

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME

4TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. Special intention
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday St Anthony of Padua	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday St Richard of Chichester	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	1.45pm*	Funeral Mass – Mrs Evelyn Gabb, RIP
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	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.

WELCOME!

This weekend we welcome Sister Linda Maog, MMS, who 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

Hospitality at Liturgy: We usually think of liturgy and hospitality in terms of obvious liturgical ministry. Greeters welcome us and help us feel at home. Ushers take care of making sure the space is well prepared and comfortable, and seat us if the church is crowded. Hospitality ministers help us find the toilet and get help if we are ill, direct us to where coffee and tea are after Mass. All of this ministry is important. It helps us become a caring community. It takes care of our needs.

There is another dimension of liturgical hospitality, however. And this approach is much less tangible than what we mentioned above, yet even so much more important.

Liturgical hospitality includes all assembly members opening themselves to encounter God and each other, becoming transparent enough so that others can see us as wanting to be part of this community, letting go of any expectations we might have with regard to how we want this liturgy to be celebrated. Liturgical hospitality is about closing distances so that we all might draw near to God. Liturgical hospitality might mean that we must quiet ourselves when we come to liturgy agitated over the pressures and demands of life. It might mean that we are willing to encounter the stranger – to greet someone we don't know, to help someone who is disabled, to volunteer when the parish needs additional liturgical ministers or workers for social events or justice actions. Above all, liturgical hospitality means that we see in the face of others the Christ whom we have come to liturgy to encounter.

Our prayers, condolences and sympathy to the family of **Evelyn Jean Gabb**, RIP, who at one time lived on Clifton Road in 1950s/60s. Her funeral Mass is arranged at Our Lady's Church Chesham Bois on Friday 17th June at 1.45pm. May she rest in peace.

Sacred Heart Primary School in **Bushey** are currently recruiting for a new **Head Teacher** see link: www.sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk

World Youth Day Quiz Fish & Chip Supper

Please join us on Friday 17th 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 or 07704959793. If you are unable to come but would still like to support us please donate via www.justgiving.com/wydstmike Thanks for your support!

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

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!



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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: King David, after his affair with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, is approached by Nathan the prophet with words of judgment from the Lord, whose punishment according to Jewish law was death. After Nathan recounts all that the Lord had done for David, he legitimately questions David as to why he spurned the Lord and committed such evil. David admits his sinfulness and is granted forgiveness, rescuing him from death. Forgiveness freed David from death, enabling him to strive once again to lead God's people with righteousness and justice. David was honest and brave enough to admit his guilt and ask for forgiveness. Are we?

Responsorial Psalm 32: This psalm expresses the joy and thanksgiving of one whose sin is forgiven and whose relationship to God is restored. The refrain invites us to petition the Lord to forgive the wrong we have done. The verses speak of the psalmist's confidence and trust in the Lord, anticipating both forgiveness and restoration in covenant love. Confession of wrong moves God to remove our guilt and assures us once again of the Lord's shelter and protection from all distress and harm. Turning back to the Lord for forgiveness reinstates us once again to God's age-old, faithful covenant love.

Second Reading: Paul understood Christ to be the total fulfilment and completion of all that the law intended. Therefore, no longer the law but faith in Christ brought justification. God's Torah no longer holds its previous significance, for Christ, now models the fullness of God's faithful covenant love by his willingness to love and die for us. Therefore, faith in and living like Christ now becomes the path to justification, clearly affirmed by God's raising Christ from death. The law can no longer function as the path to union with God. Faith in Christ brings law to fulfilment, and we, like Paul, no longer live on our own, but Christ lives in us, bringing us ever closer to God.

Gospel: Luke recounts a meal scene in the home of Simon the Pharisee in which Jesus teaches an important lesson in forgiveness, right relationship, and covenant love. An unnamed sinful woman approaches Jesus at table and proceeds to shower him with care and tenderness, expressive of her sorrow for sin. Simon self-righteously condemns the sinful woman and Jesus for allowing her to touch him. Jesus's parable of the two debtors, intended for Simon and us teaches that all are in need of God's love and forgiveness, especially those who feel most distant from God. The one who is forgiven much, loves even more. Jesus calls all of us to acknowledge our sinfulness and, restored to God's love, to begin once again to live attuned to always to that love. The disciples and the women who followed and provided for them and Jesus learned valuable lesson in the need we all have for forgiveness and reconciliation. Have we learned that lesson as well?

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £261.46

This Sunday – 2ND COLLECTION – MISSION APPEAL

NEXT WEEK – 2ND COLLECTION – DAY FOR LIFE

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 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.