

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

21ST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 28 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
Sunday 21 ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass
Monday FERIA	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday FERIA	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday St Wilfrid of York	NO MASS	
Thursday St Edward the Confessor	NO MASS	
Friday St Callistus I	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Teresa of Avila	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. Roger and Nevarte Pace, RIP
22 ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Frances and Bert Mendis, RIP

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.

NEW 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. The new Mass Times will be:

Saturday Vigil Mass – 6.00pm – St Aidan – Little Chalfont

Sunday 9.00am – St Columba – Chesham

Sunday 10.00am – Our Lady of Perpetual Succour – Chesham Bois

Sunday 11.00am – St Aidan – Little Chalfont

Sunday 6.00pm – St Columba - Chesham



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £ 278.80

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

THIS WEEK – CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

NEXT WEEK – Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust)

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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

About Liturgy

Eucharist – faithfulness and thankfulness: Eucharist defines Catholic worship and even Christians themselves because in Christ God has given us the most profound gift of sharing in divine Life. Our only response can be faithfulness and thankfulness.

Faithfulness: The divine gift of Eucharist calls us to faithful in its celebration. Faithfulness means that we rejoice in God's most gracious gift and make every effort to participate fully, actively, and consciously. Faithful celebration, in turn, strengthens us for faithful discipleship. The Word and food of Eucharist is a continual renewal of God's Presence that invites us to an encounter with the One who heals and saves.

Thankfulness: Gratitude in face of God's great gifts to us is a recognition of indebtedness that can only be adequately expressed in worship. Each celebration of Eucharist is a profound acknowledgment that all we have is from God and that God still gives us even more. Without an attitude of thankfulness we cannot continually open up the capacity within ourselves to receive God's gifts. Thankfulness, then, is more than saying "thanks." It is opening ourselves to God by worship and self-surrender. Ultimately, gratitude also includes encounter.

Eucharist defines Catholic worship and Christian living because this is the only way we can adequately express what God desires of us – salvation in Christ. Eucharist not only changes the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, it changes us into being more perfect members of the Body of Christ. This is how we are saved – by encountering Christ and being transformed.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY – 9th October 2016

It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. The Catholic Church in England & Wales has one Caritas affiliated charity which is solely dedicated to tackling the issues that arise from having a loved one in prison: the Prison Advice & Care Trust (Pact). The charity works in all areas of the criminal Justice System from the Courts to parole of ex-offenders.

There are two services of Pact which may be of particular help: One is their free phone helpline for anyone with a friend or family member in prison (0808 808 3444). The other is their Basic Caring Communities programme which enables parishioners to befriend those coming out of prison. **The second collection next weekend is**

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This brief passage about the healing of Naaman is rich with images. He plunges into the water seven times, a number that often denotes fulfilment. Although Naaman was an important figure, he travelled with a "whole escort," his leprosy would have placed him on the edge of the community. His healing brings conversion and thanksgiving, and a promise to worship the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 97 is a proclamation of praise for the wondrous deeds of the Lord. Although the justice, kindness, and faithfulness of the Lord are towards the house of Israel, the promise of the Lord is universal. All the ends of the earth will know the salvation of God and all the lands have reason to "Shout to the Lord."

Second Reading: Paul writes to Timothy from prison and uses his situation to give a perspective on the power of the Word of God. He boldly proclaims that the "word of God is not chained." This statement is intended to give courage to those who will proclaim their own testimony of the Risen Lord. Their salvation lies in believing that those who have died with the Lord will also reign with him in glory.

Gospel: The healing of the ten lepers is another story in Luke's account that proclaims the intervention of God in the struggle of those who seek relief from human events. The narrative bears testimony to the compassion of God for those unjustly left on the edges of society through no fault of their own. But there is a concluding teaching for all of us: giving thanks for God's great love is also expected.

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.

EDUCATION SUNDAY – 16th October 2016

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, then becoming a Foundation Governor, Representative or Director could be just the thing for you. Schools across the Diocese are looking for willing volunteers. See noticeboard or contact Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk

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