

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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30th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

(CHRIST THE KING)

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER (VIGIL)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
Monday Ss Chad & Cedd	10.00am	Mass – Int. Peter McDonagh, (sick)
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Nevarte Pace, RIP, anni.
Wednesday SS SIMON & JUDE	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	NO MASS	
Friday Feria	NO MASS	
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Carl De Champs, RIP, anni
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER – ALL SAINTS	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
ALL SAINTS DAY	8.00am	Sung Mass in Extraordinary Form
ALL SAINTS	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).

Readers of God's Word – Formation Course

Mondays 2nd, 16th and 23rd November 2015
7.30pm in the Guild Room

This evening is for all who presently read God's Word at our Liturgies 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 Holy Scripture and the ministry of Reader of God's Word.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Addressed to a people in exile, refugees gathered "from the far ends of the earth," Jeremiah underlines the great contrast between the weakness of the people and God's strength and faithfulness. Their restoration has nothing to do with their merit and everything to do with God's great love. Jeremiah offers us an image of God as a consoler, a shepherd who leads the people to refreshing streams, a road-building Father who is careful to see that no one stumbles along the way.

Responsorial Psalm 125: This psalm reflects both the remembrance of God's saving actions and the hope that the same will happen in the future.

Second Reading: Hebrews indicates that Melchizedek ranked over even Abraham, and because no one knew his ancestry, his priesthood was forever (7:3). The point the author makes over and over again is that Christ's priesthood is superior to any other; it is eternal and it is God the Father who has given him his glory.

Gospel: Bartimaeus hears that Jesus is nearby and begins to call to him for help. By using the title "Son of David," he acknowledges Jesus as a successor to Israel's most important king. Although the crowds attempted to silence him, Bartimaeus's hope in Jesus proved more powerful than their objections. The very people who tried to suppress his shouts were sent to tell him to take courage because Jesus was calling him. Bartimaeus modelled the faith that the disciples had been failing to attain. Asking for healing rather than money, he responded to Jesus with the insight and courage to become a disciple and join him on the fateful road to Jerusalem.

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.



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

Petitions during liturgy: By now all of us are familiar with having petitions at Mass, especially in the form of the universal prayer (prayer of the faithful). We are familiar with crying out to God out of our need. This is an ancient custom, and in the early history of the church's petitions abounded in several places during the liturgy, sometimes becoming quite lengthy (even running to several pages of text). Last month we remarked in the catechesis on the act of penitence that originally one form of the *Kyrie* included a litany of petitions to which the "Lord, have mercy" was a common response. We still have petitions in our Eucharistic prayers for both the living and the dead. One interesting form of petitions is called "diptychs" which are lists of individuals mentioned in the liturgy – surely martyrs, but we think some were even living benefactors. An example of this is remaining in our contemporary liturgy is the list of men and women martyrs that are still part of Eucharistic Prayer I. Also, we pray by name for our pope and bishop, and then mention all the clergy and faithful.

Some people have grumbled about the constant petitions during Mass, especially that there seems to be so much repetition – we are praying for the same things all the time. One response to this attitude is to consider the blind man in this gospel: God might not seem to hear all our prayers, but persistence reminds us of how utterly dependent upon God we are.

It has suggested a good practice during the universal prayer (prayer of the faith) is to have a pause of reasonable length after the announcement of each intention. This pause allows time for personal prayer, for making the general intentions very much our own prayer. In this way even general intercessions which seem similar or repetitious can take on individuality and freshness.

World Mission Sunday – Thank You

Thank you very much for your contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and continue their work at the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please go to www.missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.



THE GIFT

On Wednesday evenings in November and December, St Joseph's Gerrards Cross (SL9 8RY) is hosting a series of talks aimed at people of all ages to help them encounter the Holy Spirit and empower them to share their faith.

The six sessions will cover: The Father's Love, The Joy of the Gospel, the Gift of the Spirit, unwrapping God's Gift, Encountering God's Spirit and Living in the Spirit. These talks are relaxed, personal and informative and the teachings are rooted in the Bible, the Catechism, Evangelii Gaudium and reflections on the Holy Spirit from Pope Francis.

We are very fortunate to have these well-known international speakers coming to our Pastoral Area. The Seminars are open to all- everyone is most welcome. Please come along and join us as we our best to respond to the call from Pope Francis to be "Spirit-filled evangelisers". For more details, see poster and booking forms in the porch.

Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £238.19

Second Collection

World Mission Sunday – £209.56

NEXT WEEK – SECOND COLLECTION

Bishop's Maintenance Fund

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Offertory Envelopes are now available.

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.