

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

21st SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

21st Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Margaret Connolly, RIP, Recently Deceased
Monday <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Bridget Harvey (Birthday Intention)
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Vigil Mass for Solemnity of All Saints
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday DECINATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	9.30am	Mass – Int. Hon. Justice Albert Gbemudu, RIP
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 10th Nov. – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Alan Rayburn, RIP Recently Deceased

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.**



Prayer When Visiting a Cemetery

May God bless all the company of souls here,
may God and Mary bless you.
You too spent awhile here just as we are now
and we too will join you soon.
May we all be adorned in the beauty
of the bright King of heaven.



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

Ordinarily, the tax collector Zacchaeus would not be thought of as poor and humble. However, when he told Jesus he would give half his possessions to the poor and would make restitution to all whom he had extorted, he humbled himself before the Lord and took on poverty of spirit. Jesus declares that Zacchaeus is a son of Abraham because he has taken a posture that shows humility before God and an appreciation for the poor. The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* states: “Christ’s disciples are called to renew ever more fully in themselves ‘the awareness that the truth about God who saves, the truth about God who is the source of every gift, cannot be separated from the manifestation of his love of preference for the poor and humble, that love which, celebrated in the Magnificat, is later expressed in the words and works of Jesus’” (59).

When Zacchaeus turned his heart to Jesus, he not only acknowledged the Lord as the master of his life, he changed his attitude towards the poor, giving half of what he owned to the poor. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis explains that the Christian is to respond to the poor. The Holy Father states, “In all places and circumstances, Christians, with the help of their pastors, are called to hear the cry of the poor. This has been eloquently stated by the bishops of Brazil: ‘We wish to take up daily the joys and hopes, the difficulties and sorrows of the Brazilian people, especially of those living in the barrios and the countryside – landless, homeless, lacking food and health care – to the detriment of their rights’” (191).

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

SAVE THE DATE:

The **parish Christmas dinner** will be taking place on **Saturday 7th December at 7pm.** *More details to follow!*

Lectionary for Mass

In an amusing account, Luke (19:1-10) tells the story of Zacchaeus, a well-known tax collector, short in stature, who climbs a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. His loss of dignity must have been amusing to the crowds. As Jesus passes by, he looks up and says to Zacchaeus, “Come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.”

Zacchaeus welcomes Jesus with joy. This encounter transforms Zacchaeus and he promises to give away half his possessions to the poor and to pay restitution to anyone he has harmed. Jesus accepts Zacchaeus’ faith, saying, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham.” Every encounter with Jesus brings with it the challenge to make a free decision. Zacchaeus seizes the moment and demonstrates the true attitude towards wealth: to give away one’s surplus to those in need and not to defraud another of what is rightfully theirs.

This story is another example in which Luke’s Gospel account presents Jesus turning social expectations upside down. The people are shocked that Jesus is inviting himself to the home of a tax collector, a sinner. Jesus goes further and acknowledged that Zacchaeus has been granted salvation and that he “too is a son of Abraham.” Zacchaeus’ ability to change his way of life is an example of how Abraham’s descendants should act. Abraham is among those in the Old Testament who are heirs to God’s promises.

Liturgy and Life

(1) How easily do you show mercy to a person who has committed a wrong? (2) How did you respond when the Lord lifted you up when you were falling? (3) How does your parish help its members respond to the cry of the poor?

Sister Jacinta Davenport, IBVM has written to thank parishioners for your generosity for the cheque for **£284.00 for the Loreto Sisters’ Albanian mission.** God bless you and all your generous parishioners.

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

NOVEMBER – THE MONTH WE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD
You are welcome to write the names of dead loved ones on a list to be placed before the Altar during November. You will find envelopes and blank sheets in the church porch.

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 - £241.44

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY:
Bishop’s Maintenance Fund**

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 November 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.