

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<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. Noreen Crowley, RIP
Monday <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Advent FERIA</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>St Birinus</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>St Nicholas</i>	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM</b>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	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.

**Congratulations to Camilla Concannon and Alexander Griffiths** who were married in Our Lady's Church yesterday! We continue to pray for them as they begin their married life together, that God will continue to bless them and their extended families!



## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £318.29

### 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 DECEMBER 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.

**HMYOI Aylesbury - Part time RC Chaplain Post** To find out more and to apply type or click on the following: <https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-2/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/22830-22830-RC-Ordained-Priest-Deacon-Brother-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

**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

In today's Gospel, we hear of signs in the sun, moon, and stars and the coming of the Son of Man.. The reading points the faithful to take care with their spiritual lives, not carousing or even becoming wrapped up in the "anxieties of daily life." The introduction to the *lectionary for Mass*, 93, notes the themes for the Gospel accounts each week of Advent. "Each Gospel reading [for Advent] has a distinctive theme: the Lord's coming at the end of time (First Sunday of Advent), John the Baptist (Second Sunday), and the events that prepared immediately for the Lord's birth (Fourth Sunday)."

While preaching during Advent, St. Cyril of Jerusalem focused his listeners on the Second Coming, which he said would surpass the first. He said, "We do not only preach that Christ comes once, but a second time as well, even more glorious than the first. Our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven at the end of the world, in glory on the last day. For there will be an end to this world of ours, and created world will all be made new" (Catechetical Homily for Advent).

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019.** *The 'I Belong' books have arrived! There will be a meeting for parents and children after the 10am Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 11.30am. This is an important meeting please do your best to attend.*

*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.*

**Walk with Me Prayer Booklets** are available in the porch at a price of £1.00. They will lead us on a journey of prayer for Advent 2018.

**BOOKING CLOSING SOON! YOUTH WALK LONDON'18: Saturday 8th December, from 3pm 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:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScRdMmq-dqRiKY9O3hDxVw6UICL2qSI3YG-MP9dQwYUneki0w/viewform>

## Lectionary for Mass

On this First Sunday of Advent, the reading from Jeremiah (33:14-16) provides a prophecy of restoration and healing for Judah and the promise of a salvific king from the line of David. This prophecy also notes that Jerusalem will be called by a new name, "the Lord our justice." The Hebrew *Yhwy tzidqenu* is a play on the name *Tzidqi-yahu* or Zedekiah, a "puppet" king of Judah who, against the warnings of Jeremiah, revolted against the Babylonians and brought about the destruction of Jerusalem in 587/6 BC. Zedekiah is remembered as the last king of the Davidic line.

For Christians, Zedekiah is not the last king of Judah. In today's Gospel (Luke 21:25-28, 34:6), we hear of the glorious Son of Man, the Risen Christ, whose return will be announced with cosmological signs and who will come in power so great that it will shake the heavens. Those who wait for him need not cower in fear. Instead, they should stand tall because it is the dawn of redemption for the practice faithful endurance. Yes, the redemption for those who practice faithful endurance. Yes, the faithful will suffer difficulties, but soon they will experience the justice, mercy, and compassion of God in the presence of the Son of Man. In the Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2), Paul echoes these thoughts about the coming Son of Man and adds an admonition for how we should live in the meantime. Perhaps not surprisingly, he says love is the rule. We are called to grow in love for everyone and thereby have the ability to stand blameless before God when Christ returns.

### Liturgy and Life

How can you regard Advent as a time of looking to God to guide and teach? (2) What can you do this Advent to grow in love for others as you prepare for the Second Coming of Christ? (3) During this Advent, what effect can being "vigilant at all times" have on your spiritual life?

**The ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER** will be taking place this year **next 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.