

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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20th October 2019

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

19TH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

19 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Roger and Nevarde Pace, RIP, Anni
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Pope St John Paul II	9.30am	Mass – Int. Mary Farrelly, Special Intention
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
	*4.00pm – 4.30pm	Rosary & Benediction
SUNDAY 27th Oct. – Our Lord Jesus Christ the King	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Frances Mendis, RIP Anni

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.**

Today is World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sister Clara share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. If you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. For more information visit www.missio.org.uk Thank you.



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

Addressing Timothy, Paul points out the importance of proclaiming Scripture. He makes it apparent that a disciple's life revolves around the Word of God. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis speaks of taking quiet time to be with the Word of God, ponder it, and determine its meaning. He states: "We only devote periods of quiet time to the things or the people whom we love; and here we are speaking of the God whom we love, a God who wishes to speak to us. Because of this love, we can take as much time as we need, like every true disciple: 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening'" (146).

In the Second Reading, we hear that we are to be persistent in proclaiming the Word of God, whether it is "convenient or inconvenient." The Second Vatican Council document *Lumen gentium* notes that the Church can never cease in its mission. The document states, "Mother church never ceases to pray, hope and work . . . and she exhorts her children to purification and renewal so that the sign of Christ may shine more brightly over the face of the church" (15).

Extraordinary Month of Mission – Baptised and Sent

Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission through the Church. This month aims to encourage Catholics into a deeper relationship with Jesus through prayer; to look to, and learn from, the actions and sacrifices of our saints, martyrs and living missionaries; to financially support overseas mission, through Missio; and to rediscover and renew our understanding of overseas mission (missio ad gentes).

For more information, please visit www.missio.org.uk/emm

LUX. VOX A residential retreat for young Catholics of secondary school age. **31st Jan – 2nd Feb 2020. Kings Park Centre, Northampton** (transport provided from Slough and Luton) **£105 pp including accommodation, food and program.** Lux is an annual residential Catholic retreat for young people of secondary school age. Each year the 'Lux' weekends are given a theme and this year's theme is 'VOX'. 'Vox' is Latin for voice. In England and Wales, 2020 is a year for us, as Catholics to focus on the Word of God in Scripture, the year is called '**The God Who Speaks**'. Interpreting, not guessing, what God is saying. Often at NYMO we are asked "Do you actually hear God telling you what to do?" or "Can you hear God's voice?" The answer is 'Yes!' The words of the bible are the word of God – God's voice. The more we read, listen and understand the bible, the closer we understand God. This understanding enables us to interpret what God is saying to us. Interpreting NOT guessing! Through lively activities, small group friendships, engaging inputs and great fun, 'Lux.Vox' will explore how we can engage with the beauty of God's words to interpret His plan for our lives. Bookings are now open and places are limited – a waiting list is always assembled for those who miss out. Call 01582 720627 email fiona@nymo.org www.nymo.org/lux

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Torchlit Procession 7pm This Evening at The Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, 1 Nicoll Road, NW10 9AX. For those who would like to join parishioners for this Procession, we will gather at **Amersham Rail Station at 5.40pm on today** and travel by Underground to Willesden Junction via Northwick Park and Kenton Underground Stations.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL in Chalfont St Peter is looking to **recruit a school caretaker**. Full details and an application form can be found on the school website at www.st-josephsprimary.bucks.sch.uk. For more information about this role please contact Mrs Alicia Rospedziowska, the School Business Manager, on 01753 887743

Lectionary for Mass

Today's liturgy celebrates the virtue of perseverance. In the reading from Exodus (17:8-13), the Israelites face an attack from the Amalakites, a nomadic tribe they encountered in their wanderings through the desert. Through Moses' perseverance, as he interceded with God in prayer, the people of Israel finally triumph over the enemy.

In the Gospel reading (Luke 18:1-8), a widow's perseverance wins as well. Three groups of people were considered the most vulnerable and in need of support: the widow, the orphan, and the stranger. In the justice system in Israel, a judge was expected to give special attention to each of these groups. This makes the judge's lack of attention to the widow's pleas even more outrageous. Despite his rejection, the widow persists. Finally, the judge gives in, not because of the justice of her cause but because she had worn him out.

The message of these two accounts could be easily mistaken. They both advocate persistence in prayer. A literal reading of these accounts may convey that persistence in prayer will change God's mind, but this is nonsense. The God we believe in is a God of love, who promises fidelity to his covenant people. God's love for us is always constant. Persistence in prayer is for our benefit. Through persistence in prayer, we change and deepen our faith and trust in God, his promises, and his love for us.

In the Second Reading (2 Timothy 3:14-4:2), Paul also calls on his co-worker, Timothy, as he exercises his ministry of proclaiming the Word, to "proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do it all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Liturgy and Life

(1) What effect has persistence in prayer had on you? (2) When have you looked to God for assistance? (3) How is your faith reflected in your prayer life?

The Passage, a Christian Charity working with homeless people, is holding a fundraising concert at the **Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 5 November 2019** on the theme **Magic of Italian Opera** with Petroc Trelawny as presenter. The music includes Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves and Nessun Dorma. Call 020 7592 1856 or email tickets@passage.org.uk

CONFIRMATION 2020: Registration is now open for children in School Year 9 or above. Please find the online registration link on the Parish website. **The deadline for registration is Thursday 31 October 2019.** 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 - £264.82

Prisoners' Sunday Appeal - £237.93

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

Thank you for your generosity

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.