton. Fr Nicolas is supplying while Father Andy is away at a family wedding this weekend.

Next week, Sister Linda Maog, MMS, will be making an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Congregations of England & Wales. Sister Linda has worked overseas in the Philippines and she will on the theme of "Mission for all of today, here and overseas"

## ABOUT LITURGY

**Bury the dead:** We probably rarely think that when we attend a funeral we are undertaking a corporal work of mercy: bury the dead. This act is far more than disposing of a dead body. It is the final rite of the Order of Christian Funerals. Called the "Rite of Committal," it is preceded by a procession, usually from the place of the funeral Mass to a cemetery. Processions are always symbolic: the physically take us from one place to another. This procession takes us from a celebration of the joy of the funeral Mass and the new Life the deceased entered into to a final celebration of the respect and dignity we accord the human body, which was once a temple of the Holy Spirit. There are prayers for both the deceased and the loved ones who bring the body for burial.

In the prayer over the place of committal, we call to mind Jesus; three days in the tomb, the hope and promise of resurrection, and the anticipation of eternal glory. The rite acknowledge the sadness of taking a final leave of the deceased person, at the same time it continues its prayer for peace and consolation. The coffin may be sprinkled with holy water, reminding us again of our baptism and incorporation into the Body of Christ. The prayer over the people begs for strength before the assembled people are blessed and sent forth with the peace of Christ.

The funeral Mass focuses on the joy of the resurrection. The Rite of Committal recognises the sadness of this final act of leaving-taking. The Church walks with us through the rhythm of joy and sorrow, life and death. This walk is always with the risen Christ, who has died and risen, and shows us the way to eternal life.

## World Youth Day Quiz Fish & Chip Supper

Please join us on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June for an evening of fun at St Michael's Catholic School, High Wycombe with a quiz and fish and chip supper. This event is to help raise money to support local young people on their pilgrimage to World Youth Day. Tickets cost £12 per person. To book or for further information, please contact Lizi on [lizimartin89@gmail.com](mailto:lizimartin89@gmail.com) or 07704959793.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR MASS

Thank you to those who have already offered to help set up on Sunday mornings. We are looking for volunteers of individuals or families to join a rota to help set up for Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am Masses. It will require arriving at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Full training will be provided. If four or five people/families volunteer it would mean each group setting up just once a month.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** during a famine in the land and while escaping the wrath of Ahab and Jezebel, Elijah seeks aid from a Gentile widow of Zarephat, who offers him hospitality even though she and her son have nothing. In response for generosity. In response for her generosity, God, through Elijah, provides for all of them. Soon after, her son is sick and dies. The widow, thinking that his death is due to God's punishment for her sinfulness, blames Elijah, the man of God. Elijah asks her to trust him and hand her son over to him. She does trust and God, through Elijah, restores her son to life. God is master over life and death, desiring life and not death for all who trust and call upon the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm 30:** The psalmist praises God for having been rescued from enemies and from death. God's faithful ones, those who maintain covenant relationship, are called upon to sing praise and give thanks because God's covenant love, care and good will last forever, providing life and well-being. Because of covenant love, the psalmist asks for God's mercy and help, and is assured that God hears and does respond. Thanksgiving for God's rescue and for turning into joy is truly fitting. The psalm captures well the feelings and response of both widows in today's readings, as God brings new life to their dead sons.

**Second Reading:** Jumping off the Responsorial Psalm, we hear Paul praising and thanking God for having rescued him from a life of persecuting Jesus' followers to a life great intimacy with Jesus, along with the gift of being able to proclaim Christ to all, especially the Gentiles. These rich blessings have their source in God, who turned Paul's life from mourning and death to joy and new life in Christ. Paul's preaching has its source not in anything he has done but comes anything he has done but comes totally through the revelation of Jesus Christ. Praise and thanks are indeed fitting response to God's gift of a new life.

**Gospel:** Luke's Jesus manifests care and concern for all who are poor, oppressed, ostracised, or marginalised. In this passage, unique to Luke, we experience Jesus' concern for a widow whose only son has died. Moved with pity for the widow who would be left without any social, economic, and political security, Jesus consoles her by raising up her son and restoring him to her. The audience is amazed and glorifies God by proclaiming that in Christ, a great prophet has arisen and God has come to be with us. The news of God's presence and care for all, especially for the poor and oppressed, spread throughout the region. God has rescued us by visiting us and manifesting covenant love and care beyond anything we could have imagined.

**OUR LADY'S PARISH VOTIVE CANDLES** which feature the Stained Glass Window of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. **Price £2.50**

## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £204.49

Next Week – SECOND COLLECTION  
MISSION APPEAL

If you would like to begin contributing to our parish through the Gift Aid through numbered envelope or by Standing Order through your bank, please speak with Fr Andv.

**JUNE 2016 edition of The Vine**

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. **It's Free of charge!**

**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.

The **lux team** from **NYMO** are holding a **Summer Camp** in **Alton Castle, Staffordshire** 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Open to 11 to 18 year olds. Cost £250. See [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org) for details.

## FATHER PATRICK BAILEY

Fr Bailey, parish priest of St Columba, Chesham, is in a care home in Aylesbury and is in good spirits and appreciates all our prayers for this recovery following his fall in February. During Fr Bailey's absence, Fr Alessandro Reno, is helping with Sunday Masses at St Columba. Fr Andy is continuing to assist with the pastoral and sacramental needs of the parish during the week.

## Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish Family Retreat Day - "Dare to Believe"

with **David Wells**, a fantastic speaker who was part of the Proclaim 15 NEC event, and the Catholic young people's gathering at Wembley, Flame. It's very exciting to have him on our doorstep. **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Our Lady's Catholic School, Chesham Bois.** There will be an opening liturgy with the children from the school, worship led by Liam Lynch, a children's and youth stream, shared lunch on the paddock, and much more. **Tickets £5 per person, children go free**, available from the parish office, **IHM, Gt Missenden** ([greatmissendenandwendover@gmail.com](mailto:greatmissendenandwendover@gmail.com)). Please get them soon – they will sell out quickly!