

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SECOND SUNDAY  
OF LENT

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Casleton-Clark)
Tuesday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Hayley Farrelly & Family
Wednesday Lent Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Lent Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Newton)
Friday Lent Feria	9.00am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Searle)
	<b>5.00pm*</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Saturday Lent Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Foundation Mass (Elizabeth Richardson)
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March 3rd Sunday in Lent</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. John Richard Sullivan, RIP, Anni



## 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.

**Coronavirus:** the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued guidance for Parish Worship. As the disease is mostly mild, we are all encouraged to maintain good hygiene as the best way to protect us from the spread for Coronavirus. We ask anyone with cold or flu symptoms to refrain from the physical sign of peace, taking communion from the Chalice and advise that they should receive the host on the hand only. (We should be doing this anyway, every 'flu season.)

**Lent Prayer booklets** (*My Day by Day* and *Walk With Me*) are for sale in the porch.



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

At the Transfiguration, the Father identified Jesus as his “beloved Son” and directed the Apostles to “listen to him.” Through listening to Christ, the earth will be transfigured, the authors of *Guadium et Spes* write. “When we have spread on earth the fruits of our nature and our enterprise – human dignity, sisterly and brotherly communion, and freedom – according to the command of the Lord and in his Spirit, we will find them once again, cleansed this time from the stain of sin, illuminated and transfigured, when Christ presents to his Father an eternal and universal kingdom ‘of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace’” (39).

Jesus had invited Peter, James, and John to a momentous experience and then instructed them not to tell anyone until “the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” The disciples still needed to be formed by the Spirit. In the *Aparecida* document, the bishops note the importance of the Spirit’s work in forming missionaries. “Disciples must be formed in a spirituality of missionary action . . . based on docility to the impulse of the Spirit, to its life giving power which mobilises and transfigures all dimensions of existence” (284).

In the Second Reading, the audience of the Second Letter to Timothy hears that they are “called to a holy life.” Holiness requires an ongoing commitment to conversion. Pope John Paul II explains in his encyclical on the Eucharist and the Church’s relationship to the world, *Ecclesia de eucharistia*, “Proclaiming the death of the Lord . . . entails all who take part in the Eucharist be committed to changing their lives . . . It is his fruit of a transfigured existence and commitment to a transforming world in accordance with the Gospel which splendidly illustrates the eschatological tension inherent in the celebration of the Eucharist” (121).

**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at **St Joseph’s Church in Maidenhead** and at **Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool**. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God’s blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena prayer.

Please write to Novena Director, St Joseph’s Missionary Society, 58Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT or email [novenamhm@gmail.com](mailto:novenamhm@gmail.com) (There are a few copies of the Novena booklet near the statue of St Joseph, please take one).

This Lent, **CAFOD’s Family Fast Day** is an opportunity to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. Your donations go to highly-trained, highly skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world’s poorest families. Sister Consilia is one of these people. She is a nun in an out-of-town health centre in Zimbabwe. Sister Consilia is a trained pharmacist who saves lives each and every day. Without support like yours, her brilliant work just couldn’t continue as there wouldn’t be enough funding to support it. But we urgently need your help to fund more local experts like Sister Consilia to reach out to even more people who need treatment, care and love. On **Friday 6 March**, will you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Sister Consilia to continue her life-saving work – helping the health of the world’s poorest people?

Through CAFOD’s global Church family – one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

**Please collect your family Fast Day envelope from the porch and give whatever you can.**

## Scripture Insights

The readings for the Second Sunday of Lent encourage us to *trust* God and to *listen* to his Son. The First Reading presents the call of Abram (Abraham) from Genesis 12. Recorded during the period of Israel’s monarchy in the tenth-century BC, this story spoke to those times: Israel had become a great nation united under a single monarchy and a single king, David. The people of Israel were blessed with land and descendants that had elevated Israel to a status unknown in their previous thousand years of existence. From this place, Israel saw Abraham as their great patriarch – the first to trust God to be the guide for his people.

The Gospel reading tells of the Transfiguration of Jesus. For Matthew’s Jewish community, the setting on a high mountain, the presence of Moses, the overshadowing cloud, and Jesus’ transfigured face and clothes would have conjured up images of Exodus 19-24, Moses receiving the law on Mount Sinai. They would have heard Jesus’ Transfiguration in the context of their own traditional sacred stories. But in this Transfiguration account, Matthew aims for more than preserving details that would be familiar to his community. Matthew is teaching that God is doing something new: God’s definitive revelation now lies with his beloved Son. Just as God told Abram to trust him, God now calls the three disciples (Peter, James and John) to trust the words of his beloved Son: “Listen to him” (Matthew 17:5).

These readings teach us how to be open to God’s grace: we must trust God to be our guide and listen to the words of his beloved Son. As our Lenten journey continues, we can turn to the words Jesus spoke to the disciples: “Stand up, . . . do not be afraid” (Matthew 17:7).

### Liturgy and Life

(1) During this second week of Lent, try to imagine the faith Abram possessed to leave everything he knew. (2) Are you able to trust in the Lord enough to put aside worry for a day?

**Frank Pace** and **Joe Tavernier** will represent our parish at the **Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Elect David Oakley** as the thirteenth Bishop of Northampton on **Thursday 19 March at 11.00am at the Cathedral in Northampton**. Pray for God’s blessing for Bishop Peter as he continues his ministry, and for our bishop-elect, Canon David Oakley.

The origins of **World Day of Prayer 2020** date back to the 19<sup>th</sup> century in USA and Canada, when women from different Christian denominations started organising days of prayer for missionary work. Now 170 countries participate. Every year the focus is on a different country and the service is written by the women of that country and then translated into over 60 different languages and 100 dialects. In the Amersham area, the service will be held on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in King’s Church, Raans Road, Amersham, HP6 6LX**. It will be followed by tea and cakes and everyone is welcome. **We are praying with the people of Zimbabwe this year.**

## Money Matters

Last Sunday’s Offertory Collection - £214.34

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:**  
**TODAY – CAFOD LENT FAST DAY**  
**NEXT SUNDAY - COMBONI MISSIONARY APPEAL**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**The March 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.*