



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2020 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Saturday (31 <sup>st</sup> October)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (All Saints) – Int. Bert and Frances Mendis, RIP
(All Saints)	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	10.00am	MASS – Int. People of the parish
Monday ALL SOULS (All the Faithful Departed)	9.30am	Mass – Int. Holy Souls
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Wednesday St Charles Borromeo	NO MASS TODAY	
Thursday Feria	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
	10.30am – 11.30 am	CONFESSIONS (Outside in garden behind Church)
(23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in OT) – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	MASS – Int. Roger and Naverte Pace, RIP
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

We remember all those who have gone before us in faith and who we trust now live forever in God's heavenly love. It is also a feast of recommitment for those of us who, inspired by their lives, are encouraged to imitate these saints. Though most of us will never be officially recognised by the Church as saints, our baptismal call to this goal is no less ours.

We pause today and tomorrow to remember those members of our broad faith community who have run the race, who have endured to the end and now share in the promises of heaven. We think of the well-known holy ones whose stories inspire us; we think also of the saints from our own lives, real people with faults and failings as well as plenty of love and laughter, people whose lives we recall with pain and joy. We trust that these beloved children of God do indeed see him in truth, for to them have been revealed the truths that we know only in part.

In the Book of Apocalypse we read of vision of the heavenly scene, a vision of salvation for members of the tribes of Israel and for multitudes from every nation. The inclusiveness of this vision results from the nature of the lives led by these holy ones; they are all those whose clothing has been washed by the blood of the Lamb. They have trusted in the saving power of Jesus' death and Resurrection, even to the point of dying during persecution for the sake of their faith. To such as these and to us are addressed Matthew's Beatitudes, words of encouragement and comfort despite the difficulties of life.

The Beatitudes of this Gospel do not have economic and social concerns as their central characteristics, as do the Beatitudes in Luke. Here the message is personal, the concerns spiritual. A person's disposition is all-important in determining who receives these blessings. They are directed at the humble ones, the "poor in spirit" and the "meek"; those loath to make demands will be recipients of both heaven and earth. Likewise the innocent, the "pure in heart," will enjoy the splendour of God's presence. Those who bestow mercy will be reciprocated. The sense of aching that comes with sorrow and mourning will be eased. And finally, those persecuted for their faith can rejoice in heavenly reward.

As we reflect on the lives of the saints, we take comfort in knowing that they enjoy peace and have truly been blessed with the fulfillment of these promises for which we yet hope. We draw inspiration from their lives of faith and love, as we ourselves continue to struggle to be faithful and loving members of the Christian family.

### Liturgy and Life

Sit down in a comfortable chair and close your eyes. Imagine the angels and those in white robes from the Apocalypse reading. Imagine being with them in a beautiful, sacred place. Imagine yourself gently climbing and coming upon Christ and his followers. He is speaking to them. Sit down now and listen. Listen to it. Repeat it. Chirish it.

### 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.*

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.**

**Exploring the Post-Lockdown Church – Week 7** "Holding onto joy in troubled times" The diocesan Pastoral Ministry Office is hosting a series of online webinars on Monday evenings through the autumn. **Tomorrow, 2 November at 7.30pm** We are delighted to be joined by David Wells this week, an internationally renowned Catholic speaker who is funny, wise and always uplifting. Join us by clicking this link any time from 7.20pm on Monday evening. David is fantastic! <https://youtu.be/MO1zUv1AsM>.

**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](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)

**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, **14<sup>th</sup> November 2020**. Keynote Address by Fr Matthew Blake, OCD. Via Live Stream [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Live) For details see poster.

### Saturday Morning Online Workshops:

**7<sup>th</sup> November: 11-12.30.** "Planning for Advent and Christmas 2020 – reaching our families and housebound." Join us to explore a range of simple but creative ideas to help our parishes reach out this Advent. <http://formationpathways.co.uk/event/advent-and-christmas/>

**21<sup>st</sup> 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/>