

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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8th October 2017
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

18th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

18th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Valdimir Tkac, RIP, recently died
Monday <i>St Denis</i>	NO MASS	
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Wednesday <i>St John XXIII</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Friday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Saturday <i>St Callistus</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
19th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of parish

Today is prisoners' Sunday. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and their children. Prisoners' Sunday offers an important opportunity to open our hearts to those members of our community who may be in crisis and to be there for those who most need our support. This year our focus is **'We Press On – Together, in Hope'**. For more information please see www.prisonadvice.org.uk.

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Has now returned following the school holidays. **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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Applications are requested for preparations for **First Reconciliation** (Confession) and **First Holy Communion** in **Our Lady's Parish**. Candidates must be in at least school year 3. Please take some time to complete the signup sheet in the porch. There are also Signup sheets for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** and for those who are considering **becoming a Catholic**. **Applications close TODAY Sunday 8th October 2017.**



About Liturgy

Fruit of the vine: The image of the vineyard and tenants and fruit might lead us to think that the fruit we are to produce as faithful disciples is something that only occurs in the future. In fact, God has already given us the fruit of the vine and with this the strength we need to produce even more abundant fruit. This image of "fruit of the vine" can have many meanings, one of them being the good works we perform for others in our daily living. More specifically with respect to Mass, we are offered the "fruit of the vine" as Jesus; Precious Blood at Holy Communion.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal 281, states that Communion under both kinds "has a fuller form as a sign. It further states that the reason for this is that the new covenant was ratified in Jesus' Blood and in this the relationship between our Eucharistic banquet and the messianic banquet can more clearly be seen. Everyone should be encouraged to participate in this fuller sign of God's love for us.

THE ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

Saturday 14th October 2017

The crusade will once again take to the streets of London in honour of Our Lady in the month of the Holy Rosary. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Led by Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley.

The procession follows a route from Westminster Cathedral to the Brompton Oratory which is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At Fatima, Our Lady promised that her Immaculate Heart would triumph, but we must do our duty through prayer and sacrifice.

The Crusade will assemble at 1:45pm at Westminster Cathedral and will be finished by about 5.00pm. On arrival at the Oratory church, there will be rosary, hymns to Our Lady, a sermon, Solemn Benediction and the opportunity for enrolment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. See poster/leaflets for more details.

APF / MILL HILL RED BOXES

Empty Missio Red Boxes are now available for collection in the porch, along with the latest edition of Missio magazine, **Mission Today** is now available on the table in the porch. For more details please contact Greta Jeffreys Tel: 01494 722792.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The song of the vineyard is today's First Reading. The friend who has a vineyard is the Lord and the Lord's vineyard is Israel. The Lord had done much for Israel, yet her people at times chose to distance themselves from God. Their fruit was wild grapes, not the crop of grapes the friend desired. Now the house of Israel faces the Lord's judgement.

Responsorial Psalm 79: The refrain from the Psalm is taken from the beginning of the final verse of the first Reading. Israel is the Lord's vineyard. The verses come from Psalm 79, a communal lament of Israel's people in which they wonder why the Lord has seemingly deserted them after transplanting them out of Egypt. We hear the voice of the people plead for the Lord to once again take care of them. For their part, they will return to God and remain faithful.

Second Reading: Paul encourages the Philippians to make their requests known to God in prayer. Since they are able to petition God, the Philippians need to have no anxiety. God's peace in Christ Jesus will safeguard them. In addition, Paul lists the virtues to which Christ Jesus calls the Philippians: good, pure, love, honour, purity, love, and graciousness. Whatever is praiseworthy is their calling. To live in this manner is to know the peace of God residing within us.

Gospel: The Sunday's Gospel reading is another parable and a continuous reading from where the parable of last Sunday's Gospel left off. The landowner and the vineyard in the parable provide obvious parallels with the first Reading; the Servants the landowner sends represent the prophet's whose message the people often did not heed. The son whom the tenants kill foreshadows Jesus' Death at the hands of the authorities. Jesus' citation of Psalm 118 reveals that his Death is not the end. Through his Resurrection he lays the cornerstone for the Kingdom of God, a kingdom for those disciples willing to produce its fruit.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £196.80

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:
CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY**

Thank you for your generosity

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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.

JOB VACANCY – LAY CHAPLAIN AT ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, HIGH WYCOMBE

For information Pack and Application Forms please contact: Magdalena Powell, PA to Headteacher, St Michael's Catholic School, Dows Hill Lane, High Wycombe, HP11 1PW Tel. (01494) 895801. mpowell2@bucksqfl.org.uk or download the information from the school website: <http://www.stmichaels.bucks.sch.uk/vacancies.html>

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day was Friday 6th October 2017

This harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, and give what you can.

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

MEETING OF YOUNG PEOPLE REOPENING OF YOUTH CLUB

For a number of reasons, following five very successful months of operation, the Compass Youth Club ceased to function at the beginning of this year. Since then, efforts have been made to re-launch it, if not on the same basis, then, on a model that suits the wishes of those involved. With this in mind, there will be a **preliminary meeting at Our Lady's School at 1pm on Sunday 29th October**. Neil Roseman, of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (NYMO), will be in attendance.

All young people in the parish of secondary school age, and those currently in year 6, are invited to attend this meeting and provide their views as to how to relaunch the Club.. Refreshments will be provided. The views of the young people are critical to the re-launch of the Youth Group in our Pastoral Area, so their attendance at this meeting is strongly encouraged. Brian Shelley bonding8@btinternet.com.