

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

9th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

9th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Gerrard Brennan, RIP.
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Denis Sylvester, RIP.
Wednesday <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	9.30am*	Mass
<i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	11.00am*	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 18th August – 9th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SEVENTH 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



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

Abraham may not have known where he was going, but he was steadfast in his faith. Quoting from St. Thomas Aquinas (*Summa Theologica*, II-II, 171, obj. 3), the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that such surety comes from understanding that the foundation for faith is the Word of God. The Catechism states, "Faith is certain . . . because it is founded on the very word of God who cannot lie . . . 'the certainty that the divine light gives is greater than that which the light of natural reason gives'" (157).

Abraham trusted in God's faithfulness. Such trust is essential in a life of faith and a life of prayer. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains, "When God calls him, Abraham goes forth 'as the Lord told him'; . . . Such attentiveness of the heart, whose decisions are made according to God's will, is essential to prayer. . . [O]ne aspect of the drama of prayer appears from the beginning, the test of faith in the fidelity of God" (2570).

The faith that Abraham possessed was such that he not only journeyed into the unknown but trusted that a nation would be birthed from an old man and a woman who had been barren. The Catechism states, "nothing is more apt to confirm our faith and hope than holding it fixed in our minds that nothing is impossible with God" (274).

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 20th to 27th 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 mikeandil04@talktalk.net), or John Wolff, (phone number 01494-785496, email 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.

Lectionary for Mass

All of today's readings speak about people on the move in search of a new homeland. The reading from Wisdom reminds us of the night of Passover when the people of Israel, trusting in God's promises, journeyed from slavery to freedom in a new homeland God had promised.

In the Reading from Hebrews, we hear how Abraham placed his faith and trust in God's promises and journeyed to a land promised him and his descendants. He "obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given him and his descendants." He simply and faithfully trusted in God's guidance. As the reading states, "Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen."

The Gospel reading presents us with a parable in which Jesus reminds his followers to trust in the Father's promises: "There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom." Followers are to be patient as they await the return of their master, who will bring them into their new homeland. Jesus touches on the yearning for this eternal homeland that lies in the human heart. However, Jesus adds that we must be attentive and prepared for the arrival of this homeland. We must do our part and act as faithful stewards of our talents and obligations. "When a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him."

We do not journey alone. Our journey is united with others also responding to God's call to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom. Ours is the task to support them through lives of service and solidarity.

Liturgy and Life

(1) In what ways does your soul wait for the Lord? (2) What have you done by faith? (3) Do you realise that the place where you put your time and money is your treasure?

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £272.72

SURVIVE-MIVA APPEAL - £280.26

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.

Last Sunday there was 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 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 - it is the people on the ground who know what best suits their terrain. If you wish to know more or donate online see: www.survive-miva.org

PASTORAL AREA PARISH SOCIAL – FEAST OF ST AIDAN

On the afternoon of **Sunday 1st 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 25th 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 or 01494 764306. Thank you.

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland,

7th 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. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Welcome to The Farm Folk Music Festival. A fundraiser with and for homeless women and children at **The Catholic Worker Farm, Old Uxbridge Road, West Hyde, Herts, WD3 9XJ. Bank Holiday Weekend, August 23rd-26th.** Thirty amazing local bands! For more details contact us on 07983 477819 or look at www.farmfest.info