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Sunday 14th September	6.00 pm(Sat)	Mass
Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8.00 am	Tridentine Mass
	10.00 am	Mass - Int. Jane Elizabeth Carkett,
RIP		
	11.45am	Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)
Monday Our Lady of Sorrows	9.30 am	Mass
Tuesday	9.30 am	Mass
Wednesday		NO MASS
Thursday	6.00 pm	Exposition and Benediction
	7.00 pm	Mass
Friday	9.30 am	Mass in Our Lady's School
Saturday	9.30 am	Mass
The Most Holy Name of Mary	10.15-11.am	Confessions
Sunday 21st September	6.00 pm(Sat)	Mass
Twenty-fifth Sunday in OT	8.00 am	Tridentine Mass
	10.00 am	Mass
	11.45 am	Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)

My second week in Chesham Bois has once again been busy celebrating two funeral liturgies. On Tuesday I also had the privilege of blessing Father Davenport's gravestone. Once I settle in, I hope to meet with the Parish Council, and also arrange a meeting for the wider parish to come together to talk about how we may all work together in building up our parish in this part of God's kingdom.

This festival honouring The Holy Cross

Only every five or six years (depending on how the leap years fall) are we privileged to celebrate this festival on a Sunday when most of the community gathers to celebrate. In the popular mind the real feast of the cross is Good Friday, when our attention is naturally turned to the paschal mystery events. Why this feast in the autumn? Historically, this feast began in the year 355, when churches in Jerusalem, built on the sites of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, were dedicated. We are reminded though, that this secondary feast of the cross celebrates the same mystery: the cross is less remembered as an instrument of torture and death than as an instrument of glory, salvation, and Life. In both the first reading and the gospel for this day, the instruments that bring death (serpent, cross) also bring Life. For this reason, the cross is not despised but exalted.

Today we welcome our neighbouring parish, St Aidan's, who will be using our church to celebrate Sunday morning Masses until their building renovations are complete next spring. (St Aidan's will be using the Anglican Church of St Michael and All Angels, for their Saturday Vigil Mass). I know you will give St Aidan's parishioners the same warm welcome you have shown me in recent days. This is great symbolism for both of our parishes in response to Bishop Peter's request for parishes in pastoral areas to work more closely together! -- Fr Andy

Congratulations to Andrea Panu and Bogden Dragomir who are to be married in our church this afternoon (14th September).

St Scholastica's Retreat – Open Day – Saturday 27th September 2014 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £332pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Rev Sean Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437

Walsingham Annual Pilgrimage for the Sanctity of Life, Sunday 21st September, led by Bishop Mark Davies. All are warmly invited to unite on this day of prayer. For further details see poster on noticeboard or pick up a flyer from the porch.

South Bucks (St Monica) Pastoral Area is holding a workshop for the Leaders, helpers and anyone interested in Children's Liturgy on Saturday 18th October, 10am – 1pm, at St Teresa's Parish Centre Beaconsfield. The sessions will be led by Liz Clark, a member of the diocesan Liturgical Formation team. There is a small charge for the Workshop of £5 per person. Please see poster.

The Autumn 2014 edition of Mission Today magazine from Missio is available at the back of the church for those interested in taking a copy and if any Red Missio (APF) boxes need emptying please bring them to the church or, alternatively, get in touch with Greta Jeffreys 01494 722792; gretajeffreys@tiscali.co.uk.