

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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15th March 2015

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MOTHERING SUNDAY

LAETARE

Saturday (Vigil)
Sunday 15th March



Monday *Feria*
Tuesday ST PATRICK
Wednesday *Feria*

Thursday ST JOSEPH, *Husband of the BVM.*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday *Feria*

Sunday 22nd March

PASSION SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

6.00pm	Mass
8.00am	Low Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form</i>
10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
11.45am	Mass (<i>St Aidan's Congregation</i>)
9.30am	Mass – <i>Int. Reginald Hayllar RIP</i>
9.30am	Mass
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 – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
8.00am	Low Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)</i>
10.00am	Mass



*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

Gospel: In the desert, the unfaithful people died of serpent bites – a haunting reminder of Eden – were saved by the sight of a serpent sign ordered by God. We die of the bite of our fallen humanity but are saved by that same humanity nailed to a cross to raise us up again. Our deliverer is no Persian king or bronze image but the very Son of God, sent to bring us out of exile and death into the light of life. Let us recall that in the Bible, the only source of light was fire, the fire burning in Christ, the true light of the world.

If you have a full **APF-Mill Hill Red Missio Box** please bring it to church **next weekend**. The contents of the boxes will be counted and sent off to APF-Mill Hill.

Next Saturday 21st March at Our Lady of Peace in Burnham SL2 2NL, the **NYMO team** are offering **young people and youth leaders the opportunity to learn some sign language** to enable the sharing of our faith in this creative way. The sign will be set to music, both Christian and songs from the charts. The cost of the day is £5 (bring your own lunch) and will start at 12.30pm and finish at 4pm. All are welcome but it will be aimed at those of secondary school age. Participants to book and parental consent forms will need to be filled out and signed. See poster.

We urgently need more help with laundering the Altar linens! For some time now, the parish has been indebted to Greta Jeffries for washing, starching and ironing the small altar cloths we use with the sacred vessels at Mass. Greta would like to take a break from this task. So we do need help from others who would be willing to take on this task. Perhaps we could get a few people to form a rota for monthly duty? Could you spare an hour or so, each week to clean and prepare these linens?

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

The Parish Council will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24th March 2015 in The Guild Room.

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 16th 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 a final talk at St Joseph's Parish on "The Future Parish" on **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

Last Week's offertory collection £346.56

Many thanks for your generosity.