



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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**NEWSLETTER**  
**30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**  
**TWENTY-SECOND**  
**SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday (29 <sup>th</sup> August)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT) – Int. Maureen Kudsee, RIP
<b>(Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost)</b>	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. People of the parish
Monday St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Wednesday Feria	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
Thursday POPE ST GREGORY THE GREAT	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Private intention
Friday Feria	9.00am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
	<b>10.30am – 11.30 am</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> (Outside in garden behind Church)
<b>(Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost)</b>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in OT) – Int. Maureen Kudsee, RIP
<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. Allum Family intentions

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

Today, Jeremiah, Peter, and Jesus teach us about responding to suffering that faithfulness to God and one's God-given vocation often brings. Almost always, the suffering comes at the hands of the very ones to whom God's servant is sent. Unable and unwilling to hear God's message, they try to destroy God's messenger. No prophet in the Old Testament suffered as greatly as did Jeremiah. He was rejected and persecuted by others and inwardly conflicted about his call from God (Jeremiah 26:7 – 15). Today's First Reading – from the so-called confessions of Jeremiah recounts one such incident.

So great is Jeremiah's anguish that he is ready to abandon his prophetic call. Yet, God's Word is like a fire burning in his heart; he is compelled to speak. He cannot help but be faithful. Jesus, too, knew distress and anguish in the face of his sufferings (Matthew 26:37-38) and he, too, was faithful to the Father's will, as we see today and later in 26:39-46. It's no wonder that the early believers were reminded of Jeremiah when reflecting on the sufferings of Jesus (see Matthew 16:14). Significantly, Jesus' words about taking up our cross in today's Gospel reading remind us that the way of the disciple can be no different from his, and it is a way that must be shown in one's actions and deeds (or "conduct" as the Lectionary renders the Greek praxis, at the end of the reading).

In a similar vein, Paul describes this manner of losing one's life as an offering of one's self, one's very body, as a "living sacrifice."

Where else are one's actions and deeds expressed than in and by the body?

A living sacrifice given up to God; suffering not only accepted, but embraced – so Jesus lived and so must must those who follow after him.

## Liturgy and Life

How might you quiet yourself during the day to renew your mind and open yourself to the will of God? (2) What cross so you take up to follow Jesus? (3) What are the temptations you face to put down your cross?

## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

Paul's Letter to the Romans is clear that human beings can focus their lives on pleasing God. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states "God created man a rational being, conferring on him the dignity of a person who can initiate and control his own actions" (1730). With the free will that God has given humankind, the Catechism continues, arises a tension between

choosing good or evil. "As long as freedom has not bound itself definitively to its ultimate good, which is God, there is the possibility of choosing between good and evil, and thus of growing in perfection or of failing and sinning" (1732).

In the Second Reading, Paul tells the Romans to "be transformed by the renewal of your mind." The Catechism explains that conscience is the secret core of the human person where God's will is discerned. Quoting *Guadium et spes*, 16, the Catechism states, "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking" (1776).

## 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](http://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 10am and 4pm, 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 register your name and phone number for contact tracing, and follow the guidance of our stewards. *Please observe social distancing of 2 metres whenever possible.* **We are now required to wear face coverings when inside places of worship.** *We do need more volunteers as stewards for both the 6pm Saturday and 10am Sunday Masses.*

## 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](http://www.acnuk.org)

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** or **Penance** or **Confession** is now being celebrated outside in the garden behind Our Lady's Church. In a gazebo, 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.

**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](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) Here is a link: [missio.org.uk/free-event-mission-under-the-shadow-of-covid-19/](http://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.

**OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES** *to all those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.* 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.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis's important encyclical, ***Laudato si'*** and the Church is using the occasion to join the ecumenical ecological efforts to save the planet with great energy and commitment. In 2015, Pope Francis added the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** to the Catholic liturgical calendar to be celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> September each year. In 2019, the Vatican asked Catholic communities and pastors everywhere to join ecumenical communities around the world in celebrating the **Season of Creation** from **1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October**. *With encouragement from Bishop David, we will join in this season dedicated to prayer, reflection and celebration of God as Creator.*