

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

CHRIST THE KING

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday 31 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the Parish</i>
Sunday CHRIST THE KING	8.00am	Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)</i>
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Manon Somasuntharam, RIP, Rec. deceased</i>
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. In thanksgiving</i>
Tuesday ALL SAINTS – Holy Day of Obligation	9.30am	Mass – <i>with Our Lady's School in Church</i>
Wednesday ALL SOULS	9.30am*	Mass
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
Friday St Charles Borromeo	7.00pm	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.00am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11am	Confessions
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the Parish</i>
25 th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)</i>
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

There will be **NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY** this Sunday. It will resume next weekend.

NOVEMBER – The Month of Holy Souls

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins", observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46) Lists and envelopes for all those whom you wish be remembered in our prayers at Mass during the month of November are available in the porch.

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 - £ 290.50
 World Mission Sunday / Missio - £233.76

SECOND COLLECTION:
 NEXT WEEK – Bishop's Maintenance Fund

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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

Change and liturgy: Change is generally a good thing – it indicates growth and desire for change is a witness that the liturgical assembly has grown deeper in their relationship with God and each other. Change is a fact of life and of liturgy! Change is good and necessary. But too much change too often in liturgy can actually work against fruitful liturgy.

After a change (especially something rather major), we must give ourselves time to "settle in" and make the change a natural part of the rhythm of our ritual celebrations. If we are always adjusting to something new during liturgy it is very difficult to internalise the fruits of liturgy. We must give ourselves time to "settle in," not in the sense of becoming complacent or resting easy (liturgy is always hard work) or getting sloppy, but in the sense of having the luxury of fine-tuning what changes we have introduced. As we grow in familiarity with our rituals we are free to enter more deeply into the liturgical mystery itself. While change is necessary and good for the rhythm of our liturgies, novelty and innovation (especially for their own sakes or just to hold people's interest) generally work against good liturgy. We must always remember that liturgy is given an essential ritual structure that has been tested through the centuries of tradition and this structure must be respected. It ensures that we are maximising liturgy's purpose to make present the paschal mystery and that we are celebrating with the whole church.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The author of this text addresses the Lord as Creator of the whole universe. There is an immensity about the Creator that is described through a contrast with creation as a grain or a drop of dew. This contrast serves to instil awe at the greatness of God's love of all that is created and to offer praise of God who has placed "your imperishable spirit" in all things.

Responsorial Psalm 144 is a hymn of praise for the gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The psalmist prays that all the works of God give thanks; among these works would be the work of creation. The works of God are personified as "friends" and they in turn bless the Lord whose holiness is found in them.

Second Reading: Paul assures the brothers and sisters in Thessalonica that he constantly prays for them to be steadfast in their calling as disciples. Though Paul brought the word of Jesus Christ to them, he reminds them that their calling has come from God. It is the grace of God that will give them strength; they have no need to be "excited" in their gathering in the Lord's name.

Gospel: Luke recounts for us the delightful story of Jesus inviting himself to the home of Zacchaeus. It is one of the many teaching stories of Jesus that takes place in connection with a meal. The presence of Jesus in his house moves Zacchaeus to repent of his wrong doing and promise to change his life. The grumbling of the crowd leads Jesus to state his mission "to seek out and to save what was lost."

Do you care about Catholic education?

Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If do, 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.

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