

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

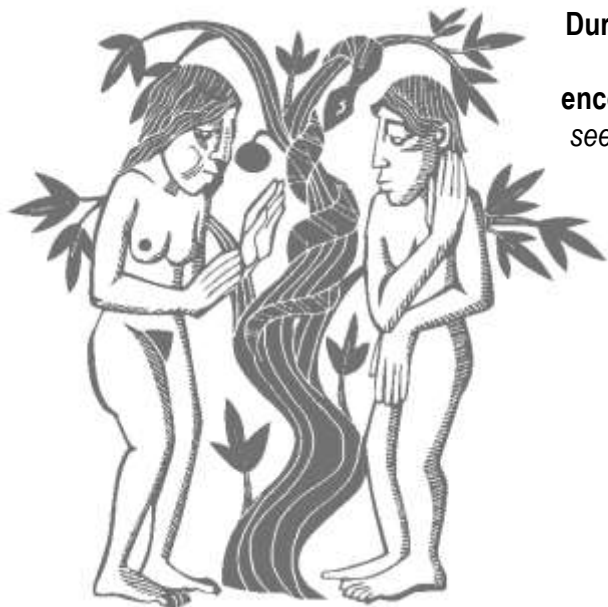
20th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

20 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Pauline Medina Mora
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving Intention
Tuesday Bl. John Henry Newman	9.30am	Mass – Int. Ken Welch, RIP, anni.
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Pope St John XXIII	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Ruth Hall
	10.15am – 11am	Confession
SUNDAY 14 th Oct. 21 st Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2019: The Pastoral Area of the Venerable Mary Ward, comprising the parishes of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, St Aidan's, St Columba's and St Joseph's **invite all parents of children in Year 9 or above to attend a meeting** to review the Pastoral Area Confirmation programme and registration on **Monday 15 October at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Chalfont St Peter, starting at 7:30pm.**

NORES LECTURE Sunday 14th October 2018 4 – 5.30pm

The Disciple's Call – Sister Elizabeth Mary, Prioress of Brownhill, Stroud and Sister Ewa Pilszczak, a Missionary of the Holy Spirit
Lecture and Refreshments! All Welcome
NORES, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD



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.



CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 5 October

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give help to people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda.

The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

On Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the Church this week and give what you can.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the First Reading, as God seeks to keep the first man from being alone, the nature of God is revealed as well as that of humankind. Not only do human beings need to be in relationship with God and others, but it is God's nature to be in relationship with humankind. The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the church* states, "The relationship between God and is reflected in the relational and social dimension of human nature" (110).

Once man was formed, God was concerned about social relationships. Not wanting man to dwell alone, he created various animals and birds that the first man named. Then God formed a woman from the rib of the man. "The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* states "The human person is essentially a social being because God, who created humanity, willed it so" (149).

In the second part of today's Gospel, we hear of people bring their children to Jesus. Jesus' embrace of the children is about more than his love for young. When Jesus welcomed the children to him, he held close those who had no rights in that society. The Church Fathers note in *Gaudium et spes* that Christians are to be united with those who are troubled and oppressed. The Second Vatican Council document states: "The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well" (1).

We have begun registering for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** for children in School Year 3 or above. Registration Forms are available in the porch. Applications **close on 31st October 2018**

Northampton Justice and Peace Commission invite you to a conference on **Saturday 13th October at St John's Parish Hall in Luton, Sr Patricia Mulhall, cub and Michael Duthie** will be sharing their experience for you. For more details contact Stephen Forster: franforster2@gmail.com or call 01494 875 485.

Our Catholic Schools' Week Is celebrated during 8 – 14 October 2018. We may thank God we have so many good people and positive activity within our schools. They all contribute so much to the work and mission of Bishop Peter and the Diocese. Our Catholic Schools' Week is a celebration of all that we do. Please remember our schools: our young people and their families all staff, Governors and Directors in your prayers.

LITURGY MEETINGS – Readers' Reflection Day – 3rd November
10.30am – 1pm at RE Centre, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD
Looking at the Gospel of Luke Led by Mgr Kevin McGinnell, Liz Clarke, Fr Andrew Behrens

Lectionary for Mass

Marriage was part of God's plan from the very beginning of creation. Today's First Reading (Genesis 2:18-24) opens with a religious reflection on the creation of woman. The context for her creation is the simple proclamation that "it is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate." Through the specific body imagery of this story, a clear message emerges that man and woman complement each other. Through the bond that joins them together they become one body": "This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body."

In the Gospel (Mark 10:2-6), Jesus continues journeying towards Jerusalem. Some scholars of the Jewish Law pose a question to Jesus about divorce. In the Book of Deuteronomy 24:1, Moses allowed a man to divorce his wife if "he is later displeased with her and finds in her something indecent." Legal scholars of that time argued passionately over what concrete circumstances would permit such a decision.

Without entering into the disputes, Jesus returns to God's original intent in creating man and woman by quoting the passage in the First Reading. God intends the two to "become one body." In effect, Jesus says that from the creation of the world, marriage is meant to establish absolute permanency and a deep unity. This bond is never to be broken. In doing so, Jesus makes a commitment to the quality of man and woman. While Jewish tradition allowed a man to divorce his wife, by returning to God's original plan for man and woman to become "one body," Jesus rejects divorce and raises the status of the woman, who is an equal partner to the man.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) The Lord God created woman out of man to be "a helpmate." How can the Church help husbands and wives form a partnership in their marriage?
- (2) How can your parish reach out to those society casts away to follow Jesus' example of embracing the children?
- (3) When do you thank God for having blessed you?

Diocesan Year of Prayer & Vocation A Retreat based on the Book of Ruth: "Your God will be my God." **Saturday 20th October 2018 10.30am arrivals for 11am – 4pm. The Bridgettine Guesthouse Fulmer Common Road Iwer Heath Bucks SL0 0NR** Cost £30 includes lunch. Please book Tel. 01582 723312 or email admin@nores.org.uk.

St Columba's Church in Chesham A series of talks, linked with the *Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation*, open to anyone and everyone would be very welcome to join. Each session will start at 7:30pm with tea & coffee and will end around 9pm. The three speakers & talks are:
10th Oct: Prayer and Life in the Spirit - Charles Whitehead
17th Oct: A Carmelite Thought on Living Prayer - Fr Matthew Blake
24th Oct: Meeting God in Friend and Stranger - Gerard Felix
For more information see poster or www.stcolumbas.church

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £250.63
TODAY _ SECOND COLLECTION – CAFOD FAST DAY (5th OCTOBER)
NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION PACT – PRISONERS' SUNDAY
Thank you for your generosity

The OCTOBER 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.