

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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DEDICATION
OF THE CATHEDRAL

5TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Sunday 5 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	10.00am	Mass
Monday St Alban	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria		NO MASS at Our Lady's
(Confirmation Mass – 7.30pm at St Teresa's Church, Warwick Road, Beaconsfield, HP9 2PL)		
Friday THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.30am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
6 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTEENTH 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.

Today in our Diocese of Northampton we celebrate the **Anniversary of the Dedication of our Cathedral**. In our Diocese this feast takes precedence over the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. However, we will use the prayers for the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church. For simplicity, but will keep the readings of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time as they are printed on the back page of this newsletter.



ABOUT LITURGY

The cross: The cross, has been a Christian symbol of self-denial, self-sacrifice, redemption, and identity with Christ from at least the fourth century. It has become the primary symbol of Christianity. The cross leads processions. A cross with a corpus is to be on or near the altar during Mass which helps us relate the sacrifice of the Mass to the sacrifice of Calvary. In the Eastern Church the custom has been to use a cross rather than a crucifix (a cross with a corpus), often studded with jewels or richly decorated. Sometimes an image of Christ the High Priest may be used. The cross in this context celebrates Christ's victory over death and sin and is a symbol of triumph. In the Western Church the custom has been to use a crucifix with an image of the dying or dead Jesus. The cross in this context reminds us of Jesus' self-sacrificing love demonstrated through his passion and death.

This year **Day for Life** focuses on the wonder of the gift of human life and the gift of our common home which is God's creation. It provides an opportunity for people to think about the connections and relationships between people and the earth which we inhabit. Today tragically, men, women, and children are sometimes viewed as commodities which can be bought and sold. As Pope Francis has powerfully articulated in *Laudato Si'*, there is a real need to rediscover a spirit of wonder and awe at the gift of human life so that all life may be properly respected and a new heart created for the home in which we live. Please support the crucial work of Day for Life by your generosity to today's second collection. This enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre), as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and in every condition. Please visit www.dayforlife.org. There is also the possibility to make an online donation: www.dayforlife.org/donate Please take a **Day for Life** card and pray for the protection and promotion of human life from conception to its natural end.

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

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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Zechariah's passage is confusing and difficult put into context but the reference to "when that day comes" probably refers to the end time when the Lord will return to set things aright. On that day God will pour a spirit of grace on David's house and all of Jerusalem. The people's sinfulness is symbolised by the death of one they have pierced, whom they mourn as one does the loss of an only child or a first born. But such great mourning born out of sinfulness and loss is not the last word. God will provide a purifying fountain that will wash away people's sin and uncleanness. The text has been interpreted to prefigure the Gospel account of Jesus' prediction of his Passion and Death, with the reconciling and purifying nature of Jesus' sacrifice reconnecting all to God.

Responsorial Psalm 62: The refrain, "For you, my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God" connects with the purifying fountain provided by God in the First Reading. Without God, our entire being is lifeless and without water. The psalmist, realising the necessity of being connected with God, longs for the Lord the way the desert earth longs for life-giving water. God's kindness or faithful covenant live. Praising and thanking God for such love, the psalmist acknowledges the Lord as our help, the one who upholds and protects us from harm, bringing joy and fulfilment to life's yearning.

Second Reading: Paul clearly professes that all who are baptised into Christ are now connected in a manner that transcends all the divisions and boundaries that separate humans from one another. Being clothed in Christ, we are all children of God, related to one another as family, and made one in Christ. God intended such unity and harmony from the first moment of creation, and Jesus came to proclaim and model for us that such reality is not only possible but with the Lord's help can definitely be accomplished. This is Christ's Good News, the proclamation that the Kingdom of God is present among you.

Gospel: Since different scenarios were abroad concerning Jesus' identity, he turns to his disciples to ask them concerning "who do you say I am?" Peter affirms Jesus to be the Christ or Messiah of God. Jesus demands silence of them concerning his identity as he proceeds to clarify his mission as the Messiah of God which will call for his suffering, Death, and Resurrection on the third day. As his disciples, they will be called to travel the same road as their master, being willing to deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and lose their life in order to save it. Traveling such a journey is the only way that one can claim true discipleship. If one remains faithful no matter the cost, then Jesus can and does assure them that they will save their life and much more besides. How do Jesus' words and challenge you as a disciples in today's world?

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 – £352.79

2ND COLLECTION – MISSION APPEAL - £335.20

THIS WEEK – 2ND COLLECTION – DAY FOR LIFE

NEXT WEEK – 2ND 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.

JUNE 2016 edition of The Vine

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.

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. 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!