

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

13th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

13 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of parish
Monday St Bernard	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday St Pius X	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday The Queenship of the B.V.M.	NO MASS	
Thursday St Rose of Lima	NO MASS	
Friday ST BARTHOLOMEW	NO MASS	
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 26 th August 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN
Is now on a break for the summer. It will restart in September.



A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR TRAVELLERS

All-powerful and merciful God,
you led the children of Israel on dry land,
parting the waters of the sea;
you guided the Magi to your Son by a star.
Help these our brothers and sisters and give them a safe journey.
Under your protection let them reach their destination
and come at last the eternal heaven of salvation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord remain constantly at our side
and in this mercy guide our journey
in ways that are pleasing to him.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Jesus emphasises in today's Gospel that the food and drink he gives are real. Pope John Paul II writes in *Ecclesia Eucharistia* that the Body and Blood of Christ are not symbolic. The pope states, "When for the first time Jesus spoke of his food, his listeners were astonished and bewildered, which forced the Master to emphasise the objective truth of his words: '... unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, you have no life within you.' This is no metaphorical food: 'My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed'" (16).

Pope Paul VI began his encyclical on the Eucharist *Mysterium fidei*, by noting that the Eucharist "stands at the heart and centre of the liturgy" (2) since it strengthens and cleanses us to live for God and to be united with each other. Quoting from today's Gospel in his teaching on the Eucharist, the pope states: "at the Last Supper . . . our Saviour instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of His Body and Blood. . . . [T]hose who participate in it through holy Communion eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ and thus receive grace, which is the beginning of eternal life, and 'medicine of immortality' according to Our Lord's last words: 'The man who eats my flesh and drinks my blood enjoys eternal life and I raise him up on the last day'" (4,5).

"The Father in heaven urges us . . . to ask for the bread of heaven. [Christ] himself is the bread who . . . furnishes the faithful each day with food from heaven" (CCC, 2837, quoting St. Peter Chrysologus).

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.

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation

A Retreat based on the Book of Ruth: **"Your God will be my God."**
Saturday 20 October 2018 10.30am arrivals for 11am – 4pm.
The Bridgettine Guesthouse Fulmer Common Road Iver Heath Bucks
SL0 0NR Cost £30 per person includes lunch. Please book Tel. 01582 723312 or email admin@nores.org.uk. For more details see poster.

Lectionary for Mass

Proverbs opens the Liturgy of the Word with the image of Woman Wisdom calling us to share in her banquet. Begotten by God and helper at creation (8:22-31), Woman Wisdom promises to feed us with insight and knowledge. For Christians, her banquet foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist.

Today's Gospel continues the Bread of Life discourse with some of the deepest theological and sacramental insights in the Gospel of John. With Jesus' statement "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," John connects the Incarnation with the events of salvation: "The Word became flesh" (John 1:14) for the purpose of giving his life for the salvation of the world.

This is also a reminder of the words of the institution of the Eucharist: "Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it them, saying, 'This is my body, which will be given for you.'" (Luke 22:19). The connection between the Eucharist and Jesus' death is further strengthened by the words "unless you drink his blood." As Jesus is "the living water" (John 4:11-14), he is also the "living bread," As the Sacrament of Baptism confers the life of God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist nourishes this life. For John, the purpose of the Incarnation of the Word was more than becoming flesh to take on our human nature.

The Incarnation also embraced Jesus' death and Resurrection – the Paschal Mystery – whose life-giving effects would nourish believers in the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus' words culminate by saying that "the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." Unequivocally Jesus tells us that in the Eucharist we share in the very life of God.

Liturgy and Life

(1) How does the Eucharist help you see what is eternal and forsake what is not? (2) Could you begin to make it a habit to give thanks to God for everything, even difficulties? (3) What difference does it make to you that God gives you eternal life through the Eucharist?

FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORKD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

God, our Father,
We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.
Bless us with the joy of love.
Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.
Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,
Especially those for whom we now pray:
[We pause and remember family members and others by name].
Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.
This we ask, through Christ our Lord, Amen

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £273.93

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 AUGUST 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.

Divine Mercy Apostolate run by Marian Fathers is organising
the **DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE**

MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY 27th August 2018 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Aylesford Priory at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Aylesford Kent ME20 7BX
led by Bishop Patrick Lynch SS CC and Marian Father

More info: Divine Mercy Apostolate – Marian Fathers 1 Courtfield Gardens, London
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World meeting of Families Dublin 21 – 26 August 2018

The World Meeting of Families started in 1994, when Pope St John Paul II asked the Pontifical Council for the Family (now part of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life) to establish an international event of prayer, catechesis and celebration that would draw participants from around the globe and that would help to strengthen the bonds between families and bear witness to the crucial importance of marriage and the family to all of society. Please pray the family prayer during the days of this week for the success of the gathering in Ireland.

