

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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29th September 2019

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

16th SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

16th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>St Jerome</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Teresa of the Child Jesus</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Edward Ollard, RIP, Anni
Wednesday <i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Francis of Assisi</i> CAFOD FAST DAY	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Elizabeth Giblin, RIP, Anni
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 6th Oct. – 17th 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

Tasha is unable to lead our session this morning.

There are sheets with an image of today's Gospel for children to colour available in the porch. Along with CAFOD Fast Day Grace Cube. Please take one and some colouring pens for the children to use during Mass.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR ANIMALS

O God,
you have done all things wisely;
in your goodness you have made us in your image
and given us care over living things.
Reach out with your right hand
and grant that these animals may serve our needs
and that your bounty in the resources of this life
may move us to seek more confidently
the goal of eternal life.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Pope John Paul II's encyclical *Sollicitudo rei socialis* points to the story of the rich man and Lazarus, noting the options for the poor that Christian tradition bears witness. The pope states, "Love of preference for the poor, and the decisions which it inspires in us, cannot but embrace the immense multitudes of the hungry, the needy . . . It is impossible not to take account of the existence of these realities. To ignore them would mean becoming like the 'rich man' who pretended not to know the beggar Lazarus lying at his gate" (42).

In the Gospel, the rich man knew the Commandments and the teachings of the prophets but had a hardened heart regarding the starving man at his door. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that the Christian needs constantly be attentive to the formation of conscience. "The education of conscience is a lifelong task. . . Prudent education teaches virtue, it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride. . . and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults" (1784).

'UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE' WITH FR MATT BLAKE: Fr Matt will be presenting three sessions at **St Joseph's Church**, helping us to understand the history and context of the Bible. The evening sessions are **2, 9 and 16 October starting at 7.45pm**, or the morning sessions are **3, 10 and 17 October from 9.30am**. This short course will be in preparation for the coming year of **"The God Who Speaks"** (see below). Flyers available in the porch.

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS' - THE YEAR OF THE WORD 2020: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated next year as the Year of the Word 2020, with a focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'. During the year, we will be invited to celebrate, live and share God's word in a more focussed way.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

The **Knights of St Columba (KSC)** is a Catholic fraternal service organisation, **founded in Glasgow on 5th October 1919**, to promote the social doctrine of the Catholic Church which it serves. It is named in honour of Saint Columba: a Christian missionary from Ireland who helped to introduce Christianity to some of the people in the north of Britain. The KSC is dedicated to the principles of **Charity, Unity and Fraternity**. There are more than 4,300 members of the KSC, in over 240 councils across Great Britain, including our own based in High Wycombe — covering England, Scotland and Wales – and is part of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights across the world. Membership is open to Catholic men aged 16 and over. Local contact is Stefan Zachary 07711043244 or stefan@zacharydesign.com.

Lectionary for Mass

"Woe to the complacent," shouts the prophet Amos in the First Reading (Amos 6:1a, 4-7). Indifference to the needs and plight of those around us challenge the prophet Amos and Jesus in today's readings.

In three scenes, Luke tells the parable in the Gospel (16:19-31). In the first, a contrast is drawn between the sumptuous lifestyle of the rich man (who remains unnamed) and the poor man (named Lazarus) covered with sores and lying at the entrance to the rich man's estate. There Lazarus dies, forgotten, with no mention of burial. The rich man also dies and is buried.

The next scene takes place in the afterlife, where the roles are reversed and Lazarus is with Abraham while the rich man is in torment. In the final scene, the rich man begs that his brothers be warned about their fate for overlooking the poor. Like the rich man and his brothers, we have the teachings of Scripture, but we also have the example from this parable and more importantly that of Christ, to remind us of our responsibility to care for the needs of others.

Christians can never be indifferent to the needs of and injustices done to others. Pope Paul VI said in *Populorum progressio*, 23, "it is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything towards persons in need. To quote Saint Ambrose: 'You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have abrogated to yourself'"

Liturgy and Life

(1) How does your parish help members realise that they are to be united with the poor? (2) What does today's Gospel give as the path to lay hold to eternal life? (3) When have you felt that your heart hardened against a person in need?

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. *See poster/leaflets for more details.*

CONFIRMATION 2020: The Chiltern Pastoral Area, which includes our parish invite all parents of children in Year 9 or above to attend a meeting to review the Pastoral Area confirmation programme and registration on **Monday, 14 October at St Joseph's Parish Hall (SL9 8RY) starting at 7:30pm**. We invite prospective candidates to hand write a letter to their parish priest as to why they wish to be confirmed.

Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion for children in school Year 3 or above on 1/9/19. Please sign up by filling in a registration form (*available now in the porch*). Applications close **30th September 2019**.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £324.58
SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY –
CAFOD FAST DAY

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly from your bank, do 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.



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.