

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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24th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(16th SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass
Monday TRIUMPH OF THE HOLY CROSS	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 20TH SEPT. – 25TH SUNDAY IN OT	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i>
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass

Last week, the crumbling boundary wall along Amersham Road was repaired and our mature trees were trimmed to help to keep our church grounds safe. During the summer, new gates were fitted in the parish grounds to replace those that have suffered the ravages of time. Slowly, we repairing and upgrading the surroundings of our church site.

The **September 2015** edition of **The Vine**, the **Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available. Please take a copy home. It is free of charge!

We have a wide selection of **Catholic newspapers** available in the porch, including *The Universe* (£1.30), *Catholic Times* (£1.30), *The Herald* (£2.00), *The Table* (£3.00) and *Mass of Ages* (Free).

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Formation Course

Mondays 21st, 28th September and 5th October 2015
7.30pm in the Guild Room

These evenings are for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who presently serve in Our Lady's parish, and those who Fr Andy has asked to consider taking up this ministry as well others who are interested discover more about the Church's teaching on ministry and the Eucharist.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: In today's reading, Isaiah describes the servant of God as one who is willing to undergo torment. The servant expresses nothing but gratitude and recognises God as the one who opens his years, who keeps him from disgrace and from being proven wrong.

Responsorial Psalm 114 follows the song of the servant in beautiful harmony. Whereas the servant proclaimed that God had turned his ear, we are invited to join the psalmist in signing the praise of God who gives ear to our cries.

Second Reading: James insists that genuine faith in Christ is more than intellectual. Real faith is demonstrated through Christ-like actions, such as caring for the needy.

Gospel: Jesus's retort to Peter's rebuke underlined the problem the disciples has to deal with. Peter had pulled Jesus aside to plead against the fate he predicted. When Jesus called Peter "Satan," the effect was not to say he was a devil, but rather a tempter. The phrase "get behind me," pointed out that Jesus, not Peter, was the teacher. The place for a disciple was following the Master's lead, not vice versa.



Parish Centenary Candles – To mark the 100 years of our church building, are available together with *candles featuring our church's stained glass window of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour* priced at £2.50 each.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August 2016 and we welcome those in the diocese aged 16 – 30 years old (16 by the date of travel). For a booking form or further information please contact Fiona at fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627 or see www.nymo.org

ABOUT LITURGY

Turning point: Today's gospels election from Mark 8 is one of this gospel's two structural climaxes. The other occurs in chapter 15, when the centurion at the foot of the cross exclaims, "In truth this man was a son of God" (verse 39). In both instances Jesus' identity is revealed in the context of his suffering and death. These climaxes highlight the overall thrust of Mark's gospel with its focus on Jesus' identity and the demands of discipleship.

This Sunday might also mark something of a turning point in our own journey through the liturgical year. We are into mid-September, a time when the new school year has begun, holidays are over, the feel of autumn is beginning to creep in, and we a sense of "hunkering down." However well we have paid attention or however much we have learned through our journey throughout Mark's gospel during Ordinary Time of this Year B, it is never too late to ask ourselves two questions: Have we encountered Jesus and learned more of who he is for us? Have we learned better how to shoulder the cost of discipleship, discovered new ways to be faithful, and recognised that in the very dying – in conforming ourselves to Jesus in our own style of self-giving – we are already rising to new Life?

A DIOCESAN MASS for those who are disabled or with special needs, their families and carers will be taking place on Saturday, September 19th 2015 at St. John's Church, Sundon Park, Luton LU3 3AL at 2p.m. The Mass is being organised by the St. Thomas a Becket Foundation and will be followed by a fun party. All are welcome and there is no cost. If you would like to attend please ring 07930305362 or 07989048522 or 07545807483. For more details please see poster.

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 27th September, led by Bishop Philip Egan. All are warmly invited to unite in this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flier from the porch.

TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2015 – FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm with the Sacrament of the Anointing with the Oil of the Sick

APF – MILL HILL Red Boxes

If you are a Red Box holder please bring your full box to church. The contents will be counted, banked by our local secretary, Greta Jeffreys. If you would like to become a Red Box holder,



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

Infant Baptism and Marriage. By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. **The Church requires** notice of at least six months prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £275.86
2nd Collection for Nat. Catholic Fund - £53.26

NEXT WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION for Catholic Missionary Society

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Offertory Envelopes are now available. See Philip Seed, Parish Treasurer, or Father Andy.

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome!

Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.