

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

SEPTUAGESIMA

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Septuagesima</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Sister Chanel, RIP (recently deceased)
Monday <i>St Scholastica</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Caselton-Clark)
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Tomlinson)
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Mgr Michael Casey)
Friday SS CYRIL & METHODIUS	9.00am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (A & R Powys-Lybbe)
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Leonard Joseph Brice)
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Septuagesima II</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Frances Mendis, RIP

## 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.

Today at the 10am Mass we Welcome and Baptise **Julian Wietrzak** into the Faith of our parish community. His parents **Dominik and Joanna** make solemn promises to bring him up in the practice of the Church, supported by his godfather, **Konrad**, and indeed by all gathered here for Mass this morning. Please keep Julian, his parents and godparent in your prayers.



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

In the 1988 apostolic exhortation *Christifidelis laici*, Pope John Paul II references today's Gospel as he speaks of the Christian's vocation. He calls on the faithful to engage in the mission of the Church. The pope writes: "It is necessary, then,...to keep a watchful eye on this our world...whose...affairs pose problems and grave difficulties. This is the field in which the faithful are called to fulfil their mission...to be the 'salt of the earth' and the 'light of the world' (cf. Matthew 5:13-14)" (3). When the Council Fathers wrote on the missionary activity of the Church in the Second Vatican Council document *Ad gentes*, they emphasised that the work of the Apostles to spread the Good News must continue today. *Ad gentes* states, "The church, the salt of the earth and the light of the world (see Matthew 5:13-14), is even more urgently called upon to save and renew every creature so that all things might be restored in Christ, and so that in him men and women might form one family and one people of God" (1). Jesus tells the crowd that the good that they do will show the glory of God. In *Ad gentes*, the Council Fathers note that it is through the authentic witness that Christians offer that the mystery of Christ is radiated. The document states, "The disciples of Christ . . . they seek to enhance the dignity of women and men . . . so people are helped to attain salvation by love of God and love of humanity; the mystery of Christ begins to shine out." (12).

**Our NEW 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. Frank Pace and Joe Tavernier will represent our parish at the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect David Oakley on **Thursday 19 March at 11.00am at the Cathedral in Northampton.**

**The Passage** is a Christian Charity working with homeless people. Please support a **St David's Day concert** in aid of The Passage at **Methodist Central Hall, Westminster** on **Friday 28 February at 7.00pm.** The concert features the London Welsh Male Voice Choir. Book online: [stdavidsday.enventbrite.co.uk](http://stdavidsday.enventbrite.co.uk)

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Frederick Turner** who died recently. His funeral will take place at **11am on Thursday 13 February** at Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois. We extend our sympathy to all his family and friends.

## PASTORAL AREA MISSION PLAN

Last September representatives from the five parishes in our Pastoral Area came together, as directed by Bishop Peter, to reflect prayerfully on the needs and opportunities within our community and to identify a number of local projects. Getting a real "grass roots" perspective on our strengths and needs as well as hearing from a wide range of voices with local knowledge and experience enabled us to explore ideas from different perspectives. Four areas of focus were identified and prioritised: Liturgy, Welcoming & Social Community, Children & Youth and Communications. Working groups need to be quickly established for each of these projects. If you feel passionate about any of these areas, have an open heart about new ways of working and have some time and energy to support us, we'd like to hear from you. Please contact Fr Andy if you would like to be involved. *Thank you to those who have already agreed to be involved.* The reflections, findings and initiatives identified during the Reflection Day will be used to produce a Mission Plan for our Pastoral Area. This needs to be ready by mid-March, ahead of a gathering of all Pastoral Areas on 28 March with Bishop Peter and Bishop Elect David.

## Lectionary for Mass

In the verses preceding today's Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16), Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes. As Moses formed God's people by giving them the old law on Mount Sinai, so Jesus, the new Moses, forms a new people by giving them his new law. "You are the salt of the earth," says Jesus. As salt permeates food and brings out its flavour, so as Christians we are called to permeate the world and transform its values. "You are the light of the world," continues Jesus. In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims: "I am the light of the world" (8:12). As Jesus' followers we are called to let his light shine through our lives, drawing others to this light. In the letter to the followers of Corinth (1 Corinthians 2:1-5), Paul shows how his life witnessed to the light of Christ. He tells the Corinthians that when he came to them, he did not preach using great rhetorical gifts. Instead he allowed the Spirit to speak through him. Physically, Paul came "in weakness and fear and much trembling." The power of the Spirit, however, transformed his human inadequacies to communicate the message of the crucified and Risen Christ. Paul argues that God's power, God's grace, works through the lives of believers by attracting many to follow and accept the Good News. The prophet Isaiah offered the same idea. The witness of an authentic life attracts people to the message. The prophet affirms this vision: "If you bestow your bread on the hungry / and satisfy the afflicted; / then your light shall rise for you in the darkness."

## Liturgy and Life

(1) When has sharing your goods with another lifted gloom from your life? (2) In what ways has someone shed Christ's light on your path? (3) How can your parish be more of a light in the darkness for your community?

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Today, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020 the Catholic Church in England and Wales will celebrate Racial Justice – The theme is: "*You are at the heart of the Church*" It will celebrate the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England and Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholic from the travelling communities. To support the Church in its work with travellers, a second collection will be taken today. Your contributions, however great or small will help to make a difference.

**Catholic Basics Part 2 "The Church" on February 15** 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](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk).

## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £193.36

**SECOND COLLECTION:  
TODAY: Racial Justice Sunday**

*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.

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**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.*