

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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6th October 2019

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Brian Farrelly, RIP
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
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 – Int. Kenneth Welch, RIP Anni.
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. – 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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.



Congratulations to **Evelyn Mae Grimer**, who was **Baptised** in the Extraordinary Form this weekend. We pray for her, parents Louis and Francesca, and godparents, Jonathan and Jacinta.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Luton** are seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher for January 2020 or earlier, if possible. Visits to the school are encouraged; please contact Mrs A. Board on 01582 572964 or [finance@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk](mailto:finance@stjosephs.primaryluton.co.uk). For further details, see our vacancies page at [www.stjosephsprimaryluton.co.uk](http://www.stjosephsprimaryluton.co.uk) Closing date for applications is midday on Friday 11th October 2019. Interviews will take place on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:stefan@zacharydesign.com).



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

In today's Responsorial Psalm, the people are led to respond to God with joy and thanksgiving. He is the one who made them and who shepherds and guides them. Their ancestors lost sight of God's goodness and hardened their hearts, but those who sing this Psalm know not to do so. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that dominant themes are seen in the Psalms. "Certain constant characteristics appear throughout the Psalms: . . . the distraught . . . believer who, in his preferential love for the Lord, is exposed to a host of enemies and temptations, but who waits upon what the faithful God will do, in the certitude of his love and in submission to his will" (2589). The Apostles in the Gospel reading request that their faith be increased. In reply, Jesus tells a story of a servant who does the bidding of his master without seeking anything for himself. We are to proceed as that servant, responding to what God has commanded. In that way, our faith will grow. The Second Vatican Council document *Lumen gentium* explains, "All . . . , disciples of Christ, preserving in prayer and praising God, . . . should present themselves as a sacrifice, living, holy and pleasing to God. . . They should everywhere on earth bear witness to Christ and give an answer to everyone who asks a reason for their hope of eternal life" (10).

The author of the Letter to Timothy seeks to enliven the spirit of discipleship by which others come to know Christ. *Lumen gentium* explains that the Church is imperfect even as it strives to help people journey to God. "Until the arrival of the new heavens and the new earth in which justice dwells . . . the pilgrim church, in its sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and it takes its place among the creatures which groan and until now suffer the pains of childbirth and awaits the revelation of the children of God.

## Lectionary for Mass

"The just one because of his faith, shall live, says the prophet Habakkuk some six hundred years before Jesus' birth (First Reading, Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4). 'These words are taken up by Paul in his thesis, "In the gospel is revealed the righteousness of God from faith to faith, as it is written, 'The one who is righteous by faith will live'" (Romans 1:17). The prophet cried out to God to intervene to help his people in their desperation. His cry expresses his faith that God cares for his people and will respond.

Today's Readings offer a deeper insight into the nature of Christian faith. In Paul's Letter to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14), the Apostle encourages his disciples to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands." Timothy has been entrusted with protecting the faith of his community. Paul reminds him of the gift of the Spirit he received that brings with it a gift of boldness that provides strength to overcome obstacles.

In the Gospel (Luke, 17:5-10), when the Apostles tell the Lord, increase our faith," they are not asking for the content of their faith to be increased but for the quality of their faith to be enhanced. In other words, the faith they refer to is their relationship with Christ. After all, as Jesus said, faith the size of a mustard seed could move a tree. Genuine faith, the depth of genuine relationship with Christ, enables us to perform the impossible.

### Liturgy and Life

(1) When have you grown weary as you observed violence and misery? (2) How have you responded when your heart begins to harden to others' needs? (3) During what circumstances, have you longed for an increase in faith?

**Torchlit Procession 7pm Sunday 20 October at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX**

### 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.** Five of our children have registered for the preparation for these Sacraments. Their books have been ordered and after they arrive we will enrol them during Sunday Mass.

## Money Matters

**Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £208.40**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION – TODAY – CAFOD FAST DAY**  
**NEXT SUNDAY – PRISONERS' SUNDAY**  
*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 October 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.*