

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

9th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

9 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday FERIA	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday ST JAMES	NO MASS	
Thursday Ss. Joachim & Anne, Parents of BVM	6.00pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday FERIA	9.00am	Mass
Saturday FERIA	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 29 th July 10 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SEVENTEENTH 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.

Congratulations to Antony Jaycocks and Anna Roll who were married in Our Lady's Church yesterday. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their married life. May God bless them each day through all the joys and struggles of their marriage.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Even though Jesus needed to rest, he felt pity on the crowd, "who where like sheep without a shepherd." God continues to watch over the People of God as he calls people to ministry. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1575, explains the Jesus selected the apostles and called them to share in his mission. Jesus continues to protect and guide his flock.

Lumen gentium draws on the images of today's readings in portraying the Church as a sheepfold and entrance to Christ. Just as the Gospel shows Christ looking after the crowd, the Church continues that work of caring for the People of God. The document from the Second Vatican Council states: "The church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary entrance to which is Christ. It is also a flock, of which God . . . would himself be the shepherd, and whose sheep . . . are . . . at all times led and brought to pasture by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and prince of shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep" (6).

LORETO SISTERS' ALBANIA MISSION

Dear Father Andy and Parishioners,
Thank you so much for your generous donation towards our Mission in Albania. In June we got the great news that Sister Imelda had been awarded the MBE, in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. She has accepted it in the name of all who are fighting the trafficking of human beings. That includes all of you. Thank you once again. God bless you all. Kind regards,
Jacinta Davenport IBVM.



SHARE THE JOURNEY

On **Sunday 19 August 2018** in response to Pope Francis' call to "Share the Journey" you are invited to join other members of our parishes in the Pastoral Area on a walk in solidarity with refugees and migrants. The walk will commence at **2:30 pm**. It will begin and end at **St Aidan's, Little Chalfont**. At the end of the walk will be a short service followed by a barbecue. Please make a date in your diaries! Tickets will be available shortly. Do come along. All are welcome.

NYMO Summer Camp 2018 – Sunday 29th July to Thursday 2nd August 2018. Alton Castle, Alton, Staffordshire. Actual cost is £265. Participants are asked to pay what they can afford between £195 discounted minimum and the actual cost. Coach travel from Slough and Northampton for this 5 day camp for 11-18 year old's includes a day at Alton Towers, daily Mass and Reconciliation, outdoor activities: archery, hiking, biking, climbing, sports, challenges and much more. Not a minute is wasted! Contact info@nymo.org or call 01582 720627 for more info and to book.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE Holy Family Parish, Langley, Slough, are organising a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from **21st to 28th September 2018** by British Airways to Split. Price £560/- half Board. There are only 25 places available. Contact **Matthew Fernandes on 07958 666067** or **Myo at St. Peter's Pilgrimages on 0208 947 6369**.

Lectionary for Mass

The familiar image of the Good Shepherd pervades our readings today. In the First Reading (Jeremiah 23:1-6) the prophet Jeremiah reminds the leaders of God's people that they have wandered far from the vision God had for them. Instead of acting as true shepherds caring for God's flock, they have scattered the "flock of my pasture." Consequently, God presents a vision for the future in which the remnant of God's flock will be gathered together "from all the lands to which I have driven them." God promises to bring them together with a true shepherd guiding them to live in peace. Paul proclaims that Christ Jesus went farther in fulfilling this vision by uniting all humanity in Christ Jesus, who is, as Paul says, "our peace, who made all one and broke down the barrier which used to keep the people apart."

The Responsorial Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd," is a beautiful commentary on how God's care shepherds God's people "near restful waters" and guides them "along the right paths." These images are continued in the Gospel account where Jesus prepares to teach and feed the crowd who are "like sheep without a shepherd."

When Jesus looks on the crowds as "sheep without a shepherd," the scene acts as a prelude to the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand that we will hear next Sunday. Jesus' feelings for God's people are captured so graphically when Mark says, "He took pity on them." The heart conveys the very depths of the love, compassion, mercy that Jesus has for those he has come to lead back to care for us in the Eucharist where he shepherds us, instructs us, and nourishes us.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) Consider this week how you can allow the Lord to give you repose.
- (2) Do you keep in prayer the shepherds leading your parish flock?
- (3) How can you seek to increase your hunger for the Word of the Lord?

Animations bring the messages of *The Joy of Love* to life! A new series of digital animations, believed to be the first created using *Amoris Laetitia* as a guiding theme, has been created as part of the ongoing preparations for World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin.

The *Amoris* Animations provide accessible insights and reflections on the messages in *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*), written by Pope Francis on love in the family. Six short, engaging and shareable cartoons focus on the following themes: **How families can transform the world; Love and Mercy; Families living as a reflection of the Trinity; Love and imperfection; Families and consumerism; Families living in a digital age.** The *Amoris* Animations are available in English, Italian, Spanish and French and can be viewed at www.amoris.ie/animations/

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £180.15

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.

The JULY 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.