

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD**

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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday of Holy Week	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday of Holy Week	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)	NO MASS	
Maundy Thursday	(11.00am)	Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral NN2 6AG)
	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord
Holy Saturday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.00pm	Easter Vigil in the Lord's Resurrection
Easter Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
EASTER SUNDAY	10.00am	Mass of Easter Day – Int. People of the parish

HOLY WEEK and EASTER LITURGY TIMES

The details of our Holy Week and Easter Liturgy Times for all the churches in are Pastoral Area are available in the porch. Please take a copy for your home!

Please do try and join us for the Liturgies of the HOLY TRIDUUM: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. There are many tasks required to ensure that our liturgies celebrated are profound and meaningful. Taking on a ministerial task during a particular liturgy can help enrich and deepen the experience of the ritual. If you can help, please consider signing up on the signup sheets on the noticeboard.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children's Liturgy sessions are taking a break for the next couple of Sundays. There are selection of Children's books in the baskets in the porch. There are also colouring sheets and pens for the children – please return the books and pens after Mass.



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £281.91
Easter Flowers - £206.69
Easter Sunday Offertory is your Easter gift for the parish clergy

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to begin contributing to our parish through the Gift Aid through numbered envelope or by Standing

APRIL 2017 edition of The Vine

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

To Honour Mary

Saturday 10th June 2017

For more information speak with Fr Andy or contact Deacon Michael Fleming, Diocesan Director, by email mvf@btinternet.com

HOLY WEEK POSTERS

For display in the windows of our homes are available. The Knights of St Columba have made these posters to help promote the importance of the Events that took place during the last week of Christ's earthly life. Please take a poster to display in your home.



MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The Bishop's Council for Catechesis has organised a day with Fr John Hamer, MHM on Exploring the Prayer of the Church which we hope will be of interest to many in our parishes. 13 May 2017, 10.30am – 3.30pm Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Hall (Damian Hall), High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA. See leaflet on noticeboard.

Lent 2017 - Mary's Meals Backpack Project

The charity **Mary's Meals** provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day, attracting them to the classroom and giving hope for a brighter future free from poverty. We are a global grassroots movement with fundraising groups springing up in countless countries, all working together to feed the next child in 13 nations around the world!

As a Parish project during this season of Lent we here at Our Lady's Church have decided to join Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We invite you to join us in this endeavour.

The Backpack Project compliments the school feeding project by providing children with items that help to support their education. We fill a backpack with basic educational and hygiene items, for sending to students who receive Mary's Meals. The difference these gifts make is phenomenal. Good quality, second-hand items are ideal.

Mary's Meals has a simple mission: a fruit of prayer and a work of love. 'By feeding the world's poorest children, we allow them to experience God's Mercy, too. The meals draw them into the classroom where they gain an education that can set them free from poverty.'

So far, we have filled 19 backpacks. Thank you to those who have taken time to gather and pack what is needed. Please continue to bring your backpack to church during Lent. We have also received cash donations which we will use to provide more backpacks.

Take home a leaflet or visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to see the list of items needed for every Mary's Meals backpack.

CONFESSIONS & PENITENTIAL SERVICES

On Monday 10th April at 7.00pm there will be a Service of Reconciliation at **St Augustine's Church**, in High Wycombe (HP13 6NZ) with visiting priests for individual Confession.

Celebrate the joy of the Easter Season of 50 days, *Walk with Me* prayer booklets are available at cost of £1.00.

There are also Easter Season Calendars with daily thoughts and activities at a price of £0.50.

Lectionary for Mass

The Gospel at the Procession: Jesus' entry into Jerusalem has all the markings of a royal procession. He takes charge of the arrangement; animals are requisitioned for him to ride on; his own disciples spread their cloaks along the way of the procession while others cut branches to mark the route. The frenzy of the crowd was indicative of the arrival of a person of some importance. Matthew states that the Scriptures were being fulfilled as the shouts of the crowd name Jesus as the son of David, the one for whom they had been waiting.

First Reading: The prophet's particular ministry is to speak the word of the Lord; his gift is a "disciple's tongue." Every day the word of the Lord comes to him; proclamations rouse the people, encouraging them to hear the word and live by it. But another reaction ensues. He is insulted and abused. But he stands firm, affirming his trust in the Lord. He will not be deterred from his ministry. The choice of this text for today has an obvious reference to the situation of Jesus who was persecuted for what he said and what he did.

Responsorial Psalm 21: The psalm is both a lament and a expression of praise. The psalmist, like the figure in Isaiah, is a suffering servant. His tormentors are described in excoriating detail, but no reason is given as to why he is attacked and ridiculed. But the commitment of the psalmist is unshaken; he professes his trust in the Lord and boldly states that he will continue "to tell of your name to my brethren." The reference to his garments being divided and lots being cast for them is quoted by John in his account of Jesus' Passion.

Second Reading: Paul offers a Christological reflection. In the first part he describes the divine-human nature of Jesus. Although Jesus was "in the form of God" he took on the human form of a slave; he "humbled himself" and became obedient "to the point of death." This Jesus did willingly, surrender-action of God is described in the second part of the text. Jesus is exalted and his name placed above every other name; every tongue, every knee will honour him.

The Gospel: Matthew's Passion narrative is a series of events that unfold in several locations. As Jesus and his disciples move from one situation to the next it becomes obvious that Jesus is in charge of the events, surrendering to the outcome of the actions of others. He is not a victim but a servant choosing to do the will of the Father. This supreme expression of love, for the Father, for his followers and for us is the heart of this narrative. The authorities secure the tomb and post a guard. The Gospel reader knows what the authorities did not know; even these measures would not contain the plan of God.

COMPASS YOUTH CLUB

The Compass Youth Club for primary school children was held in Our Lady's School until January this year. We are now trying to get it reopened in the near future, but we need many helpers. There will be a meeting in the Guild Room this coming Tuesday evening 4th at 8pm.