

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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13<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Denis Sylvester, RIP
Monday <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM</b>	9.30am	Mass
<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	7.00pm	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 – Int. Elizabeth Richardson, RIP, anni.
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am.	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Bernadette Woods, RIP

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Is taking a break during the school holidays. It will continue in September.

There are special 'Look' Activity Sheets for our children based on the Scripture Readings for today. Do take a copy for the children to work on during Mass, or to take home.



### A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer  
in whatever you do and wherever you go.  
May you talk to God this summer and every day  
and in every situation.  
May you talk with God every day.



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

**Faith and creed:** The ancient name for a creed is *symbolum* – the formula of profession recapitulates (is a symbol for) the mysteries of your faith which we celebrate in the Eucharist (see GIRM 67). Following immediately after the silence after the homily, the Creed is our *response* to our encounter with Christ in the Liturgy of the World. Parallel with today's gospel account, in the proclamation of the gospel (and in the other readings as well since they accord with the gospel), we hear the challenge of Jesus' walking towards us and bidding us to come to him; the recitation of the Creed is our response to Jesus' bid to come. It symbolises our readiness to hand our lives over to him in faith, trust, and confidence.

The Nicene Creed (the usual creed recited on Sundays and solemnities) recounts the works of all the persons of the Trinity, but the centrepiece of the Creed is a profound profession of Christ's divinity. The rubrics prescribe that we bow our heads while reciting the line "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, / and became man." In addition to helping us keep our minds on what we are saying, this gesture is an act of homage towards the divine Son who announced his identity as "I AM," one with God from all eternity.



### Prayer for the summer break

Lord God, We put ourselves into Your hands,  
and pray that You will bless us  
and our families during the wonderful months of summer.  
May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy,  
love, peace and safety.  
May we be generous and considerate,  
not thinking only about ourselves,  
but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** Elijah takes shelter at Mount Horeb – also called Mount Sinai – where he is to meet God. But this appearance of God is not like the first, when God made himself known to the Israelites in fire, cloud, and trumpet blast. Elijah lets the wind, the earthquake, and the fire pass by. But when he hears "a tiny whispering sound" he covers his face in reverence, and goes to the mouth of the cave to encounter God not in storm but in stillness.

**Responsorial Psalm 85** is one of the psalms associated with Advent, when we look to the coming of the Lord. Today, its praise of the God who speaks of peace resonates with the First Reading.

**Second Reading:** St Paul began life as a devout Jew, before his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus changed everything for him. In this passage from Romans, we can sense the anguish he feels that his fellow Jews have not accepted Christ. He would even trade his own hope of salvation for theirs! But God's ways are mysterious: they are Israelites, the children of the promise, Paul says, and God does not go back on his promises to his people.

**Gospel:** Jesus sends the disciples across the water and then spends some time in prayer. Late that night, he comes walking towards them in the midst of a storm. Peter confidently steps out on the water and begins walking towards Jesus, but soon is overwhelmed by doubt and fear. In Jesus' power over the water and the wind, the disciples recognise his divine power. Do we recognise God's presence in the calm as well as the storm?

On Tuesday, the Church celebrates the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

*Holyday of Obligation.*

The day we celebrate the promises of God expressed fully in the life of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. God invites us to eternal life, to enjoy the glorious new creation of his Son in body, soul, and spirit. Our final hope is the resurrection of our own bodies at the end of time to exist forever in this new order of creation.

The Solemnity of the Assumption is our great celebration of this final hope. Mary is a pioneer for us in faith. She was the first among us to accept Jesus Christ into her life. In her bodily Assumption, she is also the first to fully enjoy eternal life. In the bodily Assumption, she is also the first to fully enjoy eternal life at the side of her risen Son in the glory of heaven.



## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £360.40

*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.

**AUGUST 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.