



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday (10 <sup>th</sup> October)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT) – Int. People of the parish
<b>(Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost)</b>	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. Rose Hunter, Special intention
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>	
Thursday <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	6.00pm	Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Private intention
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Edna Welch, RIP, Recently died.
	<b>10.30am – 11.30 am</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> (Outside in garden behind Church)
<b>(Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost)</b>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT) – Int. Private intention.
<b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. People of the parish
Our Liturgies will be <b>live streamed online</b> . Join us on Facebook Live ( <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB">www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB</a> )		
You <b>DO NOT</b> require a Facebook account to access our Facebook page!		

### Scripture Insights

Today's parable from Matthew compares the kingdom of heaven to a king and his lavish feast for his son's wedding. The king's behaviours are rather disturbing. Since some of his original guests declined his invitation in order to attend to their farms or businesses, they are people with resources, and the banquet is not meant to provide for the needy. The subsequent filling of the banquet hall with people off the street reads like a face-saving move, given how the king gets upset with a replacement guest who does not dress right. How could he expect all to have the proper attire when they were just gathered off the streets? His burning the cities harms more than those who arrested, attacked or killed his slaves.

Note that the parable never indicates who is making this comparison and that it is part of Jesus' response to the religious leaders, who question his authority after his celebrated entry into Jerusalem and his cleansing of the Temple. The closing statement, "For many are called but few are chosen," may conclude Jesus' series of three parables instead of merely this parable. In fact, this statement hardly fits the parable since the king kicks out only one guest. The chosen may refer to people who reject this parable's comprison.

Psalms 22 and Isaiah 25 also present God as one who provides abundant food and drink, but they present a different picture of God. In these passages, God is a provider and a protector rather than a tempermental tyrant.

We see a similar expression of faith in Philippians 4. Because Paul has experienced both prosperity and paucity, he has learned the secret that Christ is sufficient and can strengthen him to face any situation. God, for Paul, is one who will meet our every need.

### Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Philippians, St. Paul shows his readers that he focuses his life on the Lord, who strengthens him. The Second Vatican Council document *Gaudium et spes* (Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World) explains that Christ is the focal point of our lives and our history. The council fathers state, "The Word of God . . . was made flesh, so that as a perfect man he could save all women and men. . . . The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the desires of history and civilisation, the centre of humanity, the joy of all hearts, and the fulfilment of all aspirations" (45).

From the reading from Isaiah, we hear of "a banquet of rich food and . . . fine wines," of death being destoryed, and tears wiped away. These images illustrate the joyful time when we meet Christ in his glory. Pope John Paul II explains in *Ecclesia de eucharistia* that the celebration of the Eucharist looks forward to that time. "The acclamation of the assembly following the consecration appropriately ends by expressing the eschatological thrust which marks the celebration of the Eucharist: 'until you come in glory.' The Eucharist is a straining towards the goal, a foretaste of the fullness of joy promised by Christ" (18).

### 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 or use the QR code with the NHS app, 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.*

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.**

**Pope Francis has called on the Church to reflect on our current situation.** In response, the diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. **Tomorrow, 12 October at 7.30pm** the speaker is Hannah Vaughan Spruce, UK Director of *Divine Renovation*. I know that many of you have read the book, or even got involved with DR projects in your parishes. I've given her a brief to be super-practical on the subject: *Building Community in the Post-Lockdown Parish* and am hoping we will come away with lots of ideas to help community to grow, even in our current extraordinary circumstance. To register, go to <http://formationpathways.co.uk/exploring-the-post-lockdown-church-webinar-series/>.

**This weekend** our parish is marking **CAFOD's Family Fast Day** to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected. You can donate: **online** at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give), using one of the **envelopes** or **Text CAFOD to 70085** to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

**Missio's Autumn Mission Today** is now available online. It may be downloaded at [www.missio.org.uk/mission-today](http://www.missio.org.uk/mission-today) Printed copies have been forward to Red Box Supporters. There are a few printed copies available in the porch. Missio also now have a simple online donation process. See [missio.org.uk/RedBox](http://missio.org.uk/RedBox)

Next weekend the **Appeal Collection** is for **World Mission Sunday**. We have the opportunity to consider God's question: 'Whom shall I send? And to think about how best we can respond and support all those who have responded with brave and generous hearts: Here I am, send me!' God continues to seek those whom he can send throughout the world to bear witness to his love. In his message for World Mission Sunday 2020, the Pope says that we all have a mission and that mission is a free and conscious response to God's call to share his love with all humanity. Over the last few months, the fragility of life has been all too apparent, but we have also seen that when we stand together in solidarity with one another and share our resources, hope is renewed.

**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 daily Mass. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.