



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER

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**TWELFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

Tuesday *Feria*

Wednesday NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday *Feria*

SS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

10.00am

9.30am

9.30am

NO MASS TODAY

6.30pm

7.00pm

9.00am

9.30am

10.00am

MASS – *Int. People of the parish*

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

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Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

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MASS – *Int. People of the parish*

All these Liturgies will be **live streamed online**. Join us on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB)

You **DO NOT** require a Facebook account to access our Facebook page!

Scripture Insights

The Scriptures show that when God's chosen prophets and Apostles faithfully carry out their mission, they always encounter suffering. This is especially evident in the life of the prophet Jeremiah, who recounts his painful struggles in five sections of his book known as his Confessions. Today's First Reading is from one of them. But something remarkable happens in this passage: though Jeremiah begins by describing a dire situation, he shifts to an expression of confidence that God is with him and will see him through the crisis. What a powerful example for us in our own struggles – to bring them to the Lord with all the details of the misery, the pain, and the confusion we experience – and then to affirm our trust that God is with us and will deliver us!

In the Book of Psalms, we find many prayers that do precisely this. Known as the Psalms of Lament or Supplication, they make up nearly one third of the one hundred and fifty psalms. Today's Responsorial Psalm follows their pattern: description of personal distress, prayer for deliverance, confidence and thanksgiving for God's help.

Today's Gospel reading comes in the middle of a long instruction Jesus gives to his twelve disciples prior to sending them out on mission. He minces no words about the opposition they will endure. At the same time, he calls them to unshakable courage: "do not be afraid . . . you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows." What a firm basis for hope he offers us when he promises: "Everyone who declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven." May his words of promise be the basis of our courage and hope, whatever we may face in faithfully responding to the mission that is ours.

Liturgy and Life

(1) When have you felt alone in trusting that the Lord would protect you? (2) Why is it difficult to put aside worry and completely trust in God? (3) When do you see the Church speak God's truth in the light?

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Jeremiah depicts being trapped and betrayed by associates, and even friends. The Lord, however, acts like "a mighty hero." The Prophet acknowledges that "the Lord has delivered the soul of the needy." Explaining that God saves, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states "Salvation comes from God alone" (169).

In proclaiming how God rescues the poor from the wicked, Jeremiah prepares people to repent and be faithful. God, who probes mind and heart, deserves sung praise. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Their prayer is not flight from this unfaithful world, but rather attentiveness to the Word of God" (2584).

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Worksheet activities for this Sunday's readings may be downloaded from our parish website:

www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org

OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES to all those who have lost loved ones in recent days. We pray for all those who have died, and their families, during Mass each day. **May the Lord enfold them in his mercy.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Thank you to all those who leave greetings, messages, and delicious treats for on The Presbytery steps. I am so grateful for your support and encouragement during this unique time. Thank you, too, for your messages and emoji during the Live Streaming of Masses. *It is good to know that you are there as part of the congregation even if I cannot see you!*

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE VINE

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper may be viewed online: <https://www.churchpaper.co.uk/Catholic-newspapers.asp?PublicationID=8&PubDate=1187>

The latest Diocesan News may be found here:

www.northamptondiocese.org/news

MONEY MATTERS

Many parishioners generously support the parish financially. Your generosity is appreciated and encourage you to continue supporting the parish through online donations at www.northamptondiocese.org/donate Please include 'Our Lady's Chesham Bois – Offertory' in the comments box to ensure the parish is allocated your donation. Some parishioners may prefer to **donate by telephone** instead. Each Tuesday between 10:00am and 4:00pm, parishioners will be able to call **01604 712065**, to donate to our parish. All they will require is their debit or credit card to hand when they call. A one-off donation may be made to cover their missed Sunday offerings or call each week knowing their offering is going to the parish they wish. As only one person is answering the phone line it may be busy when you call, please leave your contact details on the answering service and you will be called back or phone back a little later.

REOPENING OF OUR LADY'S CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Places of worship are now able to reopen for private prayer. **Our Lady's Church** will be open on **Mondays between 2pm and 4pm** and **Thursdays between 10am and 12noon for private prayer** only. We invite you to come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. *If you are coming by car, please do not park in Our Lady's School, instead park responsibly in nearby roads, to allow for those with limited mobility to park in the limited space around the church building.* I am so grateful to those who have volunteered to act as stewards to ensure that we have a prayerful environment in the church and to keep everyone safe by doing all we can to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Please follow the guidance of our stewards. If more volunteers come forward, we will be able to open the church more often. Volunteers need to be healthy individuals below the age of 70 years, and **not** part of the group of people who are being 'shielded' from coronavirus. Are you able to help? Please contact Fr Andy.

MARY'S MEALS is a charity that Our Lady's parishioners have helped. They have made a video to update us on their work during the Coronavirus. You may watch the video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk

Our Lady's Church votive candle lights with a representation of the stained glass window of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are available. They will burn for up to 24 hours and a suggested donation is £2.00 (*donations may be made online*). They are the perfect accompaniment to light in your home while joining live stream Mass each day. Contact Fr Andy if you would like to place an order.

CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal, **in these challenging times, your gifts and prayers are needed as much as ever.**

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's **Day for Life** is celebrated on **Sunday, 21 June 2020**. 'Moses' invitation rings out loud and clear: "*See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil. ... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live*" (Dt 30:15, 19). *Evangelium Vitae*, 28. The theme for Day for Life 2020 is Choose Life, with a particular focus on protecting mothers and unborn children, and bringing hope and healing after abortion. Further information may be found here: www.dayforlife.org/article/2020-day-for-life-choose-life/ The proceeds of the **Day for Life** collections to be held in England and Wales assists the work of the **Anscombe Bioethics Centre** and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

We are **praying for our children** who are **preparing to receive Holy Communion** for the first time: **Lucinda, Thor, Nuala, Seth and Alice**, as we have had to postpone the originally planned date. We will reschedule, once we are able to gather for public worship in our Church. *Do keep these children, and their families, in your prayers this week.*