



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER 25TH OCTOBER 2020 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday (24 th October)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (30 th Sunday in OT) – Int. People of the parish
(Our Lord Jesus Christ The King)	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS – Int. In Thanksgiving
Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Wednesday SS SIMON & JUDE	NO MASS TODAY	
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
	10.30am – 11.30 am	CONFESSIONS (Outside in garden behind Church)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (All Saints) – Int. Private intention.
(All Saints)	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
ALL SAINTS	10.00am	MASS – Int. People of the parish

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 Jesus is asked about “the greatest commandment,” he replies with a dual commandment: love of God and love of neighbour. There is neither opposition nor separation between these two loves, as if one must choose one over the other. One cannot have one without the other. Jesus has no problem, then, loving people by understanding their need for food or by healing them on the Sabbath, a day that some think should be reserved solely for loving God (see Matthew 12:1-14). The way Jesus juxtaposes these two loves implies that the violation of neighbour violates God and the commandment.

In Matthew Jesus responds to those who want to honour God but bypass their needy neighbours with a statement that places mercy before sacrifice (Matthew 12:7). Today’s passage from Exodus 22 seems to compare offering sacrifices to other gods with the reluctance to care for strangers, widows, orphans, and the poor, since both practices result in the wrath of and punishment from God. In addition, our passage concludes with a declaration that our compassionate God will always hear the cries of our neighbours. As Psalm 17 indicates, God will save those in distress and under oppression but will also exact vengeance on those who act unjustly and abusively.

Paul, in the beginning of his First Letter to the Thessalonians, emphasises the welcoming of others as a marker of discipleship that deserves emulation from others. Just as consideration for the Thessalonians brought them to follow Jesus and imitate Paul and his fellow missionaries, the Thessalonians reciprocal

welcoming of Paul and his missionaries became a model for followers of Jesus all over the region. Relations among people, as we have seen in the other passages, define discipleship and human relationship with God.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Exodus, the Lord instructs the Hebrews on how they are to act towards others. He directs them to act justly, not harming a widow or orphan and never demanding interest on a loan to the poor. If they wrong another, they will answer to God, who has compassion on the poor. This reading helps us to understand that God has provided our capacity to be just and to love others. Pope Benedict XVI teaches in his encyclical *Caritas in veritate* that our love for another and our work for justice is rooted in God’s love for us. The pope states, “Love . . . is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God” (1).

The reading from Thessalonians tells of a people being formed in God’s ways. Members of the community have become imitators of the Lord and of their teachers. With joy from the Holy Spirit, they have received God’s Word and have turned from their old ways. Pope Benedict XVI writes in *Caritas in veritate* that God provides for humankind, who desires to “be more.” The pope states, “God is the guarantor of man’s true development, inasmuch as, having created him in his image, he also establishes the transcendent dignity of men and women and feeds their innate yearning to ‘be more.’ Man is not a lost atom in a random universe: he is God’s creature” (29).

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 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

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 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 6 The diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. **Tomorrow, 26 October at 7.30pm** we are talking catechesis, how can we design programmes that are COVID safe, but also effective? Is it possible to create real community online? And, underlying these very practical questions, what direction is the new Directory for Catechesis taking us? We are very grateful to Veronica Murphy for steering us through this, together with our own Alex Heath. Veronica is Co-ordinator for Adult Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, and not only brings a wealth of experience from the diocese, but also from time at Bishops’ Conference with the Adult formation and Catechesis Committee, and Marriage and Family Life Office. If you have already registered, you just need to 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 has now raised **£145.80** 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

Missio’s Autumn Mission Today is now available online. It may be downloaded at 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

Last Sunday was **World Mission Sunday**, we raised **£76.50** we remember that we belong to one family of God. And when we stand together in solidarity and faith, there is reason to hope! 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.

CELEBRATE ALL THE CARMELITE SAINTS, A Reflection Day at St Joseph’s Parish, Chalfont St Peter, SL9 8RY, **14th November 2020**. Keynote Address by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD. Via Live Stream www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live For details see poster