

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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10<sup>th</sup> July 2016

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 15 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Sunday 8 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday ST BENEDICT	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday St Bonaventure	9.00am	Mass – Int. Victor Thangarajah RIP & Alice Lilly Hayllar RIP
Saturday Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
9 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTEENTH 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 is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This annual collection is absolutely vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. For more information about its work visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £219.59

THIS 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.

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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.



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

**Liturgical law:** Some liturgists, and segments of the church get so caught up in keeping every detail of liturgical law that the celebration of liturgy is robbed of any focus on our love and worship of God and concern for others. We are careful to pay attention to liturgical laws, but we must be equally careful that our liturgies unfold as prayer and worship, as making present the paschal mystery, as celebrations of God's word and sacrament that transform us into being better members of Christ's Body living with love, compassion, and mercy towards all. If our adherence to liturgical law does not aid in this transformation, then we have missed its point. We have made the law external rubrics to be followed for their own sake rather than something written on our hearts. This skews the real purpose of liturgical law – to ensure that liturgy remains the liturgy of the whole church making present Christ's mystery, and not just an idiosyncratic ritual of a few.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCRS

The CCRS course has been running successfully for many years in our diocese, for catechists, teachers, anyone who is interested. Candidates can either attend and produce the essays for the certificate, or can attend for a reduced fee as an unregistered student which does not require completion of the essays.

The course will run on Saturdays starting on 24 September 2016 with an induction day on 17 September from 10am until 2pm at St Louise Catholic Primary School in Aylesbury. See leaflets in porch or [www.nores.org.uk/adulteducation](http://www.nores.org.uk/adulteducation)

Thank you to all those who came along to the **Pastoral Area Meeting** with **Bishop Peter** last Wednesday. Following his visitation of the parishes in the South East Bucks Pastoral Area, Bishop Peter wanted to meet with the clergy, the Pastoral Area Council and other lay representatives of the four parishes. Soon, he will write a Pastoral Letter to be read in our four parishes.

We welcome **Maximillian Francis McLoughlan**, who is to be baptised at our 10am Mass. As a Faith Community we give assent and support to his parents, **Edna and Paul**, and **godparents**, in the solemn promises they make for Maximillian. We pray for Maximillian, and his whole family, as he becomes a member of the Catholic Church and our parish.

**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 **TODAY** (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.

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** It appears that God's people have disregarded the Lord's ways and preferred their own. Moses instructs them to renew their covenant commitment by returning to the Lord "with all your heart and all your soul." Love of the Lord and fidelity to the commandments are the essential elements of covenant relationship. These are not "beyond your strength or beyond your reach." They are very near to you, easily accessible in your life's experience as they are "very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your hearts in your mouth." All that is required is for each one to carry them out. The challenge for any disciple centres not so much on knowing what is right but on having the courage and strength to do what is right. Covenant love relationship demands that we not only "know" but also "do."

**Responsorial Psalm 68:** The refrain from this lament psalm, "Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive," captures well Moses' instruction to the people in the First Reading. Covenant love and relationship emboldens the psalmist to turn to the Lord for mercy and help, assured already that the Lord "hears the poor" and spurns not those in bondage. God's response is connected to the rebuilding of Zion and all those who love the Lord and abide by the commandments shall inhabit the land. Such assurance of God's love and mercy restores covenant relationship and motivates us once again to renew our covenant love.

**Second Reading:** Colossians extols Christ as "the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation," through whom the universe was created. In Christ, all things hold together. In Christ, God becomes human, and through, his life, Death and Resurrection, reconciled all things that had gone astray and lost their connection with God. Since the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Christ, he, through his self-emptying love for all, was able to re-establish God's peace and harmony that binds the universe together. We are still sorting out what reconciliation of all creation means for us as humans but also for all of God's created works.

**Gospel:** To understand the essence of the law summarised by an inquiring scholar of the law, Jesus proceeds to recount the parable of the Good Samaritan. For Jesus, loving the neighbour as yourself is the criteria for assessing one's love of God. Therefore it would have been important to know the exact definition of neighbour so that one could be faithful to the commandment. Jesus' parable brings his audience to a moment of insight and decision. The definition of neighbour as one who treats another with mercy, breaks down all artificial boundaries that divide us, and rests on the insight that we are to trust one another in the same fashion that God treats all creation. We are called to treat one another with mercy, no matter who the other is or what we think the other deserves. To love God is to treat one another with mercy, reconciliation and love. What decision will you make?