



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday (17 <sup>th</sup> October)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (29 <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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. Private 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>Feria</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. Private intention
	<b>10.30am – 11.30 am</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> (Outside in garden behind Church)
<b>(Our Lord Jesus Christ The King)</b>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT) – Int. Private intention.
<b>THIRTIETH 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 **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's passage in Matthew uses a Greek rhetorical technique that employs a deductive logic but has an unstated premise, Jesus wins the argument without being trapped because the text assumes that everyone agrees with a principle: namely, having your image on something signifies possession. From that principle, one has to agree that coins bearing Caesar's image belong to Caesar. The second deduction that leaves Jesus' opponents speechless is that humans, bearing the image of God belong to God.

While these deductions are derived from the same premise, they represent a contrast. As Psalm 95 declares, "families of nations" should glorify this God, who, according to Isaiah 45, is more powerful than earthly kings and emperors, including Persian King Cyrus, who God uses to defeat Babylon's empire and to deliver Israel.

There is also a contrast between coins that a person possesses although they belong to someone else and an individual person who belongs to someone else. What does it mean to belong to someone? One should be careful here given the reality of slavery in New Testament times, history and still today. Slaves, though, are accountable to and can be commanded or disciplined by their master. It also means that other people cannot interfere with someone who already belongs to someone else. What does it mean for imperial claims being made on people who belong to God? What does it mean regarding Caesar's coins, which Jesus' imperative says to "give" or "give

back"? Does it imply an abandonment of an imperial economic system? Or does it suggest something else? In any case, the first chapter of 1 Thessalonians shows not only the importance of God's choice but also the need for human work or response. How should we think about and respond to this passage?

### Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Isaiah, we hear that all comes from God, From God, Cyrus received his title and his arms. It was because of God that doors were opened and gates unbarred. The reading is clear that recognition should be given to God for all that is possessed. In *Sollicitudo rei socialis*, Pope John Paul II explains that our possessions should not deter us from our vocation to focus our life in God. The pope states, "Development cannot consist only in the use, dominion over and indiscriminate possession of created things . . . but rather in subordinating the possession, dominion and use to man's divine likeness and to his vocation to immortality" (29).

Jesus gives perspective to our lives and our possessions when he states, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* explains that the temporal belongs to this world and should be accorded only the importance due it. The document states, "Jesus refuses the oppressive and despotic power wielded by the rulers of the nations. . . . In his pronouncement on the paying of taxes to Caesar (Matthew 22:15-22), he affirms that we must give to God what is God's implicitly condemning every attempt at making temporal power divine or absolute: God alone can demand everything from man" (379).

### 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 Mass. *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.**

**Exploring the Post-Lockdown Church – Week 5** The diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. **Tomorrow, 19 October at 7.30pm** the speaker Fleur Dorrell, director of the *God Who Speaks* campaign. Speaking on *The God Who Speaks in All Seasons*, she will be sharing stories about the different ways that people prayed with Scripture during lockdown and will give us inspiration for the months to come. The giver of the 2019 NORES lecture, Fleur has spoken to many diverse audiences up and down the country, including preaching in Parliament. To register for the series, go to <http://formationpathways.co.uk/exploring-the-post-lockdown-church-webinar-series/>. Find more information about God Who Speaks campaign and a lot of excellent resources on their website: <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk>.

**CAFOD** Our parish raised £95.80 for CAFOD's coronavirus appeal this Harvest Family Fast Day, in addition to donations made online and by text. Each and every donation will help as families in the world's poorest communities face chronic food shortages, malnutrition and poverty. Thank you for your generosity, and please pray that our sisters and brothers around the world can survive, rebuild and heal. The CAFOD/Missio webinar about the global response of the Catholic family to the COVID-19 pandemic is available for people to watch. It is very hopeful: [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/missio](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/missio)

**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)

This Sunday is for **World Mission Sunday**, we remember that we belong to one family of God. And when we stand together in solidarity and faith, there is reason to hope! By taking part, we're offering a hand of friendship and encouragement to our sisters and brothers in poorer countries. We're also helping missionaries across the world to share Christ's love with all. Your generosity and prayers on World Mission Sunday mean that people like Sr Nilcéia can keep serving and sharing God's love. Originally from Brazil, Sr Nilcéia works in a health clinic in a remote part of Malawi. She is just one example of many selfless missionaries who live and work amongst some of the most vulnerable communities in the world. <https://missio.org.uk/donate>

**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.