



18th September 2016

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

18TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
Sunday 18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday SS Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday ST MATTHEW	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday St Pio of Pietrelcina	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
19 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During 10am Mass, 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. **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.

BISHOP PETER DOYLE'S LETTER TO OUR PASTORAL AREA

Following his meeting with the Pastoral Area at St Joseph's Parish Centre in July, Bishop Peter has written a letter which will be read at all Masses in the four parishes of our Pastoral Area: Our Lady's, Chesham Bois, St Columba's Chesham, St Aidan's, Little Chalfont and St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross. There will be copies of the letter available after Mass.



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £ 319.21

THIS WEEK – Second Collection
Home Mission Sunday

NEXT WEEK – National Collection for
the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

SEPTEMBER 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

Praying always: One way to thwart the temptation to be self-serving is to develop a habit of praying always (see, for example, 1 Thes 5:17). Even if our liturgical prayer is very rich and satisfying – and this is the goal of every parish – we also need our own personal, devotional prayer to compliment liturgical prayer. If the only time of the week we think about God is during Sunday Mass, it will be quite difficult. If not impossible, to grasp that our daily decisions are really expressions of our commitment to be followers of Jesus who serve God alone.

Since Vatican II there has been something of a negative attitude about devotional prayer. Some of this derives from the historical fact that in the past not all devotions were good ones. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy gives criteria for good devotional prayer; it should help to draw us into the various liturgical seasons, lead us to a better celebration of liturgy, help us to live liturgy in our daily lives (SC 13). One sure way to accomplish this is to prepare for liturgy ahead of Sunday, especially by reflecting on the readings. Perhaps we might take the response to the psalm and make that a kind of mantra that is recited throughout the week, especially when difficult decisions come our way. If we are singers we might even sing it when we are driving somewhere or while we are doing work at home. It might begin and end our meals.

Meals – these could be another way of praying always. Families might have to make a concerted effort to eat at least one or two meals together during the week.

Then during the meal there might be conscious sharing about each person's successes and failures, about how members of the family are trying to live the Gospel, about the good each one sees in the other. At first this might seem awkward and uncomfortable, especially if family members haven't shared in this way before. With time, each family will find what works best for them. Over time, members will see how more and more of their daily lives are lived with an eye on God.

The 32nd Annual National Rosary Crusade of Reparation

Saturday 8th October 2016. Assemble by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral procession to Brompton Oratory. See poster/ handouts in porch. For information contact Francis Carey (01494) 729223

JUBILEE FOR CATHECISTS

"By Having Mercy and Choosing" led by Bishop John Wilson

For anyone involved in passing on the faith to others. Sunday 25th September from 2pm to 5pm. St Joseph's Church, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8RY. For more details contact office@stjosephs.org.uk or 01753 886581

CAFOD Event – All welcome!

You are very warmly invited to join us to hear about CAFOD's work (focusing on Bolivia) and how your support has helped. **Saturday 24th September** - Ss Francis & Therese, Overslade Close, East Hunsbury, Northampton NN4 0RZ Coffee/tea from 10am, session from: **10:30am-1.30pm** followed by a shared lunch. See poster for details or get in touch on 01844 274 723 / northampton@cafod.org.uk Do bring a friend along!

Compass

The Compass Youth Club launched on Thursday 8th September. With an evening of fun planned to kick off the new youth group in style. If you are aged 8 to 10, then come to Our Lady's School for a 6 O'Clock start and come at 7:30 if you are aged 11 to 18. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Check out compassyouth.club for details. *The Compass Team.*

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The prophet Amos strikes out at those who exploit the poor and take advantage of those he calls "the poor" when they come to the marketplace. The prophets uses the very words of the dishonest merchants as his judgment against them. His condemnation lies in reminding them the Lord will not forget their wrongdoing.

Responsorial Psalm 113 is a hymn of praise using the typical phrase of honour: "praise the name of the Lord." The text employs opposites to underline the goodness of God. The poor lie on the dungheap while God is enthroned on high; the lowly are in dust but they will be seated with princes. The reason for praising the name of the Lord is precisely because God raises them up.

Second Reading: Paul instructs Timothy to exhort the believers to pray. It seems that Paul expects these prayers of petition and thanksgiving to be done by the community at their common worship. Another reason for prayer is that God desires such prayer. These prayers are for the salvation of others, for God desires everyone to be saved. The prayers of the community are to be offered "without anger or argument."

Gospel: The parable of the unjust steward presents a lesson about judging wisely worldly affairs in serving God instead of mammon. The commendation of the unjust steward makes the meaning of the parable difficult to grasp. The "children of this world" are contrasted with "the children of light"; the former are good at worldly affairs but the latter are charged with the "true wealth" that God will bestow on them.

APF Red Box / Missio The autumn edition of *Mission Today* magazine is available in the porch.

YEAR OF MERCY

As we come to the closing months of the Year of Mercy there is a simple leaflet about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. There is a relevant passage from *Misericordiae Vultus* where Pope Francis invites us to put them into practice. The spaces provided allow people to record how they have tried to meet the hope of the Holy Father to live out the mercy of God.

"CATHOLIC? GOING TO UNIVERSITY THIS YEAR?"

Make sure you look out for your Catholic Chaplaincy... Most of our Universities and Higher Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the university or the local parish. The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome. To find your local Chaplaincy, and for contact details of all the University Chaplains and Catholic Student Societies, visit the "CathChaps" website at: www.cathchaps.co.uk