

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Victor Thangarajah, RIP (anni.)
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
	1.00pm	Marriage of Vicky Banfield and Edward Cooper
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SIXTHTEENTH 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.

I publish the **banns of marriage** between *Vicky Ann Banfield* of Wandsworth, London and *Edward Anthony Cooper* of Wandsworth, London.

This is the *third* time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it. We pray for these for *Vicky and Edward* as they prepare for their wedding on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017.

Fr Andy Ollard

## About Liturgy

**Interpreting Scriptures:** This Sunday's gospel is one example of a parable including an interpretation by Jesus. His interpretation at the end of the gospel is part of the conversation he has with his disciples about who is able to *listen* to Jesus' message. In this interpretative context, then, Jesus' explanation of the parable centres around who can listen and who cannot.

Although an interpretation of the parable is actually given in the gospel itself, interpreting Scripture need not be strictly limited to such explanations which more like arose from the community where the gospel text was written than from the mouth of Jesus himself. Scripture truly is the word of God, yet it always has layers and layers of meaning and this is why year after year we keep coming back to these Scripture passages.

The nature of Jesus' parables is to be evocative. Parables have many layers of meaning, which is why we can come back to them over and over and still learn from them. While we surely do not discount the interpretation given in the gospels for some of Jesus' parables, we must keep in mind that the cultural and community context which gave rise to that particular interpretation is of another time and people. These given interpretations might tweak our imaginations to think in other ways about the word Jesus is giving us.

Consequently, there are different, legitimate approaches to understanding the gospel parables. While acknowledging the interpretation of the parable given by the early community where the gospel text arose, the Lectionary structure suggests that this is not the only possible interpretation and application of the parable. Indeed, all the interpretations together keep opening up new meanings of God's word for us so that it can achieve "the end for which [God] sent it" (first reading).

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

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** This wonderful passage from Isaiah about the power of God's Word is also heard at the Easter Vigil. When the rain and snow fall to the earth, they make something happen: plants and trees and all creatures live and grow. That is what God's Word is like: it is effective, making things grow and change in us, achieving what God wills.

**Responsorial Psalm 64** is a beautiful song of God's care for creation, echoing the natural imagery of the First Reading.

**Second Reading:** God does not care only for human beings, but for all of his creation, and all of creation has a share in the redemption of the world through Christ. Through our Baptism, we are already God's children, set free from our slavery to sin, but we have received only "first fruits," not the fulfilment of all God's promises. All of creation is in this waiting mode, and we look to a time when not only ourselves, but the whole world, will be redeemed.

**Gospel:** Today's Gospel gives us the familiar parable of the sower followed by Jesus' explanation of the parable to the disciples. When the disciples ask Jesus why he speaks in parables, he responds in words that are like another parable: "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away." The imagery and language of the parable is like a veil, which both conceals and reveals the shape beneath. It is not enough to hear the Word and seeking understanding: when we do this, God opens our minds and grants us wisdom – makes us rich.

Annual Christian Praise in the Park

**Lowndes Park Chesham Sunday 16 July 2.30-4.30pm**

A great afternoon out!

## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £177.15

*Apostleship of the Sea* - £159.76

*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.

**JULY 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.

## Statement for the Parishes in the three Pastoral Areas of Aylesbury, Mid Bucks and South East Bucks

Following the visitation of the three Pastoral Areas and the meetings with clergy and people in each Pastoral Area, the Bishop, after consultation with all the clergy, has decided the following: That the three Pastoral Areas will be reconfigured as two Pastoral Areas. That Great Missenden will become part of the South East Bucks Pastoral Area and will be served by the priest at Chesham That the Parishes of Haddenham and Long Crendon and Princes Risborough will become part of the Aylesbury Pastoral Area together with Wendover which will be served by the priest at Bedgrove The new configuration will take effect from the weekend of 23/24 September 2017. Bishop Peter prays for God's blessing on the new configuration and asks for a positive response from all the communities involved and especially from the Parish of Great Missenden and Wendover which now divides with a priest no longer being resident in Great Missenden.

7 July 2017

**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



Father Mark Floody is delighted to share with us that due to recent gifts and pledges received, the Cathedral development campaign total has reached over £2.29m. This includes donations from the Cathedral community, parishes like ours, local supporters and grant-making trusts. For further information about the project and how you can lend your support, if you haven't done so already, please visit the Cathedral website at: <http://northamptoncathedral.org/the-cathedral/cathedral-centre> where you can watch a video presentation about the proposed Cathedral Centre.

The Campaign Office is based in Bishop's House and Angela Madge, the Campaign Administrator, will be happy to hear from you. Angela can be contacted on 01604 712065 or via email: [cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com)