

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Terence Fox, RIP
Monday Lent Feria (St Cyril of Jerusalem)	9.30am	Mass – Int. Special Intention
Tuesday <b>ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the BVM</b>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Lent Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Lent Feria	9.00am	Mass
	<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> March <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Girish Bhargava, 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.

The latest edition of the **Mission Today** magazines are available in the porch. Please take home a copy. If there are any **Red APF/Mill Hill boxes** which need to be collected, please bring them to church to be collected and emptied.



## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

When they went to the mountain, the Apostles only knew that they were going away to pray. But there, as proclaimed in the Gospel, they saw Jesus' face change appearance and his clothes become "brilliant as lightning." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that Jesus discloses his divinity to the three Apostles during the Transfiguration and begins preparation for his suffering in Jerusalem (554). In the account of the Transfiguration, a cloud casts a shadow and then from the cloud is heard a voice that says, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him," The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that the images of cloud and light recur throughout the Scriptures as a veil for the glory of the living and saving God. It notes that this begins with Abraham and the covenant ritual, Moses on Mount Sinai, and the Transfiguration scene, and follows to the Ascension (697).

**24 Hours for the Lord** in the Chilterns Pastoral Area. During Lent Pope Francis asks us to spend time with the Lord During **28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019 Spend Time in Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Penance** 28th March - **Our Lady of Perpetual Succour** - Chesham Bois 6pm - 7pm (7pm Mass) 7.30pm - 9.00pm; 29th March - **Immaculate Heart of Mary** - Gt Missenden 10am - 5pm; 29th March - **St Aidan** - Little Chalfont 6pm - 7.30pm (from 7.30pm - Taizé Prayer); 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March - **St Joseph** - Chalfont St Peter 5.30pm - 5.30pm (24 hours); 30<sup>th</sup> March - **St Columba** - Chesham 10.30 - 11.30am

## CATHOLIC BASICS COURSE:

**Part Two: Church – 11 April 2019; Part Three: The Moral Life – 16 May 2019; Part Four: Prayer – 13 June 2019.** After a very successful launch, join us for another day of engaging teaching with opportunities for interaction and discussion. Cost: £25 per person per day (£10 for the unwaged). Price includes a full lunch. No qualifications needed – just interest, good will and a sense of humour! **Part Two: CHURCH – 11 April 2019, 10am–3pm** (arrive 9.30am for refreshments). **NORES Centre, Holy Ghost Parish, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD.** To book, contact [admin@nores.org.uk](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) or phone Jackie on 01582 723312.

**Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2019.** The children celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. At their Parish Enrolment, **Harrison, Sebastian, Mylee, Aiden, Abigail, Arianna, Sage and Elsie**, all made promises, together with their families, that they will work hard to prepare well for these great gifts from God. We their parish family, promised that we would support and encourage them with our prayers and good example. *Please keep them all in your prayers this week as they prepare for they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time.*

## Job Vacancy – Full Time Youth Ministry Coordinator – NYMO

A rare opportunity has occurred to join our youth ministry office (NYMO) and take youth ministry in the Diocese of Northampton into its next phase of development. The offices are based in Luton, but the role will involve travel throughout the diocese. Support with relocation can be provided if necessary, the detail of which would depend on the needs of the candidate. For full details of the role, job profile and an application form, please visit [www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies) or call 01604 714840.

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10 – 18 March 2019 at **St Joseph's Church**, Maidenhead. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena Booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer. Write to Fr. Brian Oswald MHM, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com)

## Lectionary for Mass

Glory will come our way if we but stand firm in the Lord! This is the theme of today's Scripture readings. The First Reading is the second of three accounts of God's covenant with Abram, who is later known as Abraham (see Genesis 12:1-9, 17:1-27). This covenant is what scholars call a royal grant treaty, because God blessed Abram with this promise of land and descendants with no strings attached. Abram did not earn this honour but only believed God, and for that, God credited it to him as righteousness, meaning "right relationship" with God. Today's Gospel is suggestive of the Sinai covenant. As the story unfolds, we learn that Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the prophets) appear beside Jesus, and the three of them converse about Jesus' "exodus" that will take place in Jerusalem. The evangelist uses this scene to prefigure Jesus' death and Resurrection, but the disciples do not understand. The three tents are perhaps a reminder of the pilgrimage during the Feast of Tabernacles, which commemorates the Israelites; desert wandering during the Exodus. In the Second reading, Paul urges the Philippian Christian Community to imitate him, humbly following God's calling to be "perfectly mature" in their conduct. Why? So that they may one day be transformed and conformed to the Risen Christ's glorious body. This is our inheritance, as well, if we but stand firm in the Lord.

## Liturgy and Life

(1) What impact has another had on the way you live your faith? (2) How can knowing that your citizenship is in heaven make a difference to you this Lent? (3) Why might you want to stay in a place where you had encountered God?

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays at 5pm.

Northampton Diocese will be hosting a weekend for those men considering the **Vocation to the Priesthood**. This will be held at the Cathedral from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you are interested please contact the Cathedral Parish Office on 01604 714556 or speak to the Vocations Director, Fr Mark Floody.

**A MOVIE FOR LENT!!** Come and see 'GLOBAL HEALING' in St Aidan's Hall (HP7 9NE) on Thurs 21 Mar @ 7.30 for 7.45pm. A short and inspiring film showing how our faith helps us to care for the world around us. Then on Thursdays 28 Mar and 11 Apr come and join a presentation and reflection on 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis' 2015 letter on Care for our Common Home using CAFOD'S study guide. Tea & coffee on arrival. Come along and be inspired for Lent and beyond.

## CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 15 March

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help them? Through CAFOD's global Church network your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and give whatever you can. If you are a tax payer please do fill in the Gift Aid slip.

## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £259.70

**SECOND COLLECTION – TODAY – CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY (15<sup>th</sup> March)**

**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 MARCH 2019 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.