

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

20th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 27 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
Sunday 20 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Sita Perera, RIP
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday St Francis of Assisi	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday St Bruno	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Our Lady of the Rosary CAFOD FAST DAY	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
21 st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

RATIONALISATION OF MASS TIMES OF CHURCHES IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

From the First Sunday of Advent (27th/28th November 2016), we will no longer celebrate the Vigil Mass at 6pm on Saturdays. Also, Mass times are changing at St Columba, Chesham and St Aidan, Little Chalfont. If you haven't already taken a copy of Bishop Peter's letter we read last week and the response from the priests of our pastoral area with the new Mass times, there are still copies available in the porch.

WELCOME! At 10am Mass today we welcome and baptise **WILLIAM JOSEPH AIDAN CARRIVICK**. Please pray for his parents, Luke and Lauren, and his godparents that they will be good examples of Christian Faith to their child.



About Liturgy

Ministry as service: We usually think of service in terms of doing for others. A very special kind of “doing for others” is the ministry each of us undertakes at any celebration of Mass the faithful form a holy people, a people of God's own possession and a royal Priesthood, so that they may give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together with him and so that they may learn to offer their very selves. They should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration.” There is a direct link between our ministry at the liturgy and our service of each other, between doing what is expected of us and doing the “more” that aligns us with God. The most important ministry at Mass is that of the assembly. This means, first, that each member of the assembly has an active, decisive ministry. To be assembly means to surrender ourselves to God's Presence and in that surrender we become church made visible. Our very act of surrender, then, is an expression of faith because it takes us beyond ourselves. This is made concrete in the common responses, and gestures, postures, and singing we do at liturgy. Faith is also made concrete in the active listening to God's word and proclaimed, in heartfelt giving of praise and thanks during the Eucharistic prayer, in genuine gift of self to others in the sign of peace, and in walking together in procession to God's banquet table where we are nourished for the demands of discipleship. Each of the specific, visible ministries at liturgy is, of course, also an opportunity to express faith through service. But we must never forget the most important ministry is to surrender to bring church made visible. This is the most demanding service because it requires us to lose ourselves in something bigger than ourselves. This is how faith the size of the mustard seed can move mulberry trees – we are not alone, but our service is always with the other members of the Body of Christ.

Votive Mass and Sacrament of the Sick

Sunday, 2nd October at 3:00pm IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. The Bridgettine sisters from Iver Heath will join us for Mass and will sing during the distribution of Holy Communion!

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This passage is in two parts. The first is the cry of the prophet who believes that God does not listen or intervene in his misery. The second part is God's response. God's response is not so much an answer but a vision which the prophet is to write down so all can know it. The content of the vision if not stated but it has the purpose of stating that the events of life are in the mind of God and his plan will not disappoint.

Responsorial Psalm 94 is a hymn of joyful thanksgiving for the actions of the Lord. Three times the psalmist invites the people to acknowledge the Lord: “Come, ring out”; “Let us come before him”; and “come, let us bow and bend low.” The image of a shepherd is attributed to God and the psalmist pleads with the people to hear the voice of the shepherd.

Second Reading: Paul encourages his disciple Timothy to be courageous and faithful in bearing witness to the Gospel. Perhaps Timothy has been timid in his “witnessing to the Lord.” So Paul reminds him of his own struggles, including being imprisoned, and exhorts Timothy to be mindful of the strength that comes from God and from the help of the Holy Spirit that “lives in us.”

Gospel: The Apostles are concerned with their lack of faith, which they assume has to do with a certain quantity that needs to be increased. Jesus tells them that even if their faith is the size of a mustard seed they will be able to do what they have been asked to do. Jesus' image of the mustard seed speaks of the quality of a commitment to their ministry and rather than a concern for how much or how great the results they accomplish.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Northampton Cathedral. Friday 14th October by coach from St. Joseph's Church in Chalfont St. Peter. Coach will leave St. Joseph's at 9am (approx.) and will return by 4pm (approx.) Cost is £15 per person. Call parish office to reserve your place (01753 886581). Bring a packed lunch.

APF Red Box / Missio

If you have a red box that needs emptying to bring it to the church to be collected or contact Greta Jeffreys on 01494 722792.

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 or contact Francis Carey (01494) 729223

“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. Visit the “CathChaps” website at www.cathchaps.co.uk

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £ 238.79

2nd Collection - Our Lady of Walsingham - £149.10

NEXT WEEK – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

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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.

CAFOD HARVESTFAST DAY – FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2016

This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to join 32-year-old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope and give what you can.

VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR – OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Governing Body of Our Lady's Catholic Primary School have a vacancy for a Foundation Governor to join the governing body. We also invite applications for Associate Members to join the Governing Body with a possibility of converting to Foundation Governor from September 2017 when the existing terms finish for three active Foundation Governors. Applications are welcome from all parishioners who have the time and commitment to help Our Lady's School achieve its strategic objectives over the coming years. For more information please see: <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/images/Generic-booklet-1.pdf> Clare Murphy, Chair of Governors can be contacted at governorsols@ourladys.bucks.sch.uk Interested parishioners are also very welcome to visit Our Lady's School.