

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Christopher Mansbridge, RIP.
Monday St Mary Magdalene	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday FERIA	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday ST JAMES, Apostle	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday SS Joachim & Anne, parents of the BVM	9.00am	Mass.
Saturday FERIA	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Bert Mendis, RIP

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Is taking a summer break. It will return in September.

There are sheets with images of today's Gospel for children to colour available in the porch. Please take one and some colouring pens for the children to use during Mass.

## A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR TRAVELLERS

All-powerful and merciful God,  
you led the children of Israel on dry land,  
parting the waters of the sea;  
you guided the Magi to your Son by a star.  
Help these our brothers and sisters and give them a safe journey.  
Under your protection let them reach their destination  
and come at last the eternal heaven of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord remain constantly at our side  
and in this mercy guide our journey  
in ways that are pleasing to him.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



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 refrain of today's Responsorial Psalm proclaims, "The just will live in the presence of the Lord." The bishops' 1985 pastoral letter of the economy considers justice and the dignity of people as it examines the economic system. In *Economic Justice for All*, the bishops state: "Human dignity comes from God . . . We judge any economic system by what it does for and to people and by how it permits all to participate in it" (15).

When Abraham saw three strangers, he immediately acted out of hospitality, washing their feet and bringing food. This love of neighbour shows love for God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "By charity, we love God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves for love of God" (1844).

## NURSE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are a locally based (HCPT) pilgrimage group, offering annual adult pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes. Our pilgrims are mostly local, some being ill or disabled. Our current group nurse is retiring from nursing. Do you know of, or are you, a registered nurse, who could travel with us this year from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September? We have a wider group of loyal helpers, our current nurse will be there for guidance, and although your medical skillset is critical, the nursing duties are minimal. We will pay all your travel and full board accommodation costs. So if you would be able to help, or would like to know more, please contact Mike Drake (phone number 07919991737, email [mikeandlil04@talktalk.net](mailto:mikeandlil04@talktalk.net)), or John Wolff, (phone number 01494-785496, email [jpawolff@talktalk.net](mailto:jpawolff@talktalk.net)).

## Our Lady's School Alumni Group

The Governors of Our Lady's School would like to build an alumni network for the School. We believe that there are many former pupils who would like to maintain contact both with Our Lady's School and with their former classmates. If you would be interested in being part of such a group please email [deacondavidcurtis@gmail.com](mailto:deacondavidcurtis@gmail.com).

The 9th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, please send any prayer requests to: [CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk) or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GK prayer cards can be found on [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk)

The Pilgrimage is on the nearest Saturday to the 30<sup>th</sup> July, the anniversary of Chesterton's reception into the Catholic Church.

**The story of Mary and Martha in today's Gospel is a wonderful description of family dynamics!** Perhaps we could use this Sunday to have a good discussion as a family about the importance of everyone's responsibility for the happiness of family life? Maybe it's a good time to review the various family chores. The conversation needs to be respectful and honest, no judgemental remarks or hurtful innuendoes. The family of faith, both in church and in the home is a sign of Christ's presence in the world. Praying together as a family, as Mary contemplated the teaching of Jesus, and working together as a family, like Martha who desired to serve others, can be complementary ways that enrich the spiritual life of young and old alike. Would you consider yourself a Mary or a Martha, or a combination of both?

## Lectionary for Mass

Throughout the ancient world, hospitality was the most significant virtue practiced by every culture. In welcoming a guest, people believed that they may unknowingly be welcoming a divinity in disguise, as occurs in the First Reading (Genesis 18:1-10a) today. From his tent, Abraham sees three men passing in the distance. He runs to offer hospitality. Unknowingly, they are angels (messengers) sent by God. They bless Abraham and Sarah with the news that Sarah will bear a son. "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:2).

Hospitality is also at the heart of today's Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) as Jesus visits the home of Martha and Mary. Jesus uses this visit to teach something deeper about hospitality. While Mary sits at Jesus' feet, Martha complains to Jesus because Mary is not doing anything to help her. Instead of agreeing with Martha, Jesus chides her in a kindly way: "Martha, Martha, you worry and fret so many things." He goes on to say that Mary "has chosen the better part." While not rejecting Martha's cooking, Jesus wants to remind Martha, and through her us, that service must also be connected to listening. Service that does not embrace listening to Jesus' word misses the heart of everything. That is why Jesus says that Mary has chosen the better part of the meal. Christianity requires serve, but the Word of the Lord needs to be heard first.

## Liturgy and Life

(1) Is our parish intentionally hospitable to visitors? (2) How can we help our parish become more aware of the need to work for justice on behalf of people in the community? (3) Do you think it is essential that our acts of service are preceded by prayer?

The latest edition of **Mission Today** is available in the porch for those who support the work of APF-Mill Hill. If you have a **Missio Red Box** that needs emptying, please leave the full box in the Sacristy. Greta will ensure the contents are counted and an empty box is returned to you.

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Birmingham or Stansted, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment/ guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected

**Summer Camp 2019 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019** Fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is Accommodation in the castle, all food, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme park. Book online [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org) email: fiona@nymo.org, call 01582 720627

## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £207.13

**STELLA MARIS - £199.92**  
(APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA)

*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 JULY 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.