



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER
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EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(Ninth Sunday After Pentecost	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS – Int. People of the parish
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass.
Tuesday <i>St John Vianney</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Thanksgiving (for Kailas)
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass – Int. Edna Welch, special intention
Saturday <i>St Dominic</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.30am – 11.30 am	CONFESSIONS (Outside in garden behind Church)
(Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	8.00am	Vigil Mass (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
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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

The feeding of the multitudes is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all four accounts of the Gospel, so it must have been extremely important to the first Christians. Jesus' acts of feeding were seen as pivotal works that reminded believers of how God had provided bread for the people in the wilderness (Exodus 16), and it also foreshadowed the heavenly banquet in Jesus' description of the Kingdom (Matthew 22). The feeding of the multitudes also became a symbol for the Eucharist in the early Church, and paintings of baskets of bread and fish are common in the catacombs where the early Christians buried their loved ones, because the Eucharist was understood as the "food of eternal life."

In this miracle, Jesus was teaching his followers a lesson that he explained further in his Bread of Life discourse (John 6). The point is that God has provided us with what we need most – Jesus himself is the bread of eternal life. The Old Testament readings emphasise that the things we eat and drink, the things we spend our money on, can never really satisfy us. But God, in his compassion for us, offers what we really need – his love and forgiveness – all without price. We just have to accept it from him. This comes to us in the person of Christ, who is God in the flesh (John 1:14). So how do we accept God's gift of love and forgiveness? "[The Lord] is close to all who call upon him," says the psalmist. The most important way we call on him is by participating in the Eucharist, where we become like the five thousand families that Jesus fed. And when we are fed by Christ, then nothing can separate us from his love.

Liturgy and Life

What does it mean to you that the Lord offers to quench thirst "without cost"? (2) Have you considered looking to God when you needed compassion? (3) During the last week, when have you witnessed an abundant love?

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Across the world during Sunday Mass, bread is broken, blessed, and distributed to the multitudes. Christ is made present and nurtures all who seek him at the table of the Lord. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* likens Jesus' feeding the multitudes to the Eucharistic banquet. "The miracles of the multiplication of the loaves, when the Lord says the blessing, breaks and distributes the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigures the superabundance of this unique bread of his Eucharist" (1225).

Jesus blessed and broke ordinary bread for the Apostles to distribute to the crowd. That bread, which had been made from human hands from grain planted in the earth, was all that the Lord needed for the miracle. The Catechism relates that in the Mass ordinary food, which comes from nature, is blessed and broken to feed the faithful. "At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that, by the words of Christ and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, become Christ's Body and Blood. . . The signs of bread and wine . . . signify the goodness of creation. Thus in the Offertory we give thanks to the Creator for bread and wine, fruit of the 'work of human hands,' but above all as 'fruit of the earth' and 'of the vine' – gifts of the Creator" (1333).

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 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

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.

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.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK Please join us in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this Country on Friday 14th August, the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption. Go onto the

Facebook event and click **Going** and then click **Share** and then use the **Invite** option to invite others: www.facebook.com/events/338493707165070/

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.**

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

A new 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**. 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 Missio also now have a simple online donation process. See missio.org.uk/RedBox Here is a link: missio.org.uk/free-event-mission-under-the-shadow-of-covid-19/ where you can see edited videos of Fr Francis from Kenya and Fr Basil from Sri Lanka (who were the guest speakers) at the Zoom meetings which took place on 11th and 14th of July. They describe the effect that Covid-19 has had on their congregations and the reliance that they have for the prayers and money from Missio supporters.

The **Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC)** have launched a nationwide Coronavirus appeal. Thanks to generous support from the Catholic community, **CAFOD** are already working across 26 countries, to prevent the virus' spread, and limit food shortages it has caused in the poorest communities. The needs are immense, long term, complex, and evolving. 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. CAFOD and those we work with so appreciate your prayers and support.