

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THIRTEEN SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Anne Skinner (sick)
Monday ST THOMAS, Apostle	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday St Elizabeth of Portugal	9.30am	Mas
Wednesday Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving intention
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>5th Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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.



Our **prayers and condolences** to the family of **Denis Beckwith**, who died on 26<sup>th</sup> June. His Funeral Mass is arranged on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 11am the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden.

Also, to the family of **Doreen Gorman**, whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 11am at Chilterns Crematorium.

May they both rest in peace and share in the glory of Christ Resurrection. Please keep Denis and Doreen and their families in your prayers this week.



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

**Ordinary Time journey:** Although we have been in Ordinary Time since Pentecost, we've really celebrated it one Sunday since then (the two Sundays after Pentecost were the solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Where the Lectionary picks up this Sunday is fortuitous, for it readily captures the intent of Ordinary Time: to walk with Jesus on his paschal journey, indicated by the poignant phrases "take up his cross" and "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

The colour of Ordinary Time is green, the same as that of nature during the period of life and growth. As we journey deeper into the paschal mystery during these months, it is good for us to keep the life-giving aspect of this time of the year in mind. What Ordinary Time is about is our walking with Jesus to Jerusalem and salvation. It is through the dying and rising mystery that we receive the Life of God within us and deepen it each time we celebrate liturgy.

The Trustees of the **Chiltern Child Contact Centre (CCCC)** are holding their **Sixth Annual General Meeting** this **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CAFOD Campaign Day – Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor.** You are warmly invited to our Day on Wednesday **12 July** at 7pm for **7:30pm – 8:30pm**. Holy Ghost Parish Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Beech Hill, **LUTON** LU4 8JD We will hear from **Fr Peter Hughes**, an Irish Columban priest from County Mayo who has spent most of his life as a missionary based in Lima, Peru. As well as his work in some of the most desperately impoverished communities in Lima, We will also receive an update on our latest campaign action **Power To Be**. All are very welcome. To confirm your place, please get in touch [dpurfield@cafod.org.uk](mailto:dpurfield@cafod.org.uk) or 01844 274 723.

## 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

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** Prophets are more often running for their lives than receiving a warm welcome, but this reading from 2 Kings gives us an example of the latter situation. A widow in Shunem welcomes Elisha warmly, and even provides him with his own room so that he can feel at home whenever he wishes to visit. Her hospitality is rewarded: the prophet tells her that she will soon have the son she has long wished for.

**Responsorial Psalm 89** is the song of people who know and rejoice in the faithfulness of God. The psalm, which speaks of God's praise echoing through the generations, is the joyful response to the good news at the end of the First Reading – the birth of a child.

**Second Reading:** We continue reading of St. Paul's letter to the Romans with a key passage about Baptism which is also read at the great Easter Vigil. Baptism is nothing less than death and life.

Through Baptism, we die with Christ, and share in the power of his Resurrection from the dead. We are not the same anymore: and we need to live like the new redeemed people that we are.

**The Gospel** Jesus warns his Apostles what to expect before he sends them out to proclaim the Gospel. This will be no easy task and it requires a commitment beyond anything else in their lives, a bond even stronger than that between parent and child. And yet, the rewards are beyond measure, too, not only for the Apostles, but for all who help them: "whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet he will receive a prophet's reward," Jesus says, alluding to today's First Reading. The women who welcomed Elisha out of love of God was rewarded beyond her imagining. When we welcome others in the name of Christ, we welcome Christ himself.

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

## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £210.91

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**THIS WEEK – Peter's Pence**

**NEXT WEEK – Apostleship of the Sea**

*Thank you for your generosity*

If you would like to begin supporting the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly through your bank, please speak with Fr Andy.

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**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.*