

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

12th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

12th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT	9.30am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving – De Zoysa Family
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i> .	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 8th Sept. – 13th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-THIRD 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

The reading from Hebrews juxtaposes the scene of Moses at Mount Sinai with that of Jesus at Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem. How could a follower of Christ not be humbled at this festal gather? The need for humility cannot be overstated. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little" (526).

The author of Hebrews tells followers how to live and then describes the kingdom, where we find Jesus, who has shed his blood so that we might share eternal life with him. The Catechism explains, "We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity" (526).

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are," we hear from Sirach (the author of Ecclesiasticus). No matter the degree of knowledge one holds, others should still be approached with humility and respect. The Second Vatican Council decree on the pastoral office of bishops, *Christus Dominus*, stated, "Discussions on religious matters should still be marked by clarity of expression as well as by humility and courtesy, so that truth may be combined with charity, and understanding with love" (13).

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in school Year 3 or above on 1st September 2019. If you have a child whom you think may be ready, after the necessary preparation, to receive communion, please sign up by filling in a registration form (available now in the porch). Applications close **30th September 2019**.

Our sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of **Francis Arthur Roderick (Rod) de Paula Hanika** sadly passed away on 14th August. His funeral will be held on the **10th September at St Columba's Church, Chesham at 11.30am. May he rest in peace.**

We are looking for two volunteers to be **faith-sharers** to the young people (aged 13-14 years) who will be preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** in 2020. The preparation course is likely to run from Advent 2019 through to May 2020. You are not required to attend every session. No experience is needed, only a wish to pass on the faith to a new generation. Training is available as well as mentoring. This is an exciting opportunity and participation in the course as a catechists would be very rewarding.

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.

Today, 1 September, we celebrate the first World Day of Prayer for Creation

"The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live," said Pope Francis in a letter to the heads of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

The day of prayer is in unity with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople, who began a similar day of prayer for the Orthodox Church in 1989.

Lectionary for Mass

"My child," writes the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus, "conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." Humility is a distinctly Jewish virtue and one that Jesus embraces as the foundation of his teaching on the kingdom of God. Jesus often uses the image of a banquet to offer a teaching about the kingdom. The poor of Palestine could only dream of a banquet. The overflowing abundance of food and wine was beyond their hope. With is image, Jesus promises the poor that they are the chosen guests at God's banquet.

God has a preference for the lowly, and only those who acknowledge their lowly status in relation to God and to others will be embraced at the banquet of eternal life. Many places in the Scriptures show that Jesus lived the virtue of humility: "learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves" (Matthew 11:29). "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). Humility defines Jesus' life and teaching, and so it should define Christians' lives, too. In relationship with God, humility defines us as dependent on God for everything, in relationship with others, humility defines us as servants to others.

St Augustine identified humility as the defining virtue of a Christian way of life: "This way consists first of humility, second of humility, and third of humility. No matter how often you would ask me, I would say the same" (Letter 118).

Liturgy and Life

(1) How would (or has) approaching others with humility made a difference in your relationships? (2) Why is living out humility an example of living authentically? (3) How can providing for people who cannot return the favour be humbling experience?

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).

Parish Reflection Evening

Bishop Peter has asked that each parish together with their pastoral area to spend time reflecting and thinking on what we do well in and about our parish, and what other things we might do well in the future, particularly if we can recruit some parishioners to help us fulfil our ambitions. We will meet on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the Guild Room. Do come along and share your thoughts and ideas.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £271.34

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 September 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.