

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>St Augustine</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday <i>Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
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>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish



## 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.

## 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



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

**Liturgy and the identity of Christ:** Each liturgy includes numerous times when we acknowledge the identity and Presence of Christ. For example, we begin Mass each time with the sign of the cross – an acknowledgement not simply of the Presence of “Christ, the Son of the living God,” but of the other two persons of the Trinity as well. Even more telling is our language preceding and concluding the proclamation of the gospel. In both acclamations we utter praise: “Glory to you, O Lord”; “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” It is telling that we use second person pronouns in these two acclamations: *you* (we don’t do so at the conclusion of the first and second readings). Our language itself is saluting the very person of Christ whom we address as really present to us in this assembly, during this gospel proclamation, during the Mass.

The gospel acclamations say something more: by our *common* acknowledgement of the Presence of Christ in the very proclamation of the gospel. We also are binding ourselves together as one community; the “glue” that binds us is none other than our shared identity as the Body of Christ which we ourselves proclaim by acknowledging Christ’s Presence. The proclamation of the gospel is a particular moment for building up the Body of Christ, the church!



The latest edition of Missio magazine, **Mission Today** is now available on the table in the porch. Would all Red Box holders to church for emptying and counting? For more details please contact Greta Jeffreys Tel; 01494 722792.

## 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.

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 would be able to help? If so, please speak with Fr Andy

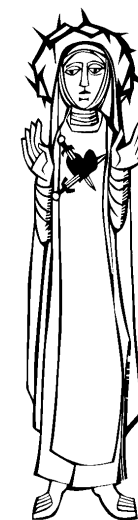
## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The First Reading describes the transfer of authority as Shebna is removed from his high post, master of the palace, and a new leader, Eliakim, put in his place and invested with all his power. God is the giver of authority.

**Responsorial Psalm:** In Psalm 137, we ask God to be involved in our lives, to stay with his creation and continue to bless “the work of your hands.”

**Second Reading:** This wonderful meditation on the mystery of God concludes the sequence of readings we have heard about the Jewish people. God’s ways are beyond our understanding. We can only wonder and trust in the wisdom of God.

**Gospel:** In the First Reading, God chose Eliakim as a leader for his people. Here, Jesus chooses Peter. Peter is chosen not because of his leadership potential – Just two Sundays ago, who boldly stepped out into the lake, but whose confidence quickly faded at the sight of the waves. Rather, Peter is chosen because he has learned to listen to the voice of God – for it is through God that Peter is able to recognise Jesus as the Christ. Peter is called the “rock,” but the strength of the Church built upon him does not come from Peter, but rather from God.



## September – Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

On 15<sup>th</sup> September, the Church observes a memorial honouring Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows. “*And a sword will pierce your own soul, too.*” Simeon told Mary when she presented the child Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth (Luke 2:35). That prophecy was fulfilled when Mary stood at the foot of her Son’s Cross, sharing his bitter suffering. During this month of September, we honour Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. This month, let us bring to Mary all our sorrows, knowing that she understands what it is to suffer. This month is a good time to draw closer to Mary by meditating on the great hymn to the Mother of Sorrows, *Stabat mater*, or “*At the Cross of her Station Keeping*,” In this beautiful prayer, we ask for the grace to feel with Mary, to share her sorrows.

## Money Matters

Last Week’s Offertory Collection – £247.31

*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.