

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Bernadette Woods, RIP.
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday St Dominic	NO MASS	
Friday ST BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	NO MASS	
Saturday ST LAWRENCE	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> August – 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

## 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



## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Colossians, Paul tells us how to focus on our lives if we are to be with God in the afterlife. He says that those who seek what is above and think of what is above will find their life in Christ and will be with him in glory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The sixth beatitude proclaims, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." 'Pure in heart' refers to those who have attuned their intellects and wills to the demands of God's holiness. (2518).

The rich man in the Gospel has enjoyed the bountiful harvest that God has provided on his land. It is up to this man to decide whether he will share his wealth or hoard it for a day that might never come. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that humankind discerns goodness of the Creator . . . which enables man to discern by reason the good and the evil, the truth and the lie" (1954).

## 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).

## Lectionary for Mass

Today's readings contain God's challenge to reassess life's priorities and live accordingly. "Vanity of vanities. . . all is vanity," shouts the preacher, who offers a sober evaluation of life and work. He questions the value of someone working so hard to acquire a fortune that upon death will go to an idle, lazy person. Trust should be placed in what matters.

Paul answers the question raised by the First Reading. Ultimately, our priority should be set on "heavenly things . . . not on the things that on earth." In Baptism, we have died with Christ and have been raised to a new creation. We are called to a life with Christ in God for eternity.

Jesus' parable challenges a reassessment of true security. A rich man placed all his security in amassing an ever larger fortune. He dies suddenly and "this hoard of yours, whose will it be?" The lesson of the parable is that we would place our security in our relationship with God rather than on earthly wealth.

Another dimension to this parable emerges from its context. The parable is given in response to the question shouted from the crowd: "Master, tell my brother to give me share of our inheritance." Jesus turns the query back on the questioner: 'Is money more important than your relationship with your brother?' The parable provides a challenge to reassess our priorities in life. Our focus should not be on temporal wealth that's soon disappears but on our spiritual relationship with God and one another.

## Liturgy and Life

- (1) Can a preoccupation with work be a form of vanity? (2) How can seeking God's will be a form of dying to yourself? (3) When has an event in your life prompted you to reassess your priorities?

## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £314.68

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION –  
SURVIVE-MIVA APPEAL**

*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 AUGUST 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.

**Today there will be an appeal on behalf of SURVIVE-MIVA.** A Catholic lay Association and Registered Charity, exists to provide one vital element to ensure that success of the Church's healthcare and pastoral work with remote communities in impoverished parts of the world – *mobility*. The funds they receive (voluntary donations from our generous supporters) are converted into grants for all types of transport: this may be a bicycle, a moped, a trail bike, a 4-wd ambulance, a pickup, an outboard motor - it is the people on the ground who know what best suits their terrain. Please give generously to this appeal.

## PASTORAL AREA PARISH SOCIAL – FEAST OF ST AIDAN

On the afternoon of **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, there will be a Pastoral Area Walk followed by a barbecue in St Aidan's parish grounds to celebrate the Feast of St Aidan. **Walk starting at 2.00pm with the BBQ around 4.00pm.** If you are not wanting or able to walk you are still welcome at the BBQ. **Please sign up on the sheet in the porch so we know how many to expect – deadline for this will be Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.** There will be no charge for this event but we will be taking donations on the day. Please see the poster in the porch for more information. If you can help, either as a marshal on the walk or with the BBQ, please let Deirdre know: [deirdre.lay@btinternet.com](mailto:deirdre.lay@btinternet.com) or 01494 764306. Thank 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 sup. £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 by ATOL T7613.

**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](mailto:fiona@nymo.org), call 01582 720627