

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

*Palm Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday of Holy Week	9.30am	Mass – Int. Richard Casserley, RIP
Tuesday of Holy Week	9.30am	Mass
Spy Wednesday of Holy Week	NO MASS	
Maundy Thursday	[11.00am	Mass of the Holy Chrism – Northampton Cathedral]
	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper – Int. D.V. Slater, RIP
Good Friday	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Holy Saturday	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	9.00pm	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
SUNDAY 1st April Easter Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
EASTER SUNDAY	10.00am	Easter Mass During the Day – Int. People of the parish.

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN
is taking a break for the next two Sundays. It will begin again after Easter.

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.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGIES IN OUR PASTORAL AREA

Details of the Holy Week Ceremonies along with Confession Times are our local Catholic churches 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 – £130.00

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION – FOR
HOLY LAND SHRINES**

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly from 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 29th 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, 29th 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 **or see poster in porch or contact Michelle Di Falco** tel. (01494) 433835 email: amdf@hotmail.co.uk



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

As we hear the words of Isaiah in the First Reading, the image of Jesus speaking in the Temple and then of being flogged and spat upon during his passion are recalled. The reading looks forward, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "[The Servant Songs of Isaiah] . . . show how [Jesus] will pour out the Holy Spirit to give life to the many: not as an outsider, but by embracing our 'form as slave' (Philippians 2:7)" CCC, 713).

In portraying Jesus as humble, not grasping equality with God, and obedient, the reading from Philippians show us who we are to be. *Gaudium et spes* states, "In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of humanity truly becomes clear. For Adam . . . was type of him who was to come, (see Romans 5:14) Christ the Lord. Christ the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals humanity to itself and brings to light its very high calling" (22).

In August 2018, Pope Francis will be visiting Dublin, Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. The Northampton Diocese Youth Ministry Office, NYMO are inviting young adults aged 16-30yrs to be a part of this amazing opportunity. If you are interested and for more information, please email fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

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 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 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

Palm Sunday's opening procession with palms is a commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before his Passion. Palms are a traditional symbol of victory, royalty, and rejoicing. But today's readings are significant for the way they present God's chosen as a servant-king.

The First Reading is one of four poignant passages called "servant songs" in the Book of Isaiah. The servant is unnamed, and some scholars suggest he might have been a disciple of the prophet Isaiah. In the reading the servant credits God with giving him the prophet words to speak, and he acknowledges the suffering and abuse he has endured. Remarkably, he is not ashamed; he is secure in his role. Later Christians saw the servant songs as fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

The Second Reading is known as the "Christ hymn." Although biblical scholars disagree on how to interpret aspects of the hymn, it clearly follows the pattern of humiliation leading to exaltation. Because Jesus was willing to become like a servant and even give himself over to death, God exalted him and made him Lord over all creation. Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' suffering, death, and burial – a long narrative with many sub-stories-one of which if particularly meaningful on this Palm Sunday. When the unnamed woman anoints Jesus with a superabundance of perfume, Jesus says that she is doing it for this burial, but anointing of the head would have made people of his day think of the anointing of a messiah king. *Messiah* means "anointed."

Paradoxically, Jesus' messiahship is fully known in his suffering and death.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) During Lent, have you grown to see the Lord as the one who can help you? (2) In the reading from the Philippians, Jesus is the essence of humility. Do you consider the life of a Christian as one of humility? (3) When were there times that you denied Jesus?

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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 or telephone 07412151517.*