

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 29 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. Roger and Nevarte Pace, RIP
Sunday 22 ^{NT} 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
Monday St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday ST LUKE	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday St Paul of the Cross	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St John Paul II	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the Parish
23 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTIETH 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.

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 - £ 271.11
CAFOD Harvest fast Day - £285.01

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

THIS WEEK – Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust)
NEXT WEEK – World Mission Sunday (Missio)

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The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is 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

Liturgy as prayer: Of course we all understand that liturgy is prayer. There are a number of indicators within the liturgy itself. For example, before the collect and at the post-Communion prayer the presider specifically invites us to pray: "Let us pray." The heart of the Liturgy of the Eucharist is called the Eucharistic prayer. The universal prayer (prayer of the faithful) concludes the Liturgy of the Word. We pray together the Our Father, probably one of the first prayers we learned as children.

In the liturgy we pray as *one body*, the Body of Christ. By praying with one voice, we lift up a single prayer to God. Because we are this community, the liturgical prayer doesn't depend on any one individual's ability to pray or not during a particular liturgy. It is as though we are holding each other up and enabling one another to remain strong and persistent in prayer. The constant repetition of liturgy throughout the world is a constant reminder of the persistence of the prayer of the Body of Christ.

Another consideration of understanding liturgy as a single, seamless prayer is that the liturgy has an invariable structure. Individual elements may change and vary somewhat from liturgy to liturgy, but the essential structure is the same. This invariability enables us to surrender to the action and in that surrender both encounter with God and the visibility of the church as the Body of Christ become possible. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the overall sentiments of liturgy are praise and thanksgiving. With these attitudes we glorify God and offer our worship, and thus strengthen our relationship with God and each other. All the individual prayer – yes, even the petitionary prayer – redounds to praise and thanksgiving. All prayer converges on our acknowledging God's splendour and being grateful for the gift of divine Presence and loving divine/human relationship.

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 this weekend is for Pact.**

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his official charity for overseas mission. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, celebration and care for the mission of the Church. By supporting World Mission Sunday you are directly helping missionaries in Rwanda and around the world to help heal the broken-hearted. You will be able to Gift Aid all donations by using envelopes provided by Missio. Thank you.

CAFOD HARVESTFAST DAY – FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2016

This Harvest Fast Day our parish raised £285.01 for CAFOD. Thank you for your generous support and prayers. Your support means more of our brothers and sisters across the world will have the materials and training they need to be able to grow enough food for their families. Please continue to pray for this work and for the gifts of God's earth to be shared by all.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The militaristic tone of this passage should not detract from the underlying meaning of the text. Moses, Joshua, Aaron, and Hur all play prominent roles in the life of God's people. Although God is not mentioned in this passage, the author's perspective is that God intends to protect the chosen people. When Moses raises his hands the Israelites prevail, but it is the power of the Lord God who acts through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm 120: The Psalmist proclaims the all encompassing providence of God. God, "the Guard of Israel" never sleeps; there is no time when God is not present to take care of the one who pays. Every journey, "your going and your coming" is under the protection of the Lord who "has made heaven and earth."

Second Reading: Paul continues to instruct and encourage Timothy in preaching the Word of God. Paul reminds Timothy that all of Scripture is inspired by God; here Paul is referring to the writings of the Old Testament. Paul understood that Jesus came to fulfil the Scriptures and that persistence in proclaiming the Word of God was his primary responsibility. He urges Timothy to make it his as well.

Gospel: The reader of today's story is easily caught up in the plea of the widow for a just hearing from the judge. Her persistence is admirable and Jesus turns the encounter into a lesson on prayer. The actions of the dishonest and unwilling judge are contrasted with the just and speedy response by God to the pleas of the "chosen." Jesus states that such prayer comes from faith.

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: What is the role?

- Governing Bodies operate at a strategic level
- They are tasked with upholding the Catholic vision and character of the school
- They hold the Headteacher and senior leaders to account
- They oversee the financial performance of the school

Who are we looking for?

- People who can commit to around 10/12 hours per month (this could be day or evening depending upon the school)
- People who have a wide range of knowledge and skills – you don't have to have worked in a school or be an ex-teacher. We are looking for people with experience in Finance, HR and business – but training is offered to all!

What should you do if you are interested?

- See Fr Andy after Mass, There are some postcards for you to complete your details for further information
- Email Debbie Main at NORES – main@nores.org.uk
- If you'd like to serve on a particular school, let Fr Andy know, and he'll find out if there are any vacancies.

See noticeboard or contact Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk NORES is the Office for Religious Education, Evangelisation, Catechesis & Schools in the Diocese of Northampton