

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD

HOLY FAMILY

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Holy Family</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Bert Mendis, RIP
Monday <i>Feria</i> (First Week of the Year – Year II)	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Caroline Ullal, (who is sick)
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Anthony, Abbot</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i> (Octave of prayer for Christian Unity)	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Derek Whitson, RIP (B'day Remembrance)

## 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.

### Welcome

Today at 10am Mass we welcome and baptise **Izabella Aniela Summer Woodward**, into the Faith of our parish family. Her parents, **Ania** and **Thomas** will make solemn promises to bring her up the practice of the Church, supported by her godmother, **Sofia**, together with all of us gathered here for Mass this morning and each Sunday morning. Please keep Izabella and her parents and godparent in your prayers.



## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Isaiah, God tells the Suffering Servant that he has been called "for justice." He is to be a "light to the nations," open the eyes of the blind and become a covenant to the people. Jesus is the Suffering Servant, who through his baptism is called to bring forth justice, fulfil the law, and become a covenant to the people. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, "In Jesus, the Law no longer appears engraved on tablets of stone but 'upon the heart of the Servant who becomes 'a covenant to the people.' Because he will 'faithfully bring forth justice'" (580).

**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. Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect David in Northampton Cathedral at 11am on the Solemnity of St Joseph 19 March. Bishop Peter Doyle rejoices in this good news. The Bishop has worked closely with Bishop Elect David during his seven years as rector of the seminary at Oscott, and knows him to be a man of faith and prayer, and a pastoral priest and wise teacher. Bishop Peter joins the priests and deacons, and the religious and people of the Diocese of Northampton in giving thanks to God and welcoming Bishop Elect David and praying for him as he prepares for his ordination as Bishop.

**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 on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January for this work.*

**White Flower Appeal 2020** – the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) is holding its annual appeal this weekend. On 21 October 2019 the most extreme abortion regime in Europe was imposed on the people of Northern Ireland by the government at Westminster. Abortion will now be permitted for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack.

**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](http://www.nores.org.uk) or email [obrien@nores.org.uk](mailto:obrien@nores.org.uk)

**Admissions for Our Lady's Catholic School** for September 2020 are now open. Please apply through the Buckinghamshire website and complete a supplementary Certificate of Catholic Practice form to be signed by a priest who knows you. Both forms can also be obtained from [www.ols.education](http://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 15 Jan 2020.

## Lectionary for Mass

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. Matthew (3:13-17) describes the baptism and anointing by the Holy Spirit of the adult Jesus in a richly symbolic way that expresses Jesus' acceptance of the mission that the Father had given him as God's suffering servant. Jesus' baptism unfolds in the form of a drama in two parts. The first part focuses on Jesus' acceptance of his mission. Jesus comes to John to be baptised but John objects: "I need to be baptised by you." Although Jesus is the Lamb of God who is without sin, by this action, Jesus, as the Lamb identifies himself with humanity in order to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). Jesus' baptism looks forward to his death. When saying that by accepting baptism he "fulfils all righteousness," Jesus submits himself to his Father's will, consenting to a path leading to suffering, death, and Resurrection for the forgiveness of humanity's sins. The second part of Matthew's drama focuses on the Father's response to Jesus acceptance. God identifies Jesus unambiguously as "my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Finally, "the heavens were opened" at Jesus' baptism, reversing what happened through Adam's sin. Adam's rejection of God destroyed the intimate relationship between humankind and God. Now Jesus' baptism restores God's relationship with humankind intended at the beginning of creation.

By accepting Baptism, we embrace what Jesus accomplished for us. Through the waters of Baptism, we become a new creation, our sins are forgiven, and we enter an intimate relationship as a beloved child of God, Father, Son, and Spirit, together with all who, like us, have become a new creation through the waters of Baptism.

### Liturgy and Life

(1) Where do you notice God's majesty? (2) In a time as short as a ride in a lift, could you explain your reason for belief? (3) What responsibilities come with your Baptism?

**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 (arr. 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](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk).

## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £254.92

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**  
**TODAY: SPUC – WHITE FLOWER APPEAL**  
**NEXT SUNDAY: PAX CHRISTI PEACE 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.*



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.