

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
UNIVERSAL KING

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

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Josephine Saravanamuttu, RIP
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
	12.30pm	Marriage of Camilla Concannon & Alexander Griffiths
SUNDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Reparation for all the Sins of the Church and for Healing



## 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. Her **Funeral Mass is at 12noon Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, at St. Luke's, Pinner.** Please keep Mary and her family in your prayers. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



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.

**Mass to mark the close of the Diocesan Year of Prayer and Vocation on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Saturday, 8 December at 11.30am in the Cathedral.** Bishop Peter hopes that representatives from our parishes and clergy will join him to welcome the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Edward Joseph Adams, who is presiding and preaching at the Mass/ It will be an opportunity to thank God for graces of the past year, and to commit ourselves anew to prayer and to responding to God's call to each one of us.

## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The First Reading tells of the glorified Christ at the Second Coming. Daniel states, "when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him" The Church works to assist people so that they will be part of ushering in the Kingdom. In *Gaudium et spes*, the Council Fathers states: "The Church has a single intention: that God's kingdom may come, and that the salvation of the whole human race may come to pass. For every benefit which the People of God during their earthly pilgrimage can offer to the human family stems from the fact that the Church is 'the universal sacrament of salvation,' simultaneously manifesting and exercising the mystery of God's love" (45).

The Kingdom that we look forward to and that the reading from Revelation describes is unlike any other. In a homily on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012, Pope Benedict XVI explains: "But Jesus knows that God's kingdom is of a completely different kind; it is not built on arms and violence. The multiplication of the loaves itself becomes both a sign that he is the Messiah and a watershed in his activity: henceforth the path to the Cross becomes ever clearer; there, in the supreme act of love, the promised kingdom, the kingdom of God, will shine forth." The Second Coming is as such a focus for the Church that the assembly sings of it at the liturgy with these words "We proclaim your Death O Lord, / and profess your Resurrection, / until you come again" (Order of Mass, *The Roman Missal*).

**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.

## 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' !

**Chesham Bois Catholic Players** present the World Premier of **Shape of the World** by Andrew Willment at **The Little Theatre**, Church Street Chesham HP5 1HU on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm** and **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm** **Tickets:** £12 Adults £10 Concessions are available online: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cbcplayers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cbcplayers) . See poster and leaflets in the porch.

## Lectionary for Mass

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Jesus Christ as ruler over ourselves and the universe. In the opening words of Mark's gospel, Jesus calls us to accept the kingdom: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). Christians believe that God's rule took a leap forward when the Son of God became human, but it will only reach fulfilment at the end of time. Today's readings celebrate the culmination of God's plan. When Christ returns, everything, even death itself, will be subjected to him.

The First Reading (Daniel 7:13-14) gives a striking picture of Daniel's vision: "one like as Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven." All nations will serve him, and he will bring everything under his kingship that "shall not be destroyed." The Book of Apocalypse (1:5-8) offers insight into what Christ's kingship means for us. He has freed us from our sins by his blood and has made us "into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father." The kingdom is not a place! Christ made us into a kingdom of priests who worship God by our lives. He rules over our hearts, making his kingdom within us. In the Gospel an earthly ruler asks if Jesus is King of the Jews. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. By acknowledging the rule of Christ over us, we ask him to rule us with the power of his love. As St. Augustine wrote: to "pray that His kingdom may come, is . . . to wish of Him, that He would make us worthy of His kingdom . . ."for then to us will His kingdom come" (sermon 8 on the New Testament).

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.*

**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 – £262.15  
**SICK & RETIRED CLERGY FUND – £206.65**

### 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 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.*