

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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19th January 2020

**SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

2ND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. Derek Whitson, RIP (B'day Remembrance)
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>St Agnes, Martyr</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Richard Fernandez (90 th B'day)
Wednesday <i>St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
	4.00pm – 4.30pm*	Rosary & Benediction
SUNDAY 19th Jan. 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of 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.



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.

Peace Sunday 19 January 2020 – The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities for peace and justice. Thank you for supporting Pax Christi.

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

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The First Reading relates the role of servant as a light to the nations so that salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. Christ fulfilled the role of Suffering Servant as he followed his Father's will to the Cross. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "By his loving obedience to the Father, 'unto death, even death on a cross' (Philippians 2:8), Jesus fulfils the atoning mission (see Isaiah 53:10) of the suffering Servant" (623).

In her call to holiness, the Church provides guidance through social doctrine formed through reflection on the complex realities of human existence and in light of faith and Church tradition. *Sollicitudo rei socialis* states: "The teaching and spreading of her social doctrine are part of the Church's evangelising mission. And since it is a doctrine aimed at guiding people's behaviour, it consequently gives rise to a 'commitment to justice,' according to each individual's role, vocation and circumstances" (41).

The Reading from Corinthians notes that Paul was called to be an Apostle through "the will of God." Through Baptism, all Christians are to "be a light" as Isaiah proclaims *Ad gentes* states, "The members of the Church are impelled to engage in this [missionary] activity because of the charity with which they love God and by which they desire to share with all people the spiritual goods of both this life and the life to come. (7).

CANON DAVID OAKLEY APPOINTED BISHOP OF NORTHAMPTON

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Canon David Oakley, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and currently rector of St Mary's College, Oscott, to be the thirteenth Bishop of Northampton. Pray for God's blessing for Bishop Peter as he continues his ministry, and for our bishop-elect, Canon David Oakley

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have chosen your servant David as our bishop elect, grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church.

Our Lady's Parish has been allocated places for two representatives from our parish to attend the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect David Oakley on **Thursday 19 March at 11.00am at the Cathedral in Northampton**. If you would like to attend please contact Fr Andy by next Sunday 26th January so that formal invitations may be sent.

Lectionary for Mass

As we begin this new season, our readings remind us of a significant outcome of Christian faith: we are called to be witnesses. John's Gospel presents the Baptist differently from the other Gospel accounts: the prophet does not dress in an austere manner or challenge people with a rhetoric of fire and doom. Instead, the Baptist is portrayed as a witness, one of many throughout John's Gospel, to testify to the person of Jesus. In today's Gospel (John 1:29-34), the Baptist identifies Jesus as superior to him: "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me." The Baptist testifies to Jesus' baptism and the Spirit descending upon Jesus and concludes by saying: "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

The prophet Isaiah (49:3, 5-6) testifies to another figure, the servant, whose task is to lead the Israelites back to God. He reminds them that they are to be witnesses to all the nations of the world: "I will make you a light to the nations / that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." This servant foreshadows Jesus' mission of witnessing to all people God's plan of salvation.

In greeting his community in Corinth, Paul (1 Corinthians 1:1-3) identifies as an Apostle, sent to testify to the message of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Paul reminds the Corinthians that they are "called to be holy" and that their lives are transformed by the person and message of Jesus Christ.

Liturgy and Life

(1) As you pray the Our Father, how do you perceive the words "thy will be done"? (2) How do you allow God's light to be reflected in you? (3) What roles humility play in your life?

PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: There will be an evening of prayer at the Bridgettine Convent in Iver Heath (SL0 0NR) on Wednesday 22 January at 7pm. Ecumenism is the main Charism of the Bridgettine Order and the Sisters invite you to join them for this service, followed by refreshments, as we mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All are most welcome.

Catholic Basics Part I "God" on Jan 25 2020 at the Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD. Come and join us from **10am to 3pm (arrive 9.30 for refreshments)** for an engaging and informative day. Course pack and sandwich lunch provided in £15 cost. This is the second year of this successful course. For details and booking: Tel 01582 723312 or admin@nores.org.uk.

CAFOD have written alerting us to the escalating drought and food shortages in Zimbabwe and Zambia. CAFOD are supporting local aid experts in delivering emergency food aid to the people in greatest need, through their church network, and creating access to safe, clean water through new pipelines, boreholes and water points. *We will take a special emergency collection next Sunday 26th January for this work.*

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £252.48

SPUC White Flower Appeal - £242.71

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

TODAY: PAX CHRISTI PEACE APPEAL

NEXT SUNDAY: CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

Thank you for your generosity

The January 2020 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.

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