



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER

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**SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>(Eighth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass.
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving (Anne T)
Wednesday <i>St Martha</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.00am	Mass – Int. Edna Welch, special intention
Saturday <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	9.30am	Mass
	<b>10.30am – 11.30 am</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> (Outside in garden behind Church)
<b>(Ninth Sunday After Pentecost</b>	8.00am	Vigil Mass (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
		<b>MASS</b> – Int. People of the parish

Our Liturgies will be **live streamed online**. Join us on Facebook Live ( [www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB) )

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

### Scripture Insights

No doubt you've heard the expression, "You can't take it with you." It means that we leave the world the way we came into it – without even the clothes on our backs. But the truth is that there are some things you can take with you into eternal life. They're just not material things. And that's what Jesus is talking about in the treasure parables. Real treasure is that which has eternal value – it's what you can take with you.

One way to think about this is in terms of relationships. In 1 Corinthians 13:13, Saint Paul says that there are three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest is love. Love is the greatest because it's the only one of the three that is eternal. Faith will give way to sight, hope will give way to joy, but love is forever. We will carry our relationships with God and with our loved ones into the Kingdom with us.

So how do you "buy" the treasure of love (Matthew 6:20-21)? The currency that buys eternal treasure is time. So the way that we invest in the Kingdom is to spend quality time with the people we hope to be with in heaven – starting with God. Quality time with God means going to Mass regularly and spending time in personal prayer and devotions. We also need to spend quality time with those with whom we are in significant relationships: spouse, children, parents, loved ones. Of course to do this might require a sacrifice of other things that take up our time – but that's the point of the parable. We have to give something to buy something greater. We trade the earthly treasures for the heavenly treasures. We give up what we can't take with us to gain what we can take with us.

### Liturgy and Life

How would an understanding heart," as Solomon; requested enrich your relationships? (2) What words in today's readings shed light on the nature of God? (3) How would you describe the Kingdom of Heaven?

#### Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

By giving Solomon an understanding heart, God helped the king govern his people. God has endowed people with gifts and strengths so that they can act on his behalf in the world. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* instructs, "God has not willed to reserve the functions it is capable of performing, according to the capacities of its own nature. This mode of governance ought to be followed in social life. The way God acts in governing the world, which bears witness to such great regard for human freedom should inspire the wisdom of those who govern human communities (1884).

Civic leaders carry an enormous responsibility to act justly and compassionately. The Catechism notes Pope St. Clement's prayer for them: "Direct, Lord, their counsel, following what is pleasing and acceptable in your sight, so that by exercising with devotion and peace and gentleness the power that you have given to them, they may find favour with you" (1900).

### 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](https://www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org)

**Thank you** to all those who leave messages, and treats for me on The Presbytery steps. 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](http://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](http://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.

**Mondays: 2pm – 4pm and Thursdays: 10am to 12noon.** 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance is now being celebrated outside in the garden behind Our Lady's Church. A gazebo has been set up for the safe celebration of the sacrament, either by a traditional screen or face-to-face. Please observe social distancing, and be respectful of others' privacy by waiting on the garden seat or inside the church. **Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am.**

**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](http://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*). Contact Fr Andy if you would like one or more.

#### 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: **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](http://www.missio.org.uk/mission-today). Missio also now have a simple online donation process. See [missio.org.uk/RedBox](http://missio.org.uk/RedBox)

The **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)**, of which **CAFOD** is an active member, launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal on **14 July**. 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](http://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.