

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Nativity of St John the Baptist	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	10.00am	Mass – Int. Louise Tierney, RIP, Recently Dec'd
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Denis Beckwith, RIP, 1st Anni.
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>St Irenaeus</i>	6.00pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass (Vigil Mass of SS PETER & PAUL)
Friday SS PETER & PAUL (Holyday of Obligation)	9.00am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 1 st July Most Precious Blood of Our Lord	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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.

This Friday we celebrate the Solemn Feast of SS Peter and Paul, which is a holyday of obligation.

CAFOD Share the Journey – 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. **Thank you to those who came along o St Aidan's Church, walked and shared the journey last Sunday!**



Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £235.00

SECOND COLLECTION – DAY FOR LIFE – £183.48

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

John the Baptist did not shirk from his call to herald the coming of Jesus. In our time, Christians are to be enthusiastic in proclaiming the love of God and making others disciples. In *Go and Make Disciples*, our Bishops state: "Jesus came to set this fire upon the earth, until all is ablaze in the love of God. We pray this fire will come upon us as disciples as we, led by the Spirit, carry out Christ's great commission to go and make disciples of all the nations" (60). Just as John the Baptist proclaimed the messiah, so should each Christian. The *Catholic Catechism for Adults* explains that the Church has a mission to spread the Gospel. It states "of her very nature, the Church is missionary". This means her members are called by God to bring the Gospel by word and deed to all peoples and to every situation of work, education, culture, and communal life in which human beings find themselves (501).

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 a 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.

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 – Last Sunday This year the Day for Life focused 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). If you wish to make a donation to Day for Life, you can do this online at www.dayforlife.org/donate or by cheque. Please send cheques payable to "CATEW" to 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX (marked "Day for Life" on the envelope). Please visit www.dayforlife.org. Please pray for Day for Life. Your prayers will make a vital difference.

Lectionary for Mass

As we celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist, the readings focus on John's role of inspiring people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The First Reading (Isaiah 49:1-6) is one of the four "Servant Songs" in the Book of Isaiah. For Christians, these songs expressly prepare the way for the messiah by foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, who fulfilled these prophecies. Here the Servant speaks and describes his call from his mother's womb; how God empowered him with gifts as a speaker; how difficult his task was going to be; how his task was to bring together the people of Israel while also being a light of salvation to the nations of the earth. The servant trusts in God while grieving over the sufferings that he has to face.

The Gospel reading from Luke (1:57-66, 80) narrates events surrounding John's birth – focusing on his name. For the people of Israel, a person's name expressed an aspect of their identity. The name *John*, a common one among the people of Israel, was not found in his family's lineage. It means "the Lord has been gracious" because the elderly parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, had lost all hope of conceiving a child in their old age. God had certainly favoured them. This raised the question "What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him."

The Second Reading (Acts 13:22-26) answers this question. When Paul speaks in the synagogue of Antioch, he identifies John's role as preparing the way for the messiah. This shows how well the early Church understood that the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ. Like John the Baptist, our task is to continue his work of enabling the light of Christ to shine out more fully in our world.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) Do you ever consider how well God knows you? (2) How seriously do you take your call to spread the Gospel? (3) When have you needed to trust completely in God?

Last week **The Catholic Times** relaunched into tabloid format. There are some Catholic Times subscription cards and prepaid envelopes for you to place a subscription or regular order. There is also an offer that includes a beautiful Our Lady of Knock statue, which commemorates the forthcoming visit of Our Holy Father to Ireland in August.

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