

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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4th October 2015

27TH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME

(19TH SUNDAY
 AFTER PENTECOST)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER (VIGIL) | 6.00pm (Sat.) | Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i> |
| | 8.00am | Sung Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i> |
| | 10.00am | Mass |
| Monday <i>Feria</i> | 9.30am | Mass – <i>Int. John Smith, RIP, Anni.</i> |
| Tuesday <i>St Bruno</i> | 9.30am | Mass – <i>Int. John Casey, RIP, Rec. Deceased</i> |
| Wednesday <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> | NO MASS | |
| Thursday <i>Feria</i> | 6.00pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction |
| | 7.00pm | Mass |
| Friday <i>Blessed John Henry Newman</i> | 9.00am | Mass – <i>Int. Thanksgiving</i> |
| Saturday <i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> | 9.30am | Mass |
| | 10.15am – 11.00am | Confessions |
| SUNDAY 11TH OCT. – 28TH SUNDAY IN OT | 6.00pm (Sat.) | Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i> |
| 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | 8.00am | Low Mass in <i>Extraordinary Form</i> |
| 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 10.00am | Mass |

During the summer, the crumbling boundary wall along Amersham Road was repaired, mature trees were trimmed to help to keep our church grounds safe, and 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 **October 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

Monday 5th October 2015
7.30pm in the Guild Room

This evening is 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.

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

Lectionary hermeneutic: "Hermeneutic" is a word which means "interpretation." The phrase "Lectionary hermeneutic" means that when the compilers of the Lectionary chose the particular passages for a given day, they had a particular interpretation in mind. The various choices are themselves a kind of interpretation of Sacred Scripture. Thus, the Lectionary isn't just a shortened Bible; it has a built-in interpretive stance that has to do with the unfolding of the liturgical year. Sometimes a particular combination of readings might even lead us to interpret a passage of Scripture in a slightly different way from its context in the Bible. Liturgy is the context for the Lectionary and that celebration provides the interpretive clue. This Sunday's selection of readings is a good case in point.

The second creation account in Genesis which describes the relationship between husband and wife ("and the two of them become one flesh"), the responsorial psalm which speaks of family blessings, and the question the Pharisees in the gospel put to Jesus about divorce would all tend to lead us to focus this Sunday on the relationship of husband and wife, on marriage and divorce, and this is certainly one interpretive direction to take. When we take into account the last verses of the gospel (which is why choosing the longer form of the gospel changes how one might approach the Scriptures for this Sunday) and where we are in Mark's gospel, other interpretive stances emerge, such as delving into the ramifications of "hardness of ... hearts" and how the kingdom of God is built on right relationships with God and each other.

The memorial tablet for Sec. Lieut. Arthur George Evelyn Bouchier has been removed for restoration work. During November, the month when the Church traditionally remembers her dead we hope to have a Memorial Mass for both of the soldiers from the Great War commemorated in our church.

31ST ANNUAL NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION – SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER
 Procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima praying the Rosary en-route. 1.45pm - Assemble outside Westminster Cathedral Procession to Brompton Oratory, London SW7. See poster and leaflets (in the porch) for more details.

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, please speak to Greta or Fr Andy. Copies of Autumn 2015 edition of **Mission TODAY** available.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Genesis presents us with the image of a person alone and helpless. To resolve the problem, God puts the man into a sleep so deep that he cannot watch what is going to happen. Then, having created the woman, God presents her to the man, almost like the father of the bride escorting a daughter to her groom. The man expresses his delight as he repeats: this one, this one, this one! The point is that it is not good for a person to be alone. Human beings are social by nature. We are created to be partners and helpers one for another.

Responsorial Psalm 127: Praying this psalm leads us to recapture the joy of that garden where God created humanity.

Second Reading: The author admits that Jesus was, for a time, less than the angels, and immediately explains why that was so. Jesus chose inferiority to the angels precisely so that he could be one with humanity in all things, including death. Adding an exceptional development to the teaching of Genesis, Hebrews asserts that in the person of Jesus, God became one with humanity, to be brother and helper to us.

Gospel: In this scene, we find the Pharisees trying to put Jesus in danger or trap him in legalities. The danger came from the fact that John the Baptist had been beheaded over the question of divorce (Mark 6:17-29). While that lurked in the background, rabbis of that day debated the legitimacy of divorce. As so often happened, rather than answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus asked one of his own and, as usual, caught them in their own trap.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER 2015

Your support and donations this Harvest Fast Day will enable CAFOD's partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis.

An insight into Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'

All welcome to an evening where Linda Jones (CAFOD's Theology programme advisor) will be exploring this encyclical and our study guide for parishes. **13 October, 7:30 – 8:30pm** (coffee/tea from 7pm) at **St. John's Parish Centre, 296 Sundon Park Road, Sundon Park, Luton, LU3 3AL.**

Come along to PROCLAIM DAY 2015

SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES IN THEIR MISSIONARY CALLING

Saturday 17th October 2015, 10am-3pm,
Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church Hall

(Damien Hall), High Street, Great Missenden, HP16 9AA
 Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

NB This event is for adults, any parents/carers wishing to bring children must accompany them at all times

Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £224.42

THIS WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION
for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
PLEASE USE AN ENVELOPE!

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Offertory Envelopes are now available. See 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.



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.