

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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1st March 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday (Vigil)
Sunday 1st March

Monday *Feria*
Tuesday *Feria*
Wednesday *St Casimir*
Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria Women's World Day of Prayer*

Saturday *Ss Perpetua & Felicity*

Sunday 8th March

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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| 6.00pm | Mass |
| 8.00am | Sung Mass in Extraordinary Form |
| 10.00am | Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i> |
| 9.30am | Mass |
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| NO MASS | |
| 6.00pm | Adoration and Benediction |
| 7.00pm | Mass |
| 9.00am | Mass |
| 7.00pm | Stations of the Cross |
| 9.30am | Mass |
| 10.15–11.00am | Confessions |
| 6.00pm (Sat.) | Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i> |
| 8.00am | Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine) |
| 10.00am | Mass |
| 11.45am | Mass (St Aidan's Congregation) |



*Tea, coffee and cold drinks
are served in The Guild
Room after both the Sunday
Masses. All are welcome!*



*Please complete a
Parish Registration form.
if you have not done so
since August 2014. Forms
are available next to Newsletter
basket in the porch.*

WEBSITES – PARISH: www.ourladychurch-cheshambois.org – SCHOOL: www.ourlady-bucks-sch.co.uk – PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER: www.fssp.org.uk

Lenten Sundays: There are many reminders during the Lenten Sunday Masses that we are observing a penitential season. The readings at the Sunday Masses bring to mind Lenten motifs and spur us on to fidelity in penance. Our Lenten Masses are less celebratory than the Masses of Ordinary Time; for example violet purple of the vestments and other appointments keep reminding us that we are in a penitential season, as well as does the simplicity of the environment and the lack of flowers.

This being said, the Sundays during Lent are not Lenten days at all. At a time when the symbolism of forty days was heightened, the beginning of Lent was pushed back to the Wednesday before the first Sunday of Lent so there would be forty fasting days (hence, the period of Lent is actually longer than forty days). The Sundays of Lent are still days on which we celebrate the Lord's resurrection. Especially on this Second Sunday of Lent when we hear about the transfiguration of Jesus are we reminded that dying always leads to rising to new Life. In our very liturgical celebrations we see the paschal mystery rhythm. Lent is a time to practice the discipline of dying to self, yet we still have one day a week on which we always celebrate the new Life promised by Jesus' resurrection. What might be ways we can truly celebrate new Life even on Lenten Sundays, without getting out of the spirit of Lent?

First Reading: Lent is a journey in faith through dark places toward the promised light. Abraham's faithful obedience took him to the brink of his son's death by his own hand as he prepared to sacrifice to God the very gift God had given to fulfil the promise of countless descendants. In Abraham's story, faith and obedience are rewarded by reprieve. But a surprise reprieve at the end did not lessen the cost of that long journey made in fear and grief to the place of sacrifice, knowing that knife and altar awaited.

Gospel: The stories of God speaking on the desert mountaintop to Moses from a cloud of fire and to Elijah in profound silence, commanding each of them to go to the people with the word of life, come together here to identify Jesus as the one in whom the fire dwells unseen and of whom the fire dwells unseen and of whom the voice says, "This is my Son." We are charged to listen and to follow through the twisting desert paths before us to the final fulfillment of the promise of life made again and again to God's wandering people.

CALL TO THE SACRAMENTS.

Eight young people from our faith community have been enrolled into our parish preparation for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion: Jenna Campbell, Sophia Dipol, Matthew McGowran, Jacob Morgan, Christopher Petrou, Helen Petrou, Ross Tobin, and Sarah Tobin.** This parish community promised to encourage them with our prayers and example of our witness to the faith. *Congratulations to those who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week.*

Infant Baptism. There will be **preparation meeting for parents and godparents**, who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter Season **after 10am Mass on Sunday 8th March 2015.** *Baptism is not usually celebrated during Lent.*

Sharing our Faith. We will meet again on **Monday 2nd March at 7pm in the Guild Room.**

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 6th March 11am at St John's Methodist Church, Amersham, followed by Soup Lunch. Leader: The Rev. Diana Glover. All are welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day 2016. Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August 2016 and we welcome those in the diocese aged 16 (by date of travel) – 30 years old. There will be a series of information evenings around the Diocese providing everything you will need to know, so please be to come along or encourage anyone you think may be interested and find out about this exciting opportunity. Our local meetings: St Teresa Catholic Church, 3rd March 2015 7-8pm; Holy Family Catholic Church, Slough, 4th March 7-8pm See poster or www.nymo.org, or call 01582 720627.

The Call, the Journey and the Mission. The Bishops of England and Wales have issued an invitation to reflect on the gift of Marriage and Family Life in preparation for the Synod in October 2015. "The Call, the Journey and the Mission" leaflet contains a profession of faith about marriage and six reflective questions and a prayer for the use by people of the parishes. Bishop Peter Doyle will be attending the Synod along with Cardinal Nichols. Bishop Peter hopes that groups can be formed in each parish to engage with the contents of the leaflet. If you would like to be part of a group, please speak with Fr Andy. The email address for all synod consultation feedback: synod@northamptondiocese.com.

General Election 2015. The Bishops have written a joint Letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies are available and can be obtained with other information, from the Bishop's Conference website: www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the Letter and encourage others to do the same.

The Catenian Rosary Group / Rosaries Abroad are appealing for surplus Rosaries to send to Aboriginals in Australia, Missions in Africa. Now their work has spread to islands in the Pacific and to prisons in the Philippines. Please search your cupboards and drawers for surplus Rosaries and help us to get them into the hands of those who will love, cherish and pray them. A collection box is available in the porch.

WHITE RABBIT: is also being performed by the RISE Theatre, a Christian Theatre Company at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Great Missenden on Friday March 13th 2015. For more details, please see poster.

The **March 2015** edition of **The Vine – the Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available – please take a copy!

There are copies of the **2015** edition of **Northampton Diocesan Directory** available, packed with useful information about our diocese! Price **£4.50** each.

Car parking. Following the repairs to the surface of Amersham Road last weekend, road marking have now been repainted on the tarmac too. Please park your car in Our Lady's School opposite our church at weekends. On weekdays please park in the side roads with care and consideration for our neighbours and avoid parking too close to road junctions, or on the pavements. Thank you.

MONEY MATTERS

Last Week's offertory collection £266.76

Our Second Collection today is for CAFOD's Lent Fast (Friday 27th February)

Many thanks for your generosity.