

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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26<sup>th</sup> June 2016

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

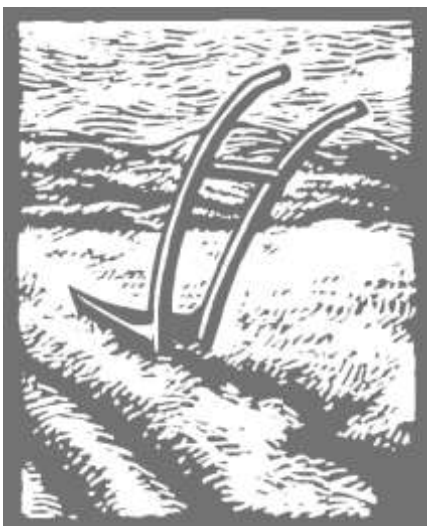
## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 13 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Sunday 6 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday St Cyril of Alexandria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday St Irenaeus	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday SS PETER & PAUL	9.00am	Mass
Holy Day of Obligation	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
Thursday First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Empire	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Following the half-term break, **Liturgy of the Word with Children** returns to 10am Mass this Sunday. We invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. Children will leave the body of the Church after the Collect and return during the Preparation of the Gifts. For them, it is still very much part of Mass, where they will listen to God's Word in a translation more appropriate to their understanding, and, as we all do during the liturgy of the Word, they will reflect on the Gospel, and spend some time in prayer. **Parents are encouraged to join their children.** We welcome more help from those who seek to be leaders and support in this ministry to the children of our parish.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** is Solemnity of **Ss Peter & Paul**, which is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. We will celebrate Mass at **9am** at **Our Lady's Church** and **2pm** at **Our Lady's School**. St Aidan's Little Chalfont have **Mass** at **9.30am** and **8pm**.



## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £200.60

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION – DAY FOR LIFE – £212.31

THIS WEEK – 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION – PETER'S PENCE

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 Andy.

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The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is still 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.

## ABOUT LITURGY

**Ordinary Time journey:** This Sunday's gospel readily captures the intent of Ordinary Time: to walk with Jesus on his paschal journey. The colour for Ordinary Time is green, the same as that of nature during a period of life and growth. As we journey deeper into the paschal mystery during a period of life and growth. As we journey deeper into the paschal mystery during these months until Advent, it is good for us to keep this life-giving aspect of this time of year in mind. What Ordinary Time is about is our walking with Jesus to Jerusalem and salvation. It is by embracing the dying and rising mystery of Jesus that we receive the life of God within us and renew dying and rising mystery of Jesus that we receive the life of God within us and renew it each time we celebrate liturgy. Although much of Ordinary Time unfolds during the summer months when many are on holiday, when the heat brings us to slow down our pace of life, when there is a change of pace in our lives if for no other reason than that for most children school is out, we must be careful that Ordinary Time doesn't become a temptation to "vocation" from the demands of faithfully following Jesus.

## Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Door St Joseph's in Gerrards Cross

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are all invited to make a pilgrimage through one of the designated Holy Doors. Our nearest Holy Door is at St Joseph's in Chalfont St Peter (SL9 8RY). You may like to consider making your own individual journey there, where you will find a prayerful guide which will help you encounter anew the mercy of God. This mini-pilgrimage walk through the Holy Door and round St Joseph's Church will take 20-30 minutes.

**Congratulations to Milly O'Donnell**, who was **Confirmed** by Bishop Peter at St Theresa's Church, Beaconsfield last Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## NORES Lecture – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Canon John Udris: "Mercy Through the Eyes of Mystics"  
7pm at NORES, Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Luton, LU4 8JD

**Sacred Heart Primary School** in **Bushey** are currently recruiting for a new **Head Teacher** see link:

[www.sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk)

**St Edward's Catholic Junior School** in **Aylesbury** have a job opportunity for a **Key Stage 2 Class Teacher** - please contact the school office on 01296 424544 for more information.

## 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. If 4 or 5 people/families volunteer it would mean each group setting up just once a month.

**Compass**, the new youth group, serving the parishes of Our Lady's Chesham Bois, St Aidan's Little Chalfont and St Columba's Chesham, is launching on Thursday 8th September 2016. A leadership team of seven people drawn from all three parishes is working hard to get ready for September. To help us prepare, we'd like to hear from anyone aged 8 to 18 and also we'd like to hear from parents of young people aged 8 to 18. Could you take 3 minutes to complete our survey by visiting our website: [www.compassyouth.club](http://www.compassyouth.club). We'd also like to invite parents and young people (*and anyone who wants to help and support us*) to a launch BBQ from 11:30am on 10th July 2016 at Our Lady's Paddock. It will be a chance for a bit of fun, time to meet others and to hear a bit more about Compass. We'd like as many people to come as possible so to get an idea of numbers, visit our website and book your free tickets. Please do come to our BBQ, complete our survey and pray for us. Thank you!

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The Lord chooses Elisha as a successor to Elijah's prophetic ministry. Elijah symbolically carries out the Lord's command by throwing his cloak over Elisha, indicating both God's choice and Elijah's spirit now handed over to Elisha. Elijah's somewhat harsh response to Elisha's desire to say farewell to his family touches upon the tension existing between total commitment to the Lord's work and familial and social responsibilities. Elisha manifests his total commitment to God's call by sacrificing the oxen used for farming and feeding the people with it. Severing all ties and leaving all behind, Elisha manifests total commitment to God by becoming Elijah's attendant and future successor.

**Responsorial Psalm 15:** This psalm of trust and confidence clearly asserts that our inheritance is the Lord, and is an apt response to our First Reading. The Lord is our refuge, our lot, the one who keeps us safe, rescues us from death, counsels us, and guides us on life's path. This was Elijah's experience of God and by symbolically throwing his cloak over Elisha. Elisha must decide if he believes and accepts God as his inheritance. By sacrificing livelihood, Elisha symbolically proclaims God as his inheritance and significance to his life.

**Second Reading:** Paul reminds us that in Christ we were set free from slavery to our own selfish ways and desires in order "serve one another through love." Paul echoes Christ's words in summing up the whole law in the command to "*love your neighbour as yourself*." Not following up on this freedom to love turns us into slaves to sin once again, engendering violence and destruction of one another. Paul's distinction between Spirit and flesh deals with our decision either to accept the freedom to love given to us in Christ, or to reject it and live immersed in our slavish, selfish desires. How will you choose?

**Gospel:** Luke's Jesus is resolved to journey to Jerusalem where his mission and ministry will be accomplished. Being rejected by Samaritans along the way is an indication of the kind of reception that he will receive in Jerusalem. However, that does not stop Jesus from continuing his journey nor does it prevent him from inviting others to follow him. Jesus' harsh words towards those desiring to follow him are not intended to be taken literally but are a way of expressing the importance of committing everything to the Lord, as did Elisha in the first reading. Jesus is saying that nothing must stand in the way of one's commitment to God's path. One needs to pay attention to family and social responsibilities but they cannot become obstacles to or prevent one from committing oneself to building and establishing God's Kingdom.

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