

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

14th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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| 14th Sunday after Pentecost | 8.00am | Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10.00am | Mass – Int. People of parish |
| Monday <i>St Monica</i> | 9.30am | Mass |
| Tuesday <i>St Augustine</i> | 9.30am | Mass – Int. Carmel & Charles Ahearn, RIP |
| Wednesday <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i> | NO MASS | |
| Thursday <i>Feria</i> | 6.00pm | Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 7.00pm | Mass |
| Friday <i>St Aidan</i> | 9.00am | Mass |
| Saturday <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am | Mass |
| | 10.15am – 11.00am | Confessions |
| SUNDAY 2 nd Sept. 15th Sunday after Pentecost | 8.00am | Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| TWENTY-SECOND 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.



Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £185.70

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.

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.

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 Gdns, London W13 0EY
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Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In today's Gospel, Peter confesses his faith, saying, "we have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Peter knew of the anointing of prophets and kings and came to understand that Jesus was the Christ, "the anointed one" who is the Messiah. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* points out in paragraph 438 that "Jesus" messianic consecration reveals his divine mission, "for the name "Christ" implies "he who anointed," "he who was anointed" and "the very anointing with which he was anointed." The one who anointed is the Father, the one who was anointed is the Son, and he was anointed with the Spirit who is anointing [St. Irenaeus]. His eternal messianic consecration was revealed during the time of his earthly life at the moment of his baptism by John, when 'God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power,' 'that he might be revealed to Israel' (Acts 10:38) as its Messiah. His works and words will manifest him as 'the Holy One of God'" (Mark 1:24). The Lord continually invites his people to the banquet of everlasting life. As we see in today's Gospel not all can accept Christ's ways, and some will refuse the invitation. The *catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1336, quotes from today's Gospel as it notes how the Lord is always extending an invitation to the Eucharist: 'Will you also go away?' The Lord's question echoes through the ages, as a loving invitation to discover that only he has 'the words of eternal life,' *and that to receive in faith the gift of his Eucharist is to receive the Lord himself*"

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

In Life we face many important choices, and today's readings illustrate some of them. In the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul speaks about the foundational choice man and woman make when they commit themselves totally to each other: "and the two shall become one flesh." In their self-sacrificing love for each other in marriage, we glimpse the depths of Christ's self-sacrificing love for the Church. The Book of Joshua presents the foundational choice the people of Israel face on entering the Promised Land: "decide today whom you will serve, the gods of your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites?" Memories of God's faithful love, mercy, and care influence their decision. "Therefore, we will also serve the Lord, for he is our God." The people renew themselves to the covenant relationship with God.

At the conclusion to the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus asks his followers to make their foundational choice for or against him. So many were shocked by Jesus' words and walked away when he identified himself as the "Bread that came down from heaven" and then went further by adding "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you." So Jesus asked his own disciples if they too wished to leave. As usual, Peter replies on behalf of the others, "Master, to whom shall we go?" You have the words of eternal life." As God committed himself to his people, Jesus committed himself to us, the new people of God, through his death and resurrection. The self-sacrificing love in Christian Marriage witnesses to God's love for us in Christ Jesus.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) Do you ever ask yourself, "Whom do I serve? The gods of status and secular society, or the Lord?"
- (2) What does it mean to love someone as Christ loves the Church?
- (3) In what ways can you identify with the disciples who found Jesus' ways too difficult?

World Meeting of Families Dublin 21 – 26 August 2018

Concludes today with a Papal Mass in Phoenix Park Dublin. We continue to pray the family prayer for the international gathering:

FAMILY PRAYER FOR WORLD 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

