

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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24th November 2019

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
UNIVERSAL KING

24th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

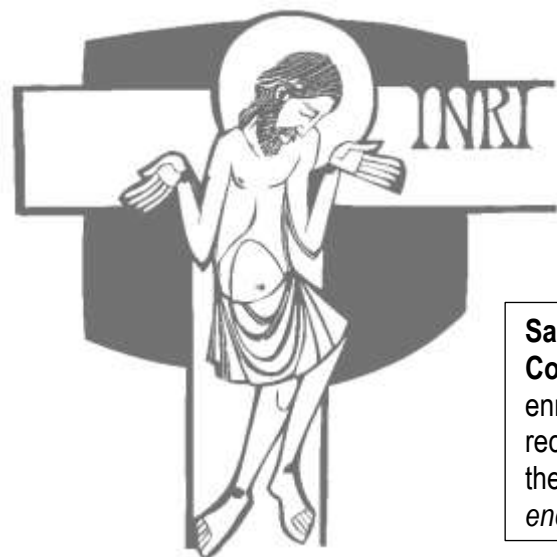
TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

24 th Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	10.00am	Mass – Int. Anitha Roshani and Charlie, RIP, Anni.
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
	4.00pm – 4.30pm*	Rosary & Benediction
SUNDAY 1 st Dec. – 1 st Sunday of Advent	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Readings from Year A)	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.



Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. Today, during the 10am Mass, we will enrol **Alice, Lucy, Nula, Seth, and Thor**, and they receive their workbooks to begin their preparation for these Sacraments. *We will all pledge our support and encouragement to them and their families.*

Advent begins next Sunday. To help our spiritual preparation during the coming Holy Seasons there are prayer and Scripture Reflection booklets for sale in the porch. *Do take a look!*

Admissions for Our Lady's Catholic School for September 2020 are now open. Please fill in a supplementary form and ask your priest to sign a Certificate of Catholic Practice as well as applying through the Buckinghamshire website. Both can be obtained from www.ols.education or from the porch. If you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office (01494 726390) to make a convenient appointment. Deadline for submissions is 15th January 2020

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES (CCRS) Want to learn more about the Catholic Faith? There is an exciting opportunity to study for the CCRS starting in January 2020 at St Anthony's Catholic Primary School in Slough (SL2 3AA). This is a real opportunity to strengthen knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith amongst interested members of our parish and school communities. For further information and a registration form please take a leaflet from the porch, visit the NORES website www.nores.org.uk or email obrien@nores.org.uk

AUTISM AWARENESS COURSE – 30 NOVEMBER organised by the Diocesan Safeguarding Office at St Mary's, Woburn Sands, from 10am to 2.30pm on Saturday, 30 November is open to anyone interested in learning more about autism. To book a place, please contact Lorraine Elks on 01604 723516 or email safeguardingadmin@northamptondiocese.com

YEAR OF THE WORD 2020 is the 1,600 anniversary of Saint Jerome's death and the 10th of Verbum Domini - Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord'. The Bishops of England and Wales are marking these events by designating 2020 a year of focus on the Bible. For initial information see: <http://catholicnews.org.uk/thegodwhospeaks>. Our Diocese **will launch the Year of the Word: The God Who Speaks** during **Mass in honour of Mary Immaculate in Northampton Cathedral on Saturday, 7 December at 11am.** *All are welcome.*

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

On the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, we celebrate our Lord, who suffered a humiliating passion and death. His life shows another way to live, another vision of a king. His is the life Christians emulate. The Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, states "The messianic people has as its head Christ . . . Its law is the new commandment to love as Christ loved us . . . Its destiny is the kingdom of God . . . brought to perfection by him at the end of time when Christ our life . . . will appear and 'creation itself also will be delivered from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the sons and daughters of God'" (9).

St Paul speaks with gratitude for the share the Colossians have "in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." He relates that Christ not only delivered them from the power of darkness but transferred them to the kingdom. Having been delivered from the power of darkness, the Church has a role in spreading news of the faith. The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* states: "The goal of salvation, the kingdom of God embraces all people and is fully realised beyond history, in God. The Church has received 'the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God, and she is, on earth, the seed and the beginning of that kingdom'" (CSDC, 49).

In Jesus, one of the criminals understood that Jesus is the way to the kingdom. Jesus makes that kingdom apparent as he promises the man entrance to paradise. In *The Joy of The Gospel*, Pope Francis encourages people to be open to the kingdom in their midst. "Let us believe the Gospel . . . that the kingdom of God is already present in this world and is growing, here and there, and in different ways" (278).

Lectionary for Mass

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate the kingship of Jesus Christ. All the readings provide an insight into the true nature of this kingship. The First Reading reminds us that all kingship ultimately comes from God. God promised that the kingdom of David would endure forever. The Gospel accounts proclaim that Jesus is David's descendant and heir to his kingdom.

God's plan for the salvation of humanity is celebrated in the hymn of today's Second Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians (1:12-20). God's Son become man is the image of the invisible God, God's plan is to "reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross."

The Gospel illustrates the fulfilment of God's plan. The irony is that the kingship of Christ is revealed through his cross, not through power and majesty, but in the humiliation of the crucifixion. Today's Gospel presents a memorable scene where the innocent Jesus is crucified between two criminals. The first criminal mocks Jesus, while the other admits his guilt and recognises Jesus' innocence. In what must be the clearest acknowledgement of Jesus' kingship in the Gospel accounts, the criminal confesses, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," The death of Jesus on the cross establishes his kingdom and brings salvation to all who call on the name of the Lord.

Liturgy and Life

(1) How does the way kings are treated relate to the way of the Lord is honoured? (2) In what ways does your life reflect the peace and reconciliation that Christ the King brought his people? (3) Do you desire to emulate the humility that Jesus shows on the cross?

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

AN ADVENT GIVING TREE will be in our church porch from 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.*

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 with a box for deposits.*

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land? 7nights from 21st November 2020 for £1000.00 sharing a room (£1275 single room). A wonderful way of marking the Year of God's Word. There is a pilgrimage itinerary and a signup sheet in the porch. So that we can get some idea of numbers, please show your interest without any financial obligation at this stage. Deposits and bookings will be required in the New Year.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £205.21

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund - £218.86

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.



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.