

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

24th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

24th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. <i>Stuart Forman, RIP</i>
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Bl. John Duns Scotus</i>	NO MASS	
Friday DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	NO MASS	
Saturday <i>St Leo the Great</i>	NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS	
SUNDAY 11 th Nov. 25th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. <i>People of the parish</i>



DO TAKE AN ENVELOPE TO PLACE INSIDE THE LIST OF THOSE LOVED ONES YOU WISH TO BE REMEMBERED AT THE ALTAR DURING NOVEMBER.

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.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

“It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins,” observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communication of saints. “Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession” (*Order of Christian Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God’s mercy, we continue to pray from them, knowing that this spiritual bond can never be broken. In the month of November, when we think celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died – those who are known to us, and those who are unknown.



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.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The scribe in today’s Gospel is close to the Kingdom of God because he has grasped that God needs our love more than burnt offerings. In *Deus caritas est*, Pope Benedict XVI explains that Christ led his followers to a deeper faith. The pope states, “Christian faith has retained the core of Israel’s faith, while at the same time giving it new depth and breadth. The pious Jew prayed daily the words of the Book of Deuteronomy, which expressed the heart of his existence: ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord. . . .’ Jesus united into a single precept this commandment of love for God and the commandment of love for neighbour. . . . Since God has first loved us, love is now no longer a mere ‘command’; it is the response to the gift of love with which God draws near to us. In a world where the name of God sometimes associated with vengeance or even a duty of hatred and violence, this message is both timely and significant” (1).



Thank you to all those who have returned the registration forms for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.** We will soon order the books we will use to help our children to prepare for these important Sacraments. When the books arrive, we will have a meeting with parents and children. In the meantime please continue to bring your children to Sunday Mass here at Our Lady’s Church each week and help them to reflect on the Bible readings they have heard at Mass..

ADVENT – The Perfect Prep! – Saturday 24th November
10.30am – 3.30pm ‘**DAY WITH ST JOSEPH**’ led by **Canon John Udris** at **St Joseph’s, Gerrards Cross, SL9 8RY**. It will provide time for listening, prayer & reflection. Come and be prepared for Advent & Christmas. Booking essential via NORES office admin@nores.org.uk or ring **01582 723312** or contact **the parish office**. Cost of the day £15 with drinks available, but bring a packed lunch.

SAVE THE DATE! Youth Walk London ’18: Saturday 8th December, from 3.30pm to 10pm.

You’re 13-18? Join the group going for a nice “London by night” walk. Discover London as you’ve never seen it, enjoy a nice time with friends, have dinner on the go, enjoy the Christmas lights and many other surprises. Finishing with a visit to **Nightfever in St Patrick’s Church**. Moreover this event totally free. Limited availability. Booking opening soon.

Save the Date!

The **annual Christmas dinner** will be taking place this year on **Saturday 8th December** at the **Boot & Slipper in Amersham**. From next Sunday, they’ll be a menu choice form in the church porch for you to fill in.

From Granny with Love by Nicky Hall

Peter Hall has kindly left some copies of Catechetical books authored by his late wife, Nicky. There are a series of three books. Peter will be shortly moving to Wiltshire and would like everyone in Our Lady’s Parish, Chesham Bois, to have the opportunity to have a free copy of Nicky’s books before he leaves. The books are available in the Guild Room. Please take a free copy. Peter may be contacted at 01442 833642.

Lectionary for Mass

“Love God and love your neighbour” captures the essence of Jesus’ message. Today’s First Reading (Deuteronomy 6:2-6) contains a passage known as the Shema Israel (“Hear, O Israel,” Deuteronomy 6:4), the central statement of belief of the Jewish people. A high point in the synagogue service still today is the recitation of these words. There is only one God, and God alone is Israel’s God. This belief calls forth a total dedication to God with “your heart, your soul, and your strength” – God must be loved with our entire being.

A scribe (someone well trained in interpreting the Jewish Law) comes to Jesus in today’s Gospel (Mark 12:28b-34) with a question: “which is the first of all the commandments?” This was a much discussed question in Israel at that time with two main schools of thought: Rabbi Shammai was very strict, while Rabbi Hillel was more pastoral and taught that the whole law is summed up in the words “What you hate for yourself, so not do to your neighbour.” Against this background, the scribe wishes to see where Jesus stands. Jesus quotes the words of the Shema Israel but goes even further by adding a second part: “You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (From Leviticus 19:19). By bringing together these two commandments, Jesus makes an important point. While he upholds the Old Testament, he also offers a clear way of interpreting the numerous laws – through the lens of love: love God and love your neighbour as yourself.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) How can you begin your day with a prayer that reminds you that the Lord is the centre of your life?
- (2) How does your parish show their love for neighbour in the community?
- (3) When have you looked to the Lord to be your strength?

Heritage House Special School are looking for learning support assistants to support our children in their learning. We also seek midday supervisors to support pupils with personal care and dietary needs. Please call 01494 771445 or email office@heritagehouse.bucks.sch.uk

LUX.Gold In February 2019 **NYMO** are hosting the next in the series of LUX weekends. These weekends are a mixture of teaching and fun activities. Some people find believing in God easy. Most of us do not! For all of us it will only grow if we work at it. At **LUX.Gold**, will explore ways to prepare for a life of faith. We will be receiving tips on how best to develop in our faith both individually and as a community. This event is open to anyone from Year 7 and up aged 11-18 years old and costs £100.00 which includes accommodation and all meals over the weekend. This year we will be offering transportation from both Burnham and Luton to Kings Park Conference Centre, Northampton at an additional cost of £10.00pp. Please contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email fiona@nymo.org for more information.