

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass – Int. Eugenio Cravioto, RIP and his family
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Peace in Israel
Wednesday Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday St Agnes	<b>4.30pm*</b>	<b>Reception into Church – Mrs Kitty Larkin, RIP</b> <b>There will be no adoration or Mass this evening</b>
Friday Feria	<b>10.00am*</b>	<b>Funeral Mass – Mrs Kitty (Catherine) Larkin, RIP</b>
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN O.T.</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
<b>SEPTUAGESIMA</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	10.00am	Mass

## ABOUT LITURGY

**Eucharist's Epiphanyes:** Year C in the Lectionary cycle is the only one in which the three traditional themes of epiphany occur on three consecutive Sundays: epiphany to the magi, Jesus' baptism, and the sign at the wedding feast at Cana. Yet, each time we celebrate liturgy God manifests divine Self to us in a number of ways. For example, in the introductory *rites* we are given an opportunity to be aware that God calls us into divine Presence and asks us to be attentive to the times we have failed to respond to God in belief. In the *Liturgy of the Word* God speaks to us – sometimes in terms of promise and fulfilment, sometimes exhorting us to right living, sometimes assuring us with divine love, sometimes challenging us to change our ways – and in the epiphany of word invites a response of a renewed commitment to follow Jesus as disciples. In the *Liturgy of the Eucharist* Christ becomes substantially present to us in the consecrated bread and wine and gives his very Body and Blood for our food and drink. This epiphany shows us God's tremendous love for us and God's desire for intimacy; it also shows forth our own dignity as we ourselves are and are becoming the very Body of Christ. In the *concluding rite* we are sent forth to be the epiphany of God's Presence in our everyday living.

The Sunday Eucharist is a most sublime epiphany of God. Moreover, through our being transformed by the ritual action, we ourselves are reminded over and over again to be the Presence of Christ in our world. God loves us so much as to send the Son to be our saviour; God trusts us so much as to send us to be the manifestation of God's Presence!

## Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The First Reading comes from the portion of the Book of Isaiah known as "Third Isaiah," dating to the period when Israelites began returning to Jerusalem from their time in exile. The language is filled with hope and the promise of new life. Israel's situation is totally transformed and the nation's relationship with the Lord is renewed. The marriage imagery tells us that the people have a fresh start, a second honeymoon.

**Responsorial Psalm:** If we read the psalm in the context of the First Reading, we can sit it as the response of the People of Israel to their renewed relationship with the Lord in the land that he gave them. They respond with joy and they have experienced is due to the Lord's power and his mercy.

**Second Reading:** Speaking to the oft-divided church in Corinth, Paul introduces the concept of unity in diversity. He reminds the Corinthians (and us) that, though the Spirit has bestowed a variety of gifts, these gifts have a single purpose: to build up the common good. By placing our gifts at the benefit of the community, Christians build up the Church and the Kingdom of God.

**Gospel:** John calls Jesus' first miracle at the wedding at Cana "the first of the signs." At his mother's urging, Jesus transforms the situation, turning water into wine and changing what could have been a social disaster into a triumph. The seemingly unlimited fine wine calls to mind the "pure, choice wine" that the Lord has promised to provide on his holy mountain (see Isaiah 25:6) and so "his disciples began to believe in him."



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Applications for preparation for **First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** at Our Lady's Church have now closed. The resource materials have now arrived. There will be a **meeting with candidates and parents after the 10am Mass next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2016**. This will be an important meeting please do all you can to attend.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2016

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016. Bookings have now closed. See [www.nymo.org](http://www.nymo.org)

## USED STAMPS FOR OVERSEAS MISSIONS

Thank you to all who Support with used stamp collecting. Hilary Allington has sent a second package off. The used stamps raise money for overseas missions. Please save all your stamps.

Our condolences and sympathy to the family of **Mrs Catherine (Kitty) Larkin**, late of Briers Way, who died at home on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Kitty's body will be brought into our Lady's Church at 4.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Her Funeral Mass will be at 10.00am on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016.

Bishop Peter Doyle warmly invites you to

**The Diocesan Mass for Married Life, at The Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 33 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016.** Praise will start at 11.30am followed by **Mass at 12noon.**

It has been suggested that travelling to Luton rail station would be advisable due to lack of parking around the church.

Bishop Peter will give his pastoral blessing to those couples celebrating significant milestones in their marriage i.e. 1, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 years etc. If you are celebrating such a milestone please contact Eamonn & Paola McMorrow on 07412 151517 or at [mfl@nores.org.uk](mailto:mfl@nores.org.uk) All are very welcome to attend. Refreshments available after Mass.

**Our Lady's Catholic school are currently consulting on their admissions policy for 2017-2018.** All the related documentation is on the website [www.ols.education/Admissions-Consulation](http://www.ols.education/Admissions-Consulation). Consultation will close on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Any comments may be forwarded to the school office email: [office@ols.education](mailto:office@ols.education)

## Money Matters

Last week's Offertory Collection - £252.07

SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL - £201.63

### TODAY - SECOND COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI

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.

## Peace Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

## CAFOD Supporters' Day – All welcome!

Join us on **Saturday 23rd January** – St Teresa' Hall, New Road, Princes Risborough, HP27 0JN or **Saturday 30th January** – Christ the King Hall, Harrowden Road, Bedford, MK42 0SP to hear about CAFOD's work in Uganda and how you have helped. Why not bring a friend along?

Coffee/tea from 10am, session from: **10.30am-1.30pm** followed by lunch. If transport is a problem, we may be able to help! To book a place: [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) or 01844 274 723.

## New Year's Resolution – Volunteer for CAFOD

Why not make volunteering for CAFOD your New Year's resolution? We need volunteers to speak in Schools and/or parishes about our work in the developing world. Training will be given. If you are able to use social media, we would love to hear from you too. Please get in touch on 01844 274 723 or [northampton@cafod.org.uk](mailto:northampton@cafod.org.uk) if you are interested.