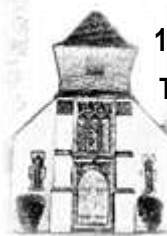


# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Mary Harris, RIP
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday St Edmund	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Presentation of the BVM	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday St Cecilia	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING	10.00am	Mass – Int. Josephine Saravanamuttu, RIP

## 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.



Our condolences and sympathies to the family of **Mary Rose Harris** who died peacefully on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018. Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the Second Reading (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18), we hear how Christ's death was the ultimate sacrifice that "made perfect forever those who are being consecrated." The Council Fathers relate in *Gaudium et spes* that Christ's death made sorrow and death meaningful. The Second Vatican Council document states, "Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from His Gospel, they overwhelm us. Christ has risen, destroying death by His death; He has lavished life upon us so that, as sons in the Son, we can cry out in the Spirit: Abba, Father" (22).

With the Resurrection of Christ, Christians have hope that they also will rise. Having partaken of the Eucharist, the bread from heaven, they look forward to eternal life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, it is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly; so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection" (1000).

## THE HOLY SOULS

Do take an envelope to place inside the list of those loved ones you wish to be remembered at Altar during Holy Mass throughout the month of November.

Registration for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019 has now closed.** We will soon order the **books** we will use to help our children to prepare for these important Sacraments. When they arrive, we will have a parents' meeting. *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 we have all heard at Mass.*

**ADVENT – The Perfect Prep!** On **Saturday 24th November 10.30am - 3.30pm** you are invited to join Bishop Peter at a **'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](mailto: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.

## Lectionary for Mass

Reading the signs of the times! The tone and words of today's readings appear dark and troubling, but they are intended to offer us hope and expectation. Our First Reading (Daniel 12:1-3) looks forward to an afterlife where those faithful to God will rise to an eternal life. This passage is the earliest reference in the Scriptures to hope in an individual resurrection.

Today's Gospel passage (Mark 13:24-32) comes from a chapter in Mark's Gospel in which Jesus speaks, for the entire chapter, about his Second Coming at the end of time. Jesus uses images, pictures, and the imagination of the Jewish people to describe this event. He is not giving a blueprint for exactly what is going to take place in the future. Instead, by means of the images, he conveys the simple truth in the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come."

Jesus' words are not meant to be terrifying. The apocalyptic imagery at least partly reflects the suffering and evil that people were already experiencing. This evil will surely be vanquished when Christ returns, and this vanquishing of evil will surely entail some chaos before the dawn of peace. As part of the Gospel, the Good News, Jesus' words offer us the hope that we are destined for eternal life. The Gospel calls on us to be watchful and to lead our lives in expectation for the master's return. When he will come is not important; what is important is that we lead our lives prepared to meet him when in fact he does return, as we pray daily in the Our Father, "Thy Kingdom come," We can be sure that the world as we know it will pass away, but one thing remains steadfast: "My words will not pass away!"

## Liturgy and Life

- (1) How do you envision God's coming in glory at the Second Coming?
- (2) How can you seek to be at peace as is the psalmist who sings, "You will show me the path to life"?
- (3) How is God's forgiveness reflected in your life?

The **ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be taking place this year on **Saturday 8th December at 7pm** at the **Boot & Slipper in Amersham**. In the church porch there are menus and a menu choice form for you to fill in. A £5 deposit is requested.

**LUX.Gold** In February 2019 **NYMO** are hosting another LUX weekend. 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 ad up aged 11-18 years old and costs £100.00 which includes accommodation and all meals over the weekend. Please contact Fiona on 01582 720627 or email [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) for more information.

## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £214.07  
MISSIONARIES OF ST COLUMBAN - £252.84

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection TODAY –  
SICK & RETIRED CLERGY FUND

Thank you for your generosity

The **NOVEMBER 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.

## BOOKING OPEN! Youth Walk London'18 : Saturday 8th December, from 3.30pm to 10pm

You're 13 -18? Join the Youth 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 @ St Patrick's Church. Moreover, this event is totally free. Limited availability, so book early via your parish website 'click the button' !

**Heritage House Special School** are looking for learning support assistants to support our children in their learning and also midday supervisors to support pupils with personal care and dietary needs. Please email: [office@heritagehouse.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@heritagehouse.bucks.sch.uk) / call 01494 771445

## 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.