

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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10th November 2019

**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

22nd SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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
Monday <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Josaphat of Polotsk</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Mr Sacharias Pereira, RIP, Recently Deceased
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Albert the Great</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 17th Nov. – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Rosemary Ekpo, 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 for Those Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice

O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



You can now find **Northampton Cathedral Development Campaign** on TheGivingMachine, a great fundraising site that lets you raise donations for **Northampton Cathedral Development Campaign** whenever you shop online. It's easy to use and doesn't cost you (or us) a penny! TheGivingMachine is a fundraising charity setup to help other charitable causes raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via TheGivingMachine you will generate a free cash donation for us. With over 2,200 of your favourite retailers, including Amazon, Ebay, M&S, NEXT, Tui, Sainsbury, John Lewis & Partners and Waitrose & Partners, you are bound to find what you need and generate a donation. To start raising free donations go to <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/northampton-cathedral-development-campaign>

ADVENT REFLECTION DAY: On Saturday 23 November you are invited to join us for a day of reflection entitled "The Bible as a Prayer Book: Jesus the Teacher of Prayer". It takes place in the Parish Centre from 10:30am (after Saturday morning Mass) until 3:30pm. The keynote address will be by Fr Matt Blake OCD. It provides time for listening, prayer and reflection. Prepare for Advent and Christmas. Booking essential via the NORES office; email admin@nores.org.uk or ring 01582 723312. The cost of the day is £15 with drinks available. Please bring a packed lunch.

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. 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

The annual **Parish Christmas Dinner** will take place this year at "The Beech House", 16 Hill Avenue, Amersham, HP6 5PW on **Saturday 7th December at 7pm**. Please join us for what is normally a lovely evening including the now traditional Christmas Quiz with prizes to boot! *Booking forms with menu choices are in the porch alongside a box to put deposits in.*

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In today's reading from Maccabees, we hear that the king's attendants marvelled at the courage of the brother that they tortured. We do not hear that the attendants were changed, but it is likely that the faith of the brothers affected their torturers. The encyclical *Spe salvi* notes that when people live out their faith others are given hope that they also can live the faith. Pope Benedict XVI writes in the encyclical on hope: "But in truly great trials, where I must make a definitive decision to place the truth before my own welfare . . . we need witnesses – martyrs – who have given themselves totally, so as to show us the way – day after day. We need them if we are to prefer goodness to comfort, even in the little choices we face each day – knowing that this is how we live life to the full" (39).

In Thessalonians, Paul encourages the community as he tells of God's love and encouragement. Paul is doing God's work on earth and inviting the Thessalonians to continue to do so. This community has embraced Christ and so by their lives has risen with Christ. As disciples, they are participating in the Paschal Mystery. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Christ will raise us up 'on the last day; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on the earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (1002).

Lectionary for Mass

Today's readings reinforce our faith that beyond death there is life with God forever. In the First Reading (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14), a mother and her seven sons are put to death because of their loyalty to their Jewish faith. The mother is forced to watch as her seven sons are put to death on the day before she is killed. The sons' conviction in the resurrection of the dead enables them to remain faithful to their beliefs.

Not all Jews at the time of Jesus believed in the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were one such group and that is the pretext for posing their absurd question to Jesus in today's Gospel (Luke 20:27-38). Jesus' answer is concise and to the point, "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive." Jesus is referring to the story of Moses, who encounters God in the burning bush. God reveals his name to Moses as "I am . . . the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." The point Jesus makes is that God did not say, "I was their God," but that "I am their God." They are still alive because God is the God of the living, not of the dead. The very name of God "I AM" continues to hold them in existence. They are eternally alive because of God's eternal "I AM." God's name is the assurance that our faithful departed are alive in God.

Liturgy and Life

(1) When has another inspired you to live your faith? (2) Would someone know that you have faith that God will strengthen and guard you? (3) What is your vision of life with God?

Religious Christmas Cards and Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are for sale in the Guild Room.

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.

AN ADVENT GIVING TREE will be in our church porch 1-15 December 2019 in aid of 2 homeless charities: NOAH Welfare Centre (Luton) & Emmaus Herts (St Albans). Each tag has details of an inexpensive gift (less than £10). Take one, or more tags, & bring back wrapped presents with tags to put under the tree. *Please support this very deserving cause at Christmas time.*

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 resource books have now arrived. We will **Enrol** these Children during 10am Mass on **Sunday 24th November 2019**.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £244.90
Bishop's Maintenance Fund - £130.54

SECOND COLLECTION – NEXT SUNDAY:
Sick & Retired Priests' Fund
Thank you for your generosity

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.



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.