



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER
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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday (8 th August)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
(Tenth Sunday After Pentecost	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (<i>Traditional Latin</i>)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS – Int. Dennis Sylvester, RIP and Mary-James, RIP
Monday ST LAWRENCE	NO MASS TODAY	
Tuesday St Clare	NO MASS TODAY	
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday Feria	NO MASS TODAY	
Friday St Maximilian Kolbe	9.00am	Mass – Int. Edna Welch, special intention
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Rosa Paoli, RIP (rec dec)
	10.30am – 11.30 am	CONFESSIONS (<i>Outside in garden behind Church</i>)
	11.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (<i>Latin</i>) Assumption of BVM
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (<i>Assumption of The BVM</i>)-Int People of parish
(Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (<i>Traditional Latin</i>)
ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM	10.00am	MASS – Int. Julia Irving-Denial, RIP (rec dec)

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

When we read today’s Gospel selection, we tend to focus on the fact that Jesus walked on water, which is understandable. But before we jump to that, let’s not forget to notice why Jesus wasn’t in the boat in the first place. He went off to be alone and to pray. If Jesus needed to pray, how much more do we!

Jesus seemed to expect Peter to walk on water – and he did for a second. Apparently, walking on water does not require divinity! In fact, Jesus said we could do the things he did, and even greater things than he did (John 14:12). But Peter started to sink because he was afraid. Fear is the opposite of faith. Prayer builds faith and reduces fear by increasing our trust in God. The more we pray, the less we fear. Peter is an example for us of to follow. When he was sinking, he put his trust in Jesus and called out to him. When we put our trust in Jesus to save us, he holds us up, and he sustains us through our most difficult times.

One of the early symbols for the Church was a boat. The Church was seen as a small boat tossed around in an unfriendly seas (a world that persecuted Christians). But the presence of Jesus in the boat calms the storm, and keeps the sailors safe. Jesus still calms storms. He still reaches out and pulls us up when we call out and put our trust in him. Fear can seize us without warning, but we will be better prepared for it if we follow Jesus’ example of making time for prayer.

Liturgy and Life

How can you structure quiet time into your life to listen to God? (2) Have you asked God to prove himself during a tumultuous time in your life?

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The First Reading today shows us that Elijah encountered God where he least expected. He did not meet God in the power of the earthquake or the fire but in the quiet whisper. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks of the attention that the prophets paid to God. “In their ‘one to one’ encounters with God, the prophets draw light and strength for their mission. Their prayer is not flight from this unfaithful world, but rather attentiveness to the Word of God. At times their prayer is an argument or a complaint, but it is always an intercession that awaits and prepares for the intervention of the Saviour God, the Lord of history” (2584).

At first, Peter seems to have utmost trust in the Lord, but then with dire circumstances at hand, his trust wavers. When we grow impatient, the Catechism states, our prayer should be examined. “Filial trust is put to the test when we feel that our prayer is not always heard. The Gospel invites us to ask ourselves about the conformity of our prayer to the desire of the Spirit” (2756).

In today’s Responsorial Psalm, the psalmist asks for a show of God’s kindness. This psalm proclaims God’s faithfulness, for the Lord will give benefits, and his people’s land will increase. The Catechism explains, “Certain constant characteristics appear throughout the psalms . . .the distraught situation of the believer who, in his preferential love for the Lord, is exposed to a host of enemies and temptations, but who waits upon what the faithful God will do, in the certitude of his love and in submission to his will” (2589).

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.

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. 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. 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. **We are now required to wear face coverings when inside places of worship.**

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED – LEBANON APPEAL

An emergency help of £226,000 is to be rushed out to Beirut by ACN in the wake of the huge explosion (4th August). The Christian zone of Beirut was "completely devastated", with at least 10 churches destroyed, 300,000 people homeless and many others suffering, with livelihoods "totally destroyed" by the blast. *To find out more and for ways to help:* www.acnuk.org

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 in July. They describe the effect that Covid-19 has had on their congregations and the reliance that they have for the prayers/money from Missio supporters.

ACCOMODATION REQUIRED

A small Irish family of two: one parent and 10 year old who have tried unsuccessfully to purchase a wish to rent an annex, 'granny' flat or rooms within a house in the Amersham area. They wish to avoid the conditions and higher costs associated with estate agent-driven rental contracts. Perhaps there are parishioners who wish to part-rent out their homes, or else take in lodgers for several months? Help with medical prescription collection and some light gardening, if help is needed and willing to obtain references. Please contact: 07882 03840.

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.