

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWELFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

3RD SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST



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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

3rd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Irenaeus</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday SS PETER & PAUL	9.30am*	Mass
	11.00am*	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
4th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

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. **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.



This Thursday the Church celebrates
the Solemn Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.
A Holy Day of Obligation.



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.

UNVEILING CAFOD – Would you like a better understanding of CAFOD's history, values and work including how your donations are used? Then come and join us on Tuesday 27th June, 7 for 7.30pm prompt start till 9.30pm. A presentation for all in the Pastoral Area in St Aidan's Parish Hall, Finch Lane, Little Chalfont, HP7 9NE. *All are welcome at this meeting so please join us.*

About Liturgy

Proclaiming the gospel: In Mass with a deacon, he is to proclaim the gospel, announce the intentions at the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful), and speak the dismissal at the end of Mass (he does other tasks as well, but these three will be our focus here). In a real way these aspects of the deacon's liturgical ministry are connected and help us understand better Jesus' command in this gospel to "speak in the light" and "proclaim on the housetops."

The proclamation of the gospel must be more than speaking and hearing words. The proclamation is to be *lived*. Living the gospel is what truly makes the proclamation authentic. Beyond liturgy, the deacon's ministry is that of service. Hence, he is one in the community who knows the needs of people, for he is serving them. It is these needs that the focus of the intentions of our prayer. His dismal urges us to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord" or "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." Both of these newly composed dismissals chosen by Pope Benedict XVI and included in *The Roman Missal* alert us to not just *hearing* the gospel, but *living* it. We are to go forth to live our celebration.

The Trustees of the **Chiltern Child Contact Centre (CCCC)** are holding their **Sixth Annual General Meeting** on **Tuesday 4th July at 7.30pm** at **Amersham Free Church**, Woodside Road, Amersham. There will be a talk by Peter Spencer JP about the work of the Family Court. The invitation is open to all.

The Family Court focuses on the needs and best interests of children and is very different to the Adult Criminal court. This Family Court presentation was developed to inform people about what the Family Court does, in layman's language, and to try to dispel some of the myths and preconceptions that exist about the role of the Family Court and how it operates.

The CCCC has been running for 6 years, set up to provide a safe space for the non-resident parent to see their children after a marriage breakup, if for various reasons they are unable to see their children at their home. Without this facility many children would lose touch with one parent to the great detriment of both children and parents. The CCCC is held fortnightly at the Amersham Free Church (AFC) and is run by volunteers with a Coordinator who receives a small honorarium. The supported families mostly come from our local area and we are part of a network with other centres at Aylesbury, Tring, Hemel Hempstead and High Wycombe.

Our Lady's Parish has been approached about supporting the work of the CCCC Charity from 2018 by providing approximately £2000 to the charity. Is this something that our parish would like to support? Would we be able to raise this sum annually? Fr Andy would welcome your thoughts and ideas on supporting this project in our community.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The prophet finds himself in a terrifying situation: he is surrounded by whispered threats and violence, and his friends have become his enemies. But he refuses to be afraid, and instead turns to God. The prophet does not rely on himself for rescue: he trusts to God, who not only will vindicate him in the end, but walks with him even now.

Responsorial Psalm 68 is the song of one whose obedience to God's will brings him only insult and danger. He prays to God for kindness, help, and mercy. The last verses call on all the "servants in their chains" to do the same, trusting in God who hears their prayers (68:34).

Second Reading: Paul contrasts Adam and Christ – sin and grace. Since Adam and Eve, sin has been inextricable from the human condition. The Mosaic Law did not take away sin, but rather made its presence more clear by measuring or "accounting" it. But with the coming of Christ, this pattern is broken forever, as grace overflows, healing the sin of the world.

The Gospel Jesus knows that his disciples will experience much of what Jeremiah experienced in today's First Reading: abandonment, persecution, fear. He reminds them not to be afraid, but to trust in the all-present, all-loving God who is always with them. The most important thing is to let nothing deter them from proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

Liturgy and Life (i) How could you begin to trust in the Lord to be your champion as Jeremiah did? (ii) When you are troubled, do you pray that you will be able to put fear aside and trust that your life is in God's hands?

Diocese of Northampton – Liturgy Commission
**Day for those who work with CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD**

Saturday 30 September 2017 10.30am – 1pm
NORES Centre, 22 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD
See noticeboard for booking leaflets

WE NEED MORE HELP!

We *urgently* need more **helpers to clean** the Church on Friday mornings (or at another time, if that is more convenient to you). Could you spare just one hour once a month?

We also need a **least two new teams** of two unrelated people to help count the offertory collection once a month after Sunday Mass, this takes approximately 40 minutes. Do you think you are able to help? If so, please speak with Fr Andy

Pact, the Catholic charity for prisoners and their families, (www.prisonadvice.org.uk) is offering free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience necessary. To find out more contact ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk All enquires welcome.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £177.71

DAY FOR LIFE – £224.07

Thank you for your generosity

New Offertory Envelope Boxes are available in the porch. Please take the box with your name printed on the label. If you would like to begin supporting the parish through envelopes please speak with Fr Andy.

JUNE 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.