

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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15th September 2019

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

14th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

14th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving
Monday Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9.30am	Mass – Int. John & Elizabeth Crowley, RIP
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	NO MASS*	
Friday Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions	9.00am	Mass
Saturday ST MATTHEW	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 22nd Sept. – 15th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During the 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.



A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CATECHISTS

With your fatherly blessing Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves derive from pondering your word and studying the Church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in honouring and serving your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Paul's letter to Timothy names his many faults. He was "a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant." Through the mercy of God, the grace of our Lord, and faith, his heart changed. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes that love is not one's own doing but comes through God's grace and love. "Christ's call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians . . . Conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a 'contrite heart' drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God." (1428). In the reading from Exodus, God responds to Moses' plea and does not take out his wrath on his people when they worship idols. This is the because of God's great love. Pope Benedict's encyclical on love, *Deus caritas est*, notes that God possesses a forgiving love. The pope states, "God's passionate love for . . . humanity is at the same time a forgiving love. It is so great that it turns God against himself, his love against justice. . . [S]o great is God's love for man that by becoming man he follows him even into death, and so reconciles justice and love" (10).

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**.

PSALMS – Sunday 22 September at 7pm in St Joseph's Church SL9 8RY. Ten years on from a successful week at the Edinburgh Fringe we are reuniting for a one-off performance. Written by Robert Barham, this piece explores the relevance of the Psalms to life today. Through music, drama and song it draws you into the lives of a cross section of people from society, showing how a particular Psalm is important to them. Suitable for all ages, this innovative interpretation speaks directly to the problems and fears of modern day living, inviting all to make sense of life.

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.

Lectionary for Mass

As we look over our lives, we recall with embarrassment and guilt sinful events we would rather forget. Each of the readings recalls such moments, but these are celebrated instead of forgotten. In the reading from Exodus the people of Israel, whom God had liberated from slavery, have turned away to worship false Gods. In prayer, Moses mediates on their behalf and they experience the joy of God's merciful love. In his First Letter to Timothy, Paul recalls his former way of life as he persecuted Christ and his followers. Without excusing himself, Paul celebrates the forgiveness he has experienced through the Risen Christ's call and transformation. The Gospel offers three parables displaying God's immense love and forgiveness. "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance." This joy is captured in the parable that could be called the "Parable of the Forgiving Father." After patiently awaiting his son's return, the father sees him in the distance, runs, and embraces him. Such actions may have been extraordinary for a Jewish patriarch. The son begins to ask forgiveness, saying, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you," but the father interrupts his prepared speech and throws a party to welcome him back. The second part of the parable contrasts the father's joy and forgiveness with the elder son's inability to forgive. He cannot share his father's joy. Undoubtedly, the father portrays the greatest example of God's forgiving and embracing love.

Liturgy and Life

(1) How has another's mercy benefited you? (2) When have you felt God's grace bring you back into relationship with others? (3) Which of your possessions distract you from God?

The Rosary Crusade of Reparation

Saturday 12 October 2019 The Crusade will assemble at 1:45pm at Westminster Cathedral and be finished about 5:00pm at Brompton Oratory, where there will be rosary, hymns to Our Lady, a sermon, Solemn Benediction and the opportunity for enrolment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Donations to defray the annual cost of nearly £2000 for traffic management may be made at the website www.rosarycrusadeofreparation.blogspot.com and are gratefully received. See poster/leaflets for more info.

CHILTERN PASTORAL AREA REFLECTION DAY: This Saturday delegates from all five parishes in our Pastoral Area gathered together at Our Lady's School to prayerfully reflect upon and plan for a future with an ever decreasing number of priests. The findings will be used to create a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area which will be presented to Bishop Peter for his review and approval when he visits in the autumn. Sincere thanks to everyone who represented Our Lady's parish.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £218.99

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION
HOME MISSION SUNDAY**

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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.

On **Saturday 28th September**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed as there was a large increase in the number of abortions in this country last year. For details of our live saving work see www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Today we celebrate **Home Mission Sunday**. We are invited to find ourselves in the Gospel story as we accompany the characters who call out, 'Rejoice with me!' These words express the joy of finding something, or someone they had lost. Imagine the joy in your own heart when you see someone you love coming home to Church, because they are seeking, or have found Christ. Occasionally this happens by direct divine intervention, but more often we are called to be the face of Christ, praying for, inviting and welcoming those we love into a relationship with Him.

Thankfully we are not alone in this task. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work, and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online please visit www.homemission.org.uk