



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER 8TH NOVEMBER 2020 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS – Int. Roger and Naverte Pace, RIP
Monday DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	9.30am	Mass – Int. Holy Souls
Tuesday St Leo the Great	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Wednesday St Martin of Tours	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday St Josephat of Polotsk	6.30pm	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
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS – Int. Bernadette Woods, RIP

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!

As from Thursday 5th November 2020, Churches are only permitted to allow people to enter their buildings for private prayer and funerals.
Our Lady's Church is open for private prayer on Mondays 2pm – 4pm and Thursdays 10am to 12noon.

Scripture Insights

According to Wisdom 6, those who seek wisdom will not be disappointed because wisdom desires to be accessible. Wisdom is indeed needed as we seek to understand the parable of the ten bridesmaids. That the wise, like the foolish, also fell asleep should alert us to think more carefully about the meaning of the parable. The wise in the parable are prepared, bringing both lamps and oil to await the bridegroom's arrival. When the bridegroom finally appears, the wise, instead of sharing their oil with the foolish, tell the foolish to go to buy oil. Delayed by the refusal of the wise to share their resources, the foolish end up being shut out by the bridegroom, who refuses to share the joy of his wedding banquet with latecomers. How different is the picture in 1 Thessalonians. While the living may be able to do things that the dead cannot, Paul is adamant that the dead will have priority over the living in the time of Christ's return: the dead will be raised first. Rather than grieving without hope, worrying about preparations, or hoarding resources, we should, Paul says, "comfort one another." Unlike Matthew's bridegroom who shuts people out of his banquet, the Lord in Paul's letter will descend from heaven to meet and

welcome those who are alive after the dead have been resurrected. While there are order and sequence, there is no rejection. This God welcomes both the dead and the living. For the Psalmist, God's love is steadfast, and God helps and upholds. God's kindness, power, and glory fill the psalmist, who sings, "my soul shall be filled as with a banquet." The psalmist and Paul relate that God provides abundantly and gives reasons for celebrations.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The first reading states that wisdom is "resplendent and unfading." Christians find wisdom in the Scriptures, which the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, "can serve the Church as her support and vigor, and the children of the Church as strength for their faith, food for the soul, and a pure and lasting fount of spiritual life" (131). The responsorial psalm speaks of seeking and thirsting for God. God can be found in the Scriptures, the *Catechism of the Church* explains. "In Sacred Scripture, God speaks to man in a human way" (109). Through listening to God in Scripture and frequent reading of Scripture, the catechism goes on to state, one can learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ (133).

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.**

As the colder autumn weather has now arrived, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance or Confession** will now be celebrated in the Sacristy. Please observe social distancing, and be respectful of others' privacy by waiting away from the Sacristy door inside the church. **Saturdays 10.30am – 11.30am.**

Tomorrow, 9 November at 7.30pm Exploring the Post-Lockdown Church – final webinar with Fr Matthew Nunes. Over the past few weeks we have taken up Bishop David's challenge to think of ourselves as "the Church as a new reality" and explored online mission, delved into Scripture, and found joy. Where do we go next with all this? Join us for the final session of these webinars: <http://postlockdownchurch.eventbrite.co.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.

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

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.

21st November: 10-11am "Covid-safe ministry to the sick". Exploring safe ways to minister to the sick including the new diocesan guidelines on taking communion to people's homes. <http://formationpathways.co.uk/event/training-for-ministry-to-the-sick/>

Online Marriage Support

Is your marriage under stress? **SmartLoving BreakThrough** can help! Identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Available anywhere, anytime through our online platform, the course is completely private and doesn't require your spouse to participate. And it's subsidized by a generous UK donor. Restore hope for your relationship now. Visit: www.smartloving.org/bto-uk

