

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

2ND SUNDAY AFTER
EASTER



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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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| 2nd Sunday of Easter | 8.00am | Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10.00am | Mass – Int. People of the parish |
| Monday Easter Feria | 9.30am | Mass |
| Tuesday Easter Feria | 9.30am | Mass |
| Wednesday Easter Feria | NO MASS | |
| Thursday Easter Feria | 6.00pm | Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 7.00pm | Mass |
| Friday Easter Feria | 9.00am | Mass – Int. Stephen Michael Slater RIP, anni. |
| Saturday St Anselm | 9.30am | Mass |
| SUNDAY 22nd April 3rd Sunday after Easter | 8.00am | Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 10.00am | Mass – Int. People of the parish. |

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 next Sunday.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

At the 10am Mass today, we Welcome and Baptise **Jacob Matthew James Carrivick**. We congratulate him, his parents Lauren and Luke, his brother William and his godparents, Clare and Anthony. **Jacob is being baptised into the faith of Our Catholic community here at Our Lady's.** It is our shared task to pray, support and encourage Jacob, his parents and godparents.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

When the Risen Lord says, "Peace be with you" to the disciples, he also tells them that they are witnesses to what the prophets foretold and gives them a mandate to preach the Gospel. The peace that Christ gives is that which comes from the love of the Triune God and brings eternal life. Those who receive that peace are to continue the work of Christ. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Peace is not merely the absence of war. . . Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity" (2304).

The peace that is experienced in our lives comes about because Jesus' dying and rising reconciled humankind with God. From that peace, the Catechism states, all other peace flows. "Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic 'Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:5)" (2305).

CAFOD Thank you for your support to our Lent Fast Day appeal. Donations to CAFOD until 12 May will be doubled by the UK Government. We have planned a £5 million programme to combat malnutrition - and with it we hope to be able to reach 245,000 people. But we need the full amount of match funding to make it happen. You can help us reach the full amount needed for this crucial programme. We still have some way to go yet! To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/lent or call 0303 303 3030.

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.

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.

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.

APF/ MILL HILL RED BOX Greta Jeffreys will be collecting any Red Boxes that need emptying. Please bring them to church.



Rosary on the Coast – Sunday 29th April 2018. This wonderful initiative is growing fast, as groups from all over the country are organising to come together to pray the Rosary at 3pm on 29th April 2018 at the coast, or by a river, or indeed wherever is convenient. The object is very simple: to give public witness as we pray for our country at this moment in time, for peace and God's blessing and the protection of Our Lady. Please see the website for further details and your local meeting point: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk or see poster in porch or contact **Michelle Di Falco** tel. (01494) 433835 email: amdf@hotmail.co.uk



Do take away some Easter Water to bless your homes during this Holy Season
(There are water bottles for sale if you need them)

Lectionary for Mass

In today's readings we hear that Christ is expiation for the sins of all the world and wants all the world to hear that message from his followers. In the Gospel (Luke 24:35-48), two disciples have returned from Emmaus to tell their colleagues about meeting the risen Jesus on the road and recognising him finally in the "breaking of bread." Suddenly Jesus appears before the whole group, giving them proof that he is alive and not a ghost. He reminds them that the Scriptures about a suffering messiah had to be fulfilled and that they could trust his words because he had told them these things before they happened. Now that they are witnesses of all that has been said about Jesus, they must go out to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sin.

We can see an example of this preaching in the First Reading (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19); Peter's speech to the Jews who had witnessed the healing of a crippled man at the Temple's Beautiful Gate. When the people come rushing toward them to see what is happening, Peter tells the story of the Jewish people's rejection of Jesus and the prophets and calls for their repentance.

A word of caution: this text can sound painfully hostile towards Jews. It's important to remember that the Gospel writer recognised that they were the first and rightful heirs of the covenant and that God would never abandon them. As a result of the Jews rejecting their covenant of friendship with god, God established a new covenant open to both Jews and Gentiles alike.

Liturgy and Life

(1) Do you see God as your security? (2) How can keeping the Commandments be a way of knowing God better? (3) How does your faith community show that they are witnesses of what Christ has done?

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.

FOLLOW ME – MEETING JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN:

An eight week Bible study course that will guide you through John's Gospel and invite you to encounter Christ every step of the way. Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings at St Joseph's, Chalfont St Peter. Cost is £20. Sign up required by Wednesday, 18 April.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 24 - 31 August 2018

Lourdes theme for 2018: "Do whatever He tells you"

See poster, brochures and booking forms in the porch. For up to date pilgrimage information, please visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com/CA Alternatively, please call: 01732 886 666 or 0800 917 357

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £197.25

CAFOD Money Boxes – £40.74

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.

APRIL 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.