

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

4th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Patricia Joyce, RIP, Recently Dec'd
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	9.30am	Mass – Int. Patrick Bonner, RIP, Recently Dec'd
Wednesday <i>St Alban</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	6.00pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 24 th June Nat. of St John the Baptist	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	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 return next Sunday!

A Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers!

Today we honour biological fathers as well as all men who have showed someone a father's love.



CAFOD Share the Journey – Responding to the refugee crisis in South East Bucks Pastoral Area **TODAY between 1 – 3 pm** meeting **St Aidan's Church, Finch Lane, Little Chalfont, HP7 9NE**. In its new campaign, Share the Journey, CAFOD is looking to parishes by holding a walk. Together, CAFOD are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September and December 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. These agreements must ensure refugees and migrants can live with dignity. **Come along and Share the Journey with us!**

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £303.85

SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY – DAY FOR LIFE

If you would like to begin using envelopes, please speak with Fr Andy

Thank you for your generosity

The JUNE 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.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER The Amersham Churches Committee for the Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP) organisation are looking for an organising secretary for the annual service in March next year. If you feel this is something you would like to be involved in – and please not that gentlemen are as welcome as women! – then please be in touch with me, Valerie Royal, on 01494 433193 (after 25th June) when I will be happy to give you more information.

SUMMER REFLECTION DAY *In the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation*
TALKING OF LOVE with tasters in prayer. 30th June 2018 10.15am coffee for a 10.45am start, 3.45pm close **Monastery of Christ Our Saviour Jack's Lane, Turvey, Bedfordshire.**

Keynote address Bro John OSB, Mass, Prayer of Stillness and Time with Prayer Places. Places limited so booking is essential via admin@nores.org.uk or ring 01582 723312. Cost of Day £15 with booking, tea, coffee available all day, please bring a packed lunch.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Jesus used various means to help people understand the Kingdom of God. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, 237, Pope Francis explains that the Gospel is for everyone, and that throughout time, each culture receives the Gospel in its own way. The Holy Father states, "The Gospel has an intrinsic principle of totality: it will always remain good news until it has been proclaimed to all people, until it has healed and strengthened every aspect of humanity, until it has brought all men and women together at table in God's kingdom."

The reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians notes that the community seeks to please God. As we please God, we make the Kingdom of God known. Believers witness to the presence and word of Jesus in the world and are a continuing sign of the Kingdom of God, which is present both in and through Jesus, and still to come to its fullness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

St. Paul wrote encouragingly to communities of faith He wanted them to continue to be inspired to grow in their love of God and to spread the faith by how they lived. *Lumen gentium* states that Jesus gave the Church the mission of spreading the word of the Kingdom of God. *Lumen gentium*, 5, states, "[Jesus] poured out on his disciples the Spirit promised by the Father. From this source the Church . . . receives the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God, and is, on earth, the seed and the beginning of that kingdom."

Please pray for the **Rev'd Thomas Mason** who is to be ordained to the Priesthood on **Saturday 30th June** at The Oratory Church Birmingham. Should any parishioners wish to attend either the Ordination or the First Mass you will be most welcome. Before beginning his studies at St Marys College, Oscott in Birmingham, the Rev'd Thomas Mason used to serve at the Extraordinary Form Mass here at Our Lady's. *Please take a prayer card.*

DAY FOR LIFE – Sunday 17 June 2018 This year the Day for Life will focus on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. It provides an opportunity to pray, reflect, and to choose the ways in which action, as well as practical and emotional support can ensure the dignity of human life is upheld at every stage of a person's life. As Pope Francis has said, "The trade in human beings violates the God given dignity of so many of our brothers and sisters, and constitutes a true crime against humanity." Jesus also tells us, "I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10). Please support the crucial work in your generosity to the collection with is taken today. This enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formerly the Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics), as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and in every condition. Please visit www.dayforlife.org. Please pray for Day for Life. Your prayers will make a vital difference

Lectionary for Mass

Today's Word reminds us that the Lord is at work in the world, in us, and in spreading God's Kingdom. The prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24) addresses the people of Israel encouraging them never to lose hope. As God's people, they are assured that their fortunes will be reversed. The prophet offers a beautiful image: God takes a shoot from a cedar tree and plants it in the ground, where it grows into a majestic tree. In like manner, this loving God, whose power makes mighty trees grow, will restore the people of Israel.

"We walk by faith, and not by sight" is a call Paul addresses to his friends in Corinth: Remember that life is a journey to the Lord. No matter what happens Christ journeys with us. Our faith in Christ offers confidence that we can face every challenge. Consequently, we are called to act in a way that pleases the Lord.

The Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) presents two parables that focus on God's work within us and in the spread of God's Kingdom. In the first parable, Jesus compares the growth of God's Kingdom on earth to God's creative power working mysteriously in the world of nature. In the second parable, Jesus compares the growth of the Kingdom to a small mustard seed planted in the ground that becomes the largest of plants.

All these readings challenge us to remember that the work we do is ultimately not ours, but the Lord's. God works in mysterious ways within our lives and within the world in the growth of God's Kingdom. The future that lies ahead is mysterious, but it is rooted in God's love for his people, beginning with the people of Israel and culminating with Jesus and the growth of the Christian Church.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) Do you pause in your day to give thanks to God? (2) How have you walked by faith with troubled? (3) To what do you compare the Kingdom of God?

Diocesan Vacancies We are currently recruiting for a Parish **Youth Liaison Worker (Full Time)** to join our youth office, NYMO. The closing date for applications will be Monday 25th June 2018. And **Marriage and Family Life Project Worker (15 hours per week – 2 year fixed term contract)** to develop Catholic Marriage Preparation in the diocese. The closing date for applications will be Monday 16th July 2018. For further details of these vacancies, please visit www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or call 01604 714840.

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.

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 or visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com/CA alternatively, please call: 01732 886 666 or 0800 917 357