

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 14 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
Sunday 7 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday St Elizabeth of Portugal	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday St Maria Goretti	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Feria	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
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTEENTH 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.*

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting out ports. As it is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, please give generously. For more information about its work visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)



## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £208.15

2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION – PETER'S PENCE – £179.90

NEXT WEEK – 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION –  
APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

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.

## JULY 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.

## ABOUT LITURGY

**Liturgy of the Word and paschal mystery:** Both Isaiah (for example, see Isa 63:1-6) and Luke (for example, the woes recorded in the skipped verse from this Sunday's gospel, vv. 13-16) speak harshly of those who do not hear and accept God's word. The Lectionary selections for this Sunday are for the most part only encouraging words (especially the selection from Isaiah). Although the Liturgy of the Word is always a challenging time, we must be careful not to lose sight of the consolation and encouragement that God's word also brings. This is another play of the dying/rising rhythm of the paschal mystery.

## THE LAMPEDUSA CROSS – sending messages of hope

Forced out by war, poverty or persecution, millions of people live uncertain lives as migrants and refugees. But each of us, moved by faith and common humanity, can act in welcome, respect and love. Using cards provided, you are invited to write or draw a message of hope for refugees as a way of marking the Year of Mercy after 6pm and 10am Masses on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> July 2016. For more information contact Monica Bratt or see noticeboard in porch.

## FATHER PATRICK BAILEY

Bishop Peter writes: "Although Father Bailey is making good progress following his fall and hospitalisation, he is not able to resume his duties as Parish Priest. Therefore, he has decided to retire with immediate effect. While this will be a great sadness for the parish which he has served so faithfully for almost fourteen years, I am hopeful that he will move back into the Chesham area and, if he recovers sufficiently, will be available to do the occasional supply in neighbouring parishes. I am very grateful for the wonderful support given to Father Bailey by parishioners, and I know that you will continue to support him in his retirement.

I have appointed Father Alessandro Reno as priest-in-charge of St. Columba's until he returns permanently to his own diocese in Ecuador. Please keep both Father Bailey and Father Alessandro in your prayers.

## PASTORAL AREA MEETING

Following his visitation of the parishes in the South East Bucks Pastoral Area, Bishop Peter is meeting with the clergy, the Pastoral Area Council and other lay representatives of the four parishes at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 6 July in St. Joseph's Parish Centre, Gerrards Cross. The meeting is open to all interested parishioners.

## Annual NORES Lecture – 8 July 2016 at 7.30pm

RE Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD

**"Mercy through the eyes of the Mystics"**

**For the Jubilee Year of Mercy** – Given by Canon John Udris

All are very welcome to this free lecture which is followed by evening prayer and refreshments.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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:** Isaiah speaks of the great joy that will be experienced by all as the Lord restores Jerusalem after the devastation of the Babylonian Exile. Using rich mother metaphors, God will restore Jerusalem from a barren, sorrowful, mournful mother to a fertile, prosperous, loving, and ever-comforting one. The starving, desolated people will once again nurse from her abundant breasts, will exalt over the abundance of water and wealth, and will experience the fondling, comfort, tenderness, and care that a loving mother showers on her nurslings. As a mother comforts, loves, and dotes on her child, so will God do for us. The power of the Lord will be evident to all, with joy and abundant life as its unimaginable manifestation.

**Responsorial Psalm 65:** The psalmist invites all to "cry out with joy to God," as we experience God's tremendous deeds done on our behalf. The psalm captures the feeling and intent of Isaiah in the first reading, remembering the Exodus as one of God's tremendous deeds "among men." Those wondrous deeds continue today in the life of the psalmist whose prayer God has answered, and who rejoices and praises God while inviting all others to do the same.

**Second Reading:** Paul asserts that the only thing any disciples can boast in is the Cross of Christ, the most degrading of deaths transformed into the ultimate symbol of God's gracious love to all, no matter the cost. Whether circumcised or uncircumcised, Jew or Gentile, all are new creations in the Lord, who broke down any and all boundaries that as disciples we all bear the marks of Jesus as we willingly give of ourselves in service of others. All this is God's doing through the grace given to us in Christ.

**Gospel:** Jesus appoints seventy-two disciples and commissions them to go ahead of him to spread the word concerning God's reign. They are being sent as workers to a rich harvest that God has cultivated. However, they are also warned that such harvesting will involve dangers and challenges, concretised in the image of being sent out "like lambs among wolves." They will experience rejection and opposition. Jesus instructs them as to their behaviour on such a mission, and insists that no matter what they encounter, they are to trust in God who will protect and care for them. They return rejoicing at the great work that they were able to accomplish in God's name, as Jesus proclaims that with God's reign, Satan is defeated and his disciples have their names recorded in heaven.

## 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.