



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER

19TH JULY 2020

**SIXTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday *Feria*

Tuesday *Feria*

Wednesday ST MARY MAGDALENE

Thursday ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

Day of Prayer for Europe

Friday *Feria*

Saturday ST JAMES

8am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))

10.00am

9.30am

9.30am

NO MASS TODAY

6.00pm

7.00pm

9.00am

9.30am

6.00pm

MASS – Int. Isabelle Anderson, for health and wellbeing

Mass.

Mass – Int. Mary Cherubim & Victor Thangarajah, RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Mass

Mass – Int. Edna Welch, special intention

Mass

Vigil Mass (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

(Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))

10.00am

MASS – Int. People of the parish

Our 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

What is heaven like? Wouldn't we all like to know! So, it's not surprising that people asked Jesus this question. But instead of telling them about harps, clouds, and pearly gates, he told them about seeds. It's true that the Kingdom of Heaven is the hope of eternal life, but according to Jesus, the Kingdom of Heaven is not only something in our future. It's here already, planted like a seed in the hearts of those who believe, and in the Church. It may be hidden, like the seed under the dirt or the yeast folded into the dough, but it is here, nevertheless. And Jesus promised that what is now concealed will someday be revealed (Matthew 10:26).

The time we live in is a time of waiting between the planting and the harvest – that is, between Jesus' first coming and his return. But during that time, those who follow Jesus are expected to do some things. We can continue the work of Jesus by spreading the seeds of the Kingdom. When we love our neighbour, when we feed the hungry, when we talk about our faith with others, we are planting seeds.

But there is one thing we are not to do, and that is to judge others. That means we are not allowed to try to determine who are the "wheat" and who are the "weeds." As our First Reading says, we are to treat others with leniency and kindness. The psalm reminds us to forgive. In fact, forgiving others is another way to plant the seeds of the Kingdom (Matthew 18:21-25). Judgement is God's job, and even he is not yet doing it because there is still time for conversion – as long as one is alive, there is still time to return to God. So keep spreading those seeds.

Liturgy and Life

What is your reaction to the phrase "Those who are just must be kind" in the reading from Wisdom? (2) When have you looked to the Spirit relearn how to pray? (3) How do you seek to nurture your faith?

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the Responsorial Psalm, we hear that God is forgiving and abounding in kindness and fidelity. His power is shown by the mercy he showers on sinners. The Catechism explains "God is the *Father* Almighty, whose fatherhood and power shed light on one another: God reveals his fatherly omnipotence by the way he takes care of our needs; by the filial adoption that he gives us . . . finally by his infinite mercy, for he displays his power at its height by freely forgiving sins" (270).

If followers of Jesus are to reflect God in the world, they are to be merciful and forgiving to others, just as God is described in the reading from Wisdom. The Catechism states, "The Christian . . . should strive to works of mercy and charity, as well as by prayer and the various practices of penance, to put off completely the 'old man' and to put on the 'new man'" (1473).

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

Thank you to all those who leave greetings, messages, and delicious treats for me on The Presbytery steps. I'm so touched and grateful for your support and encouragement during these past weeks of the pandemic. 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 DIOCESE NEWS

The latest Diocesan News may be found on the website: www.northamptondiocese.org/news

MONEY MATTERS

Many parishioners generously support the parish financially. Your generosity is appreciated and you are encouraged 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 MASS

Our Lady's Church is now open for Mass and public worship. You are reminded that the dispensation for not attending Sunday Mass, granted by the Bishops, is still in force, so there is no obligation to parishioners to attend a Sunday Mass. Bishop David is advocating a 'soft re-installation' programme to begin with, and it could be some time before we return to normal. The safety of everyone is of paramount importance to our Bishop, and he does not wish for anyone to be placed in vulnerable position of any kind. As a general point any public act of worship that can be deferred until the autumn should be. Outside of public liturgies advertised, you are invited to come and spend time in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. *If you are coming by car, and it is a school day, 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 keep everyone safe by doing all we can to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Please follow the guidance of our stewards.

MARY'S MEALS is a charity that Our Lady's parishioners have helped in recent years. 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.

Hear Mass by Phone

The Diocese of Middlesbrough has launched what it believes is the country's first Catholic Mass available to listen to directly by phone. The new **Mass-by-Phone** service, specifically provided for those without internet access. The number to call is **01642 130120**. *Calls are charged at local rate and free if in your included minutes.*

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.*

We are praying for our engaged couples preparing for the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage at Our Lady's over the coming months: **Anna and Charlie, Clare and Andre, Emma and Brian, Natalie and Joe, Helena and Daniel.**

Missio's Mission Today is now available online. It may be downloaded at www.missio.org.uk/mission-today. Missio also now have a simple online donation process. See missio.org.uk/RedBox

The **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which **CAFOD** is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on **14 July**. CAFOD's response to the global pandemic - a long term, large scale response programme. Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, we are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. But there is so much more to be done. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving, and so our response needs to be large scale, and multifaceted. So this month, as the DEC raises awareness of the global situation, we are asking the Catholic community to keep those worst affected in their thoughts, prayers and where possible, their alms giving. You can donate to this emergency appeal online at www.cafod.org.uk. We are asked to continue to pray for the communities worst hit by this pandemic and its many effects. CAFOD and those we work with so appreciate your prayers and support. Everything we do, in every region, is different because of this disease; challenges are enormous and ongoing. Your support is enabling us through our Catholic networks, to adapt and respond.