

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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8th March 2015

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday (Vigil) Sunday 8th March

Monday *Feria*
Tuesday *Feria*
Wednesday *Feria*
Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday *Feria*

Sunday 15th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



6.00pm	Mass
8.00am	Sung Mass in Extraordinary Form
10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
9.30am	Mass
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NO MASS	
6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
7.00pm	Mass
9.00am	Mass
7.00pm	Stations of the Cross
9.30am	Mass
10.15–11.00am	Confessions
6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
10.00am	Mass
11.45am	Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)



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



*Please complete a
Parish Registration form.
if you have not done so
since August 2014. Forms
are available next to Newsletter
basket in the porch.*

WEBSITES – PARISH: www.ourladychurch-cheshambois.org – SCHOOL: www.ourlady-bucks-sch.co.uk – PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER: www.fssp.org.uk

Lenten gospels and baptism: Like many parishes, we have implemented the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The season of Lent is the time for those preparing for Easter baptism, of increased reflection and coming nearer to God. A period is to do away with what is weak and sinful, and establish what is holy. Today we undertake a number of rites, this Sunday is the occasion for the first scrutiny and the presentation of the Creed. The scrutinies use the Gospel accounts from Year A of the Sunday Lectionary. So, at 10am Mass, we will hear from John's gospel, Jesus' encounter with the Woman at the Well.



Gospel for 6pm Mass: On the Mount of Transfiguration, the disciples caught a glimpse of the fire that burns in the depth of the mystery of Christ. From Moses's first encounter with God in the bush that burned in Horeb, God accompanied his people through the desert in a fiery cloud that eventually filled the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem Temple. Jesus, in whom the fire still burns, claims to be the new Temple, no longer susceptible to destruction by enemies, even on the Cross, but still and forever present with God's people.

Gospel for 10am Mass: If only we knew the gift of God, and who is saying to us "give me a drink" (John 4:7). John's account of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman would have us reflect on the reality of our own baptismal life. Do we really know the gift we have been given? Do we know, are we in personal relationship with Jesus who is the giver of life? Today's Gospel calls not only the catechumens who are preparing for Baptism, but all of us who will renew our baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil to drink freely from the water that Jesus gives, for it is the fountain of eternal life.

NORES Office for Religious Education, Evangelisation, Catechesis & Schools SUMMER SCHOOL 2015 – Following Christ – Reflecting on life as a disciple today – 23-25 July 0215, RE & Pastoral Centre, NORES, Parish Centre, Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD See booking forms in porch or download at www.nores.org.uk

Eight young people from our faith community have been enrolled into our parish preparation for the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**. This parish community promised to encourage them with our prayers and by the example of our witness to the faith.

Infant Baptism. There will be **preparation meeting for parents and godparents**, who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter Season **after 10am Mass Today(Sunday)** Baptism is not usually celebrated during Lent.

Sharing our Faith. We will meet again on **Monday 9th March at 7pm in the Guild Room.**

Invitation to the Women of the Diocese – Bishops from all over the world will be meeting in Rome with Pope Francis in October for the Synod on the Family. Bishop Peter will be attending. He needs your views to take with him to Rome. Voice your opinions, feelings, and experience with regard to marriage and family. Contribute to the feedback: gathered by discussion and related directly to Bishop Peter. Have your say at a meeting with a direct link to the Synod in Rome. There are 2 opportunities to take part: **Sat. 21st March: St Joseph the Worker, Luton, 68 Gardenia Avenue, Limbury, LU3 2NS or Sat. 28th March St Teresa's, Beaconsfield, 40 Warwick Road, HP9 2PL 11am – 3pm.** Please bring a packed lunch. See poster.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 21-28 August 2014. This year, we are appealing for Assisted Pilgrims who might be interested in coming to Lourdes for the first time. For more information please contact by email admin@ourladyandstanselm.org or telephone: 01604 406 410. In addition, each year we have a number of helpers across the diocese who help us in our work (ages 17+). If you're interested in helping, contact Matt Betts (chief_brancardier@catholicassociation.co.uk).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Krakow for World Youth Day 2016. Friday 22nd July – Monday 1st August 2016 and we welcome those in the diocese aged 16 (by date of travel) – 30 years old. There will be a series of information evenings around the Diocese providing everything you will need to know, so please be to come along or encourage anyone you think may be interested and find out about this exciting opportunity. Our local meetings: St Teresa Catholic Church, 3rd March 2015 7-8pm; Holy Family Catholic Church, Slough, 4th March 7-8pm See poster or www.nymo.org, or call 01582 720627.

General Election 2015. The Bishops have written a joint Letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies are available and can be obtained with other information, from the Bishop's Conference website: www.catholicnews.org.uk. Please read the Letter and encourage others to do the same.

The Catenian Rosary Group / Rosaries Abroad are appealing for surplus Rosaries to send to Aboriginals in Australia, Missions in Africa. Now their work has spread to islands in the Pacific and to prisons in the Philippines. Please search your cupboards and drawers for surplus Rosaries and help us to get them into the hands of those who will love, cherish and pray them. A collection box is available in the porch.

The **March 2015** edition of **The Vine** – the **Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available – please take a copy!

LENTEN TALKS – Fr Christopher Jamison OSB will give two talks at St Joseph's Parish on "The Future Church" and "The Future Parish" on **12th and 26th March. 7.30pm refreshments with talks starting at 8pm in the Hall (SL9 8RY).** Fr Christopher is now Director of The National Office for Vocations but is probably best known to most of us as a former Abbot of Worth Abbey where he was in loved in the television series "The Monastery". All welcome.

40 Hour Vigil at St Joseph's Gerrards Cross. A time of prayer, adoration and intercession for those in need in the Parish and the world, for the Family and its protection, the vocations to Marriage, Priesthood and religious life. As part of their Centenary Celebrations a 40 hour prayer vigil in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in St Joseph's Church beginning at 7am on Wednesday 18th March, concluding 11pm the following day. To cover an hour on the rota contact Maureen Connell 01494 870396.

MONEY MATTERS

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