



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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**NEWSLETTER**  
**20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

**(Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – O Key**

Monday Advent FERIA – O Rising Sun

Tuesday Advent FERIA – O King

Wednesday Advent FERIA – O Emmanuel

Thursday **Christmas Eve-NATIVITY OF THE LORD** 6.00pm\*\*\*

Friday **Christmas Day – Nativity of OLJC**

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Saturday ST STEPHEN

**(Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity**

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH** 10.00am

8.00am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))

10.00am

9.30am

9.30am

**NO MASS TODAY**

10.30pm\*\*\*

8.00am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))

10.00am\*\*\*

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**NO CONFESSIONS TODAY**

6.00pm

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10.00am

**MASS** – Int. people of the parish

Mass – Int. Private intention

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**VIGIL MASS OF CHRISTMAS** – by candlelight

**MASS DURING CHRISTMAS NIGHT** – by candlelight

Mass of Christmas Day – Int. Sean & Beatrice Brosnan

Mass – Int. Pat O'Connor and Family

Mass – Int. Private intention

Mass – Vigil of the Holy Family – Int. Private intention

MASS – 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) )

*A Facebook account is not required to access our Facebook page!*

**\*\*\* BOOKING is REQUIRED to attend CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Phone, Text or Email please – Contact details above! We will respond to confirm your request! \*\*\***

**Even though Buckinghamshire is now in Tier 4, Our Church is able to open for Public Worship under Covid-secure conditions. Please wear a face covering when entering, use hand sanitiser and observe 2-metre social distancing for the safety and protection of all our church users. We are also open for private prayer: Monday 2pm– 4pm.**

## Scripture Insights

The dynamic of the prophetic promise and fulfilment is deeply embedded in the Christian understanding of the Bible. Four peak moments unify the sweeping story of salvation in the Jewish Bible, our Christian Old Testament. These are represented by the election of Abraham, the deliverance through Moses, the kingship of David, and the restoration after the Babylonian exile. Christianity affirms the continuing potency and reality of these events for both synagogue and church and adds a fifth, culminating moment in the person of paschal mystery of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that this final moment of salvation history was figuratively anticipated by “types” that are found in the previous four Old Testament moments and many others. These interrelationships of “typology” continue to shape the Christian liturgy, prayer, theology, and practice.

The third of these moments and its fulfilment in Jesus are in view today. The promise given to King David in today's 2 Samuel text assured that his royal line would never fail. Israel's

king would call God “father” and be called God's “son.” This promise originated the Jewish hope of a coming Messiah (see Isaiah 9:5-6; 11:1-9). But when David's royal line was broken following the Babylonian exile, this promise became problematic (see Psalm 88 (89), used in today's liturgy). Christians found its new and deeper fulfilment in Jesus. Many New Testament texts recall Jesus' royal heritage as the “son of David” (Matthew 1:1, Acts 2:25-36; Romans 1:3). But nowhere is the fulfilment of promise of the sure love for David” (Isaiah 55:3) more strongly invoked than in Luke's story of the annunciation, where the angel Gabriel's words to the Messiah's mother, Mary, are modelled in the promise given to David.

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY** when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

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Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB)

## 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)

## 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' or 'Christmas Offering – OL Chesham Bois' in the comments box to ensure the parish or priest 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.

**Our retiring collection today is the deferred collection for Sea Sunday.**

**Your Christmas Offering is your gift to the parish Clergy.**

## REOPENING OF OUR LADY'S CHURCH FOR MASS

**Our Lady's Church has now reopened for Public Worship, Private Prayer and Funerals.** 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 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. **We are now required to wear face coverings when inside places of worship.** *We do need more volunteers as stewards to cover the times the church is open for private prayer.*

As the colder autumn weather has now arrived, the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** or **Penance** or **Confession** will be celebrated in the Sacristy on Saturdays between 10.30am and 11.30am (*There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020*).

**The Hill Mill Missionaries** will help us to pause and reflect in preparation for Christmas. Our time of prayer will be at 10.30am each Friday and will last for about 20 minutes. Join us on **Christmas Day - Fr Anthony Chantry MHM** (*this will be pre-recorded and available to view from Christmas Eve*). If you are

able to join us, we would love for you to stay around after the time of prayer to **meet with us and other Local Secretaries to share ideas** and ask any questions that you have. To do this, you can join us from 10.25am each Friday via Zoom. Please email [redbox@missio.org.uk](mailto:redbox@missio.org.uk) to receive the link to join the Zoom. Please invite others to join us for the Advent Reflection. They can join by going to the **Missio YouTube channel:** [youtube.com/MissioUK](https://youtube.com/MissioUK).

## 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](http://www.smartloving.org/bto-uk)

**LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT:** For Parishioners who may be job hunting or going self-employed due to the pandemic, Sacred Heart Parish Luton has set up a free online career coaching programme <https://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> providing a wealth of information, tools, practical advice and activities to help anyone wanting to find new employment opportunities, especially if they are not receiving any outplacement or other back to work support. Please pass on the web link to anyone who might find it useful.

**Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide** Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link: [righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide](http://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide)

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, we can all come together **online** for **LUX.Valour!** During our **LUX.Valour weekend**, we will be exploring what it means to be a young person of great bravery. How we can walk into the unknown of this New Year, confident that we are "not given a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power." 2 Timothy 1:7. There will still be amazing talks, fun small groups, moving times of prayer, ridiculous games and a theme night and all completely free! So if you are aged 11-18 get booked on Lux.Valour by clicking on the link and completing the form on the NYMO website: [nymo.org/lux-valour/](http://nymo.org/lux-valour/)

'In The Studio' was launched two weeks ago and is a live broadcast from the studio in Northampton. The hour long program has a variety of segments including; praise and worship, teaching, 'grill the priest', an advent quiz and the best bit is it is all hosted by young people themselves. You can view the first program here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1uHKXBC-zU>

*May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings, and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always!*