

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PASSION SUNDAY

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Passion Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
<b>Monday ST JOSEPH</b>	9.30am	Mass
<b>Tuesday Lent Feria</b>	9.30am	Mass
<b>Wednesday Lent Feria</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Thursday Lent Feria</b>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
<b>Friday Lent Feria (St Turibius of Mogrovejo)</b>	9.00am	Mass
	5.00pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday Lent Feria</b>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>*SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Mar. Palm Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish.

\*The Solemnity of the **Annunciation** is transferred to 9 April 2018

## 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.

**Rhys, Rio, Sarah, Olivia and Alex, are preparing to receive HOLY COMMUNION for the first time this year.**

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## RECOLLECTION SERVICE

On **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm**, there will be an opportunity to celebrate a Penitential Service, with the opportunity for individual Confessions and Absolution at **The Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA, *Do make the most of these opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation both here at Our Lady's or at the other parishes in our Pastoral Area. Details are published in the HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2018 Liturgies Booklet.*

Please take a copy from the porch.



## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £146.73

Easter Flowers for Our Lady's Church – £145.38

**Thank you for your generosity**

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly through your bank, speak to Fr Andy.

**MARCH 2018 edition of The Vine**

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now 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.



**Maundy Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am Chrism Mass at Northampton Cathedral**

Clergy and people of the Northampton Diocese are invited to join Bishop Peter Doyle at the Mass of the Holy Chrism, during which the Holy Oils of the Sick and Catechumens are blessed and the Oil of Chrism is consecrated. The Mass is followed by a buffet lunch to which everyone is invited.

**Rosary on the Coast** This initiative follows on from similar well-publicized and highly successful national events in Poland and Ireland. Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm has been chosen as launch date for Rosary on the Coast in the British Isles. **More details on [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) or see poster in porch or contact Michelle Di Falco tel. (01494) 433835 email: [amdf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:amdf@hotmail.co.uk)**



## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus say, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." We continue to be drawn to Christ in the liturgy. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states: "By recalling in this way the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens up to the faithful the riches of the saving actions and the merits of her Lord, and makes them present to all times, allowing the faithful to enter into contact with them and to be filled with the grace of salvation" (102).

As Jesus celebrated the Passover with his Apostles, the Church gathers during the Sacred Paschal Triduum to celebrate the mystery of the passion, death, and Resurrection. *Paschale solemnitas* states: "The greatest mysteries of the redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Vespers of Easter Sunday. This time is called 'the Triduum of the crucified, buried and risen'; it is also called the Easter triduum' because it is celebrated the paschal mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father. The church, by the celebration of this mystery through liturgical signs and sacramental, is united to Christ, her spouse, in intimate communion" (38).

## HELPING OUR PARISHES PASS ON THE FAITH

A Day Exploring Resources for Evangelisation and Catechesis

Led by David Will – 17 March 2018 10am – 4pm

St Teresa's RC Church Hall 40 Warwick Road Beaconsfield HP9 2PL

Book your place 01582 7233312 (ext6) or admin@nores.org.uk

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES DUBLIN – AUGUST 2018

The Congress takes place in Dublin from 22 to 24 August 2018; The Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August and the final Mass on Sunday 26 August. *It would be wonderful for one, or more, families from our parish would attend this World Meeting of Families! See [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie) or posters and leaflets in the porch.*

## LIVERPOOL 2018 – ADOREMUS NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – 7 - 9 September 2018

For more details, see the poster and leaflets in the porch, click on webpage: [catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018](http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018) or speak with Fr Andy.

**Vocations Weekend** for those exploring the call to priesthood is from Friday, 13 April to Sunday, 15 April at Northampton Cathedral. See poster.

**Liturgy and Beauty**, a conference under the auspices of the Catholic Theological Association from 10.30am to 2pm on Saturday, 21 April at Holy Ghost Church, Luton. For details see the poster.

## Lectionary for Mass

Today's readings offer sober prompts for reflection. In the First Reading, from Jeremiah 31, God promises to renew the old, broken, covenant by putting his law within the people, and the psalmist, in Psalm 51, cries out for the grace of internal renewal on a personal level. These passages are easily understood. But the Second Reading and Gospel demand pondering.

Both readings focus on Jesus' agony in anticipation of the passion. In Hebrews, the author recounts that because of Jesus' reverence, God, the only one who could save him from death, heard his "prayers and supplications . . . loud cries and tears." Jesus was certainly not spared from death, but he was indeed saved from death in the sense of being raised from the dead.

The Gospel conveys another insight about Jesus' reflections (placed by John among the Last Supper discourses rather than in the garden at Gethsemane): "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour." Jesus was not backing off from trust in the Father. After acknowledging his inner state, Jesus was able to move through the natural human fear to see the place his coming death would have in the natural human fear to see the place his coming death would have in the victorious plan of the Father – that his Crucifixion would result in a "lifting up," bringing about an ingathering of "everyone."

Finally, how can the author of Hebrew say that Jesus "learned obedience from what he suffered" and "was made perfect"? He was, after all, the eternal Son of God! These are assertions about the consequences of his humanity. Incarnate as Jesus, the Son really did learn experientially what it is for a human being to suffer. And in this experience of solidarity with humanity, he was perfected precisely as a mediator between the divine and the human.

## Liturgy and Life

(1) We hear in the readings from Hebrews that Jesus "learned obedience from what he suffered." Has suffering helped you to obey the Lord? (2) How did Jesus' becoming human help him enter into your suffering? (3) How has your heart been cleaned during Lent?

## NORTHAMPTON DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2018

are available in the porch – priced at £5 each

## DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIED LIFE

*The annual Mass to celebrate married life, which was postponed due to bad weather on the 3rd March 2018, will now take place on **Saturday 14th April 2018 at 12noon** The Holy Family Catholic Church, 226 Trelawney Ave. Langley, Slough, SL3 7UD All are welcome to attend and if you are celebrating a significant milestone, and haven't already done so - please contact [mfl@northamptondiocese.com](mailto:mfl@northamptondiocese.com) or telephone 07412151517.*