

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Ron Bishop, RIP, Anni.
Wednesday <i>St Albert the Great</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>St Margaret of Scotland</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Frances Mendis, RIP

## 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.



## Meeting with families preparing for FIRST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for parents and children after 10am Mass **TODAY 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017.** Please make every effort to attend.

## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Wisdom, we hear today, is “readily seen and found by those who look for her.” Seeking wisdom is encouraged through careful reading of the Bible. Quoting *Dei Verbum*, 112, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 133, explains that the Church “exhorts all Christian faithful, to learn about Christ through reading the Scriptures. In the parable from Matthew’s account of the Gospel, the Lord tells the virgins knocking at the door that he does not know them. The opportunities to come to know God through prayer, the sacraments, and Scripture are plentiful. Since no one knows the “day not the hour,” as the parable states, coming to know the Lord should not be delayed. The Catechism teaches that Christ, the great teacher, gives us important lessons to which wise readers of the Bible must pay attention. (110-119).

## 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.**

## OUR LADY’S PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year our dinner is back at the **Boot & Slipper** in **Amersham** on **Saturday 9th December** at **6.30pm**. The price is £26 per head for 3 courses or £23 for 2 courses and includes service charge as well as prizes for the traditional festive Christmas quiz. Do join us! Booking form and menu selection at front of church with box for £5 deposit required per person.

## Lectionary for Mass

In contrast to last Sunday’s readings that call us to take responsibility for our wrongdoing, this Sunday’s readings invite us to contemplate the resplendent wonder of one day being able to stand in God’s presence. The first reading is King Solomon’s description of Lady Wisdom, a personification of the Spirit of God that animates all of life and makes it possible for creation to be at one with God. Those who seek Wisdom will find her very near to them, he says, and those who allow themselves to be found by her will discover perfect understanding.

In the Second reading, Paul consoles members of the Church in Thessalonica who fear that their deceased loved ones are lost because of the delay of the Parousia (Greek, “coming,” referring to the return of Christ at the end time). Paul had a vivid idea of the Parousia and paints a delightful image of what awaits the faithful – a marvellous celebration in the sky where all awaits the faithful – a marvellous celebration in the sky where all the faithful, living and dead, revel in Christ’s presence forever. Like many early believers, he expected the Parousia to occur during his lifetime.

Today’s Gospel recounts the parable of the ten bridesmaids. Often in the Bible, wedding imagery implies the messianic banquet at the end of time. Here the bridegroom represents Christ, and the virgins likely represent Jesus’ followers, who are awaiting his return (see 2 Corinthians 11:2). Some are wise and have kept themselves ready, but others are foolish, failing to be prepared for the bridegroom’s return. While for we might feel sorry for the foolish virgins who are barred from the celebrations. Everyone must take responsibility for their readiness.

## Liturgy and Life

(1) How do we seek wisdom? (2) Do you show God appreciation for the kindnesses you have received? (3) Where does your relationship with the Lord fall on your priority list?

## Money Matters

Last Week’s Offertory Collection – £232.04

Bishop’s Maintenance Fund – £90.74

**NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION – SICK & RETIRED CLERGY FUND**

*Thank you for your generosity*

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## 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.

## REMEMBERENCE SUNDAY – ARMISTICE DAY – MARTINMAS

In the early years of the twentieth century, the Great War involved most the countries of the earth. Millions died as a result of new and terrible weapons. Everyone hoped that it was the “war to end all wars.” A very special time was chosen as the hour when the guns would fall silent and peace declared: the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. By this choice, the signers of the peace treaty suggested that humankind had waited until it was nearly too late. The war would come to be known as the First World War. The day chosen for the beginning of peace was special for another reason. It was the memorial of Saint Martin of Tours. Martin had been a soldier in the army until he laid down his weapons. His feast day: Martinmas, was a celebration of peace. That day had also been a thanksgiving festival in Europe since the Middle Ages. Now there was even more reason to be thankful. Armistice Day and Remembrance Day the Sunday closet to (11<sup>th</sup> November) became a time to honour those who died in both conflicts. All soldiers who have fought in wars during the past century – those who survived as well as those who died- are honoured.

## 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](mailto:info@stscholasticas.co.uk) [www.stscholasticas.co.uk](http://www.stscholasticas.co.uk)

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