

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

9th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 16 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. Andreas Sipos (sick)
Sunday 9 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Feria	9.30am*	Leavers' Mass in Our Lady's School
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 Mary Magdalene	9.00am	Mass
Saturday ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	9.30am	Mass
Day of Prayer for Europe	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. Billy McNamara, RIP
10 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

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.

The 9.30am Mass on Monday will be in Our Lady's School. It will be led by Year 6, as they prepare to leave Our Lady's School. Parishioners, parents, grandparents and friends of the school all welcome!



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £241.82

2nd Collection: Apostleship of the Sea – £228.40

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.

Bishop's Message to Parishes and Schools following the EU Referendum

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

All of us are members of the Catholic Church in our parishes and communities around the Diocese of Northampton from Slough and Marlow to Corby and Oundle, from Daventry and Northampton to Bedford and Biggleswade.

It is now more than three weeks since the EU Referendum. It goes without saying that we must respect the will of the people, expressed at the ballot box. We must pray for God's wisdom for our politicians so that they may negotiate the way forward for the common good of all.

At the same time, I am aware of the deep feelings that holding the Referendum has evoked and if the fractured relationships emerging even within families.

I am conscious of the sense of insecurity and unease among our Polish communities, among other communities who come from the European Union and, indeed, among so many people from the different nations who bring so much vitality and faith to our parishes and schools.

I want to reassure them, and encourage us all to embrace one another as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. I want us to seek first the common good, the good of all with no one excluded. I want us to be alert and give a care for people who are afraid or feel unwanted or unwelcome.

Most of our Catholic communities are descended from immigrant stock. Whatever our political stance, let us remember our roots and our foundation, Jesus Christ, and welcome one another in his name.

With my prayers and every blessing,

+Peter Doyle

Bishop of Northampton

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next year, our neighbouring parishes of St Columba and St Aidan are planning preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our parish will work closely with all the churches in our Pastoral Area with this preparation. If you have been thinking about celebrating this Sacrament, please talk to Fr Andy before the end of July 2016. The preparation is open to any person in the parish who will be in Year 8 or above in September 2016, or who has left school.

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 this weekend.** 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

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. Please do pray for us. Thank you!

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Abraham and Sarah entered into covenant relationship with God who had promised that they would be the ancestors of a great nation. Being old and having no children, they continued to trust that they would be faithful to those covenant promises. After many years of trusting in God's covenant word, God visits Abraham and Sarah in the guise of three strangers. Abraham's cultural sensitivity to hospitality drives him to invite them in and prepare a rich meal for them. The three strangers representing the Lord announce to them the good news of a promised child. God is faithful and does not go back on promises, establishing right relationship with all those who trust in the Lord and who respond to God in mutual covenant love.

Gospel: This passage, unique to Luke, narrates the hospitality offered Jesus by Martha and Mary. For Martha, hospitality is best expressed by attentiveness to the person. Martha even asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her with the details of hospitality. Jesus responds with the confusing statement that Mary has chosen the better part. The story has generated many different interpretations. However, what is clear from both the Abraham and Sarah and the Martha and Mary narratives is that hospitality demands attentiveness to the person first, from which the details of service will flow. Both are essential in offering hospitality with attentiveness to the person flowing into the best ways to be of service. Martha and Mary are two sides of the same coin of ministry and discipleship. Let us learn to minister well by being attentive to the needs of each person we encounter.