

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

22nd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Ron Wilkinson, RIP
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Leo the Great</i>	12.30pm	Funeral Mass – Sarah De Camps, RIP
Saturday <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am	Mass
Armistice Day	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
23rd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Children's Liturgy is taking a break this week – it will be back next Sunday!
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.

Meeting with families preparing for FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for parents and children after
10am Mass **NEXT SUNDAY 12th November 2017.** Please make every effort to attend.

Our Prayers and condolences to Margaret **Casserley**, on the death of her husband, **Richard**, on 19th October 2017. Also to the family of **Sarah De Camps**, who died on last Tuesday (her funeral Mass has been arranged at 12.30pm on Friday 10th November at 12.30pm at Our Lady's Church). *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £202.70
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – £20.00 (£293.26)

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:
BISHOP'S MAINTENANCE FUND
Thank you for your generosity

NOVEMBER 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.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians tells us of the nature of St. Paul's teaching. He and his fellow teachers were gentle, and they had affection for these followers, and they gave thanks unceasingly that the Word of God was received. It is apparent that they acted as imitators of Christ because, as the Catechism notes, the Church teaches in the name of Christ (94).

Just as St. Paul spread the Gospel, evangelising peoples, so have the priests, bishops, and popes throughout the ages. As the Catechism states, Christ continues to teach us through the apostolic tradition in its varied forms (74-83).

St. Paul tells of the gentle teaching in Thessalonica. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his followers to heed the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees but not their actions. Both St. Paul and Jesus make it obvious that the teachings are not an intellectual exercise but are to be lived out. As the teachings become part of the followers' lives, they too become teachers. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (900 and 905) notes that Christians are both always learners and teachers (900, 905).

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communication of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession" (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray from them, knowing that this spiritual bond can never be broken. In the month of November, when we think celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died – those who are known to us, and those who are unknown.

DO TAKE AN ENVELOPE TO PLACE INSIDE THE LIST OF THOSE LOVED ONES YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR DURING NOVEMBER.

Sheltered Housing – St Scholastica's Retreat – VACANT Flats Available

The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £429pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden:

Deacon Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437.
Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk www.stscholasticas.co.uk

Thursday 9th November – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

St John Lateran is one of the four major basilicas in Rome, with St. Peter, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls, it is unique among the four since it (not St. Peter's) is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, the pope. "Lateran" was the name of a Roman family whose lands were seized for the Church by the Emperor Constantine, and which then became the site of a great basilica dedicated in honour of John the Baptist. For centuries, the old Lateran palace was the residence of the popes. It was only when the popes returned from Avignon exile in the 14th century that they took up residence at the Vatican. The basilica now has a triple dedication in honour of St. John the Baptist, St John the Evangelist, and our Lord. Across the front of the basilica is a Latin inscription that says, "This is the mother and head of all churches in the whole world." It is a reminder of why the dedication of this one church is celebrated by the universal Church: we are one family, one flock, and we led by one shepherd, the successor of St. Peter.

Lectionary for Mass

Today's readings are difficult to hear because they push us to examine our failures and wrongdoings. They also offer us models of humility.

In the section of Malachi that precedes the **first reading**, the prophet rails against the priests of the Jerusalem Temple who cheat God by deliberately offering inferior sacrifices and thereby dishonouring his name. The priests think God won't notice, and God is completely exasperated. This is the context for the prophet's harsh call to conversion and announcement of punishment on the priests who refuse to change their ways.

By contrast, the **responsorial psalm** expresses the humility that those who minister to God's people should have before the Holy One of God. Likewise, in the **second reading**, Paul expresses genuine care and concern for the Christian community at Thessalonica, serving them without concern for his own needs and instead praising God for the good things that have happened among them.

Today's **Gospel** follows the same theme as the first reading. Jesus, addressing both the crowds and his disciples, is depicted as denouncing the scribes and Pharisees because they want people to follow what they teach but they do not do it themselves. They like to think of themselves as important, but they fail to recognise that true greatness depends on one's willingness to serve. After his critique of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus issues some very direct instruction, presumably to the disciples – those who will be teachers and leaders.

Liturgy and Life

(1) Do you find your peace in Christ? (2) Does your life reflect the gentleness that St Paul describes? (3) Do you examine regularly whether the good deeds you perform are done partially for others' notice.

St Francis Ramblers welcome you to our ramble on **Sunday 12th November**. Meet Chesham Underground station (walkers' train due in at 09.45am). Lunch will be at The Red Lion, Chenies, WD3 6ED. Distance 11 miles finishing at Rickmansworth station. Please call Paul on 07847 282626 for more details.

The club's website: www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL
Saturday 9th December 2017 – SAVE THIS DATE!
The date has been set for this year's Parish Christmas Meal. More details will be available soon.