

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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12th April 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

LOW SUNDAY

SUNDAY 12TH APRIL - (VIGIL)

	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
	10.00am	Mass
	11.45am	Mass (<i>St Aidan's Congregation</i>)
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass



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

Friday Feria	9.30am*	Mass at Our Lady's School
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15–11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 19TH APRIL – 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass
2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	8.00am	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (<i>Tridentine</i>)
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	11.45am	Mass (<i>St Aidan's Congregation</i>)



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.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org – SCHOOL: www.ourladys-bucks-sch.co.uk – PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER: www.fssp.org.uk

Easter Octave: Two great festivals still retain an octave on the 1969 Revised General Roman Calendar: Christmas and Easter. For eight days we celebrate with great solemnity the joy of the festival; this is why, for example, no other celebration may take the place of these eight days.

Eight is an important number. The early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day." Since our week has seven days, "eighth day" referred to a day beyond the human reckoning of time – beyond time, belonging to the end times. Theologically, this refers to "eschatological" time when Jesus Christ will return in all his glory to gather everything back to God at the end and fullness of time. Thus, the Easter octave means more than simply going from one Sunday to the next; it heightens our expectation that the risen Life we celebrate is the same Life that we will one day share with the Trinity in everlasting glory.

Gospel: The risen Christ greets his fearful disciples with peace, commissions them to carry on his mission, and breathes his forgiving and reconciling Spirit upon them. They are overwhelmed with joy. Thomas who was not present refuses to believe until he is able to see and touch Jesus for himself. A week later, Jesus appears and invites Thomas to see and touch. Thomas, overwhelmed by the risen Christ, makes one of the most profound belief statements ever by addressing Jesus as "my Lord and my God." Jesus proceeds to praise all those like ourselves who have not seen and yet believed. Easter Time allows us the time to deepen our faith and intimate relationship with the risen Christ.

A big 'Thank You' to those who have offered to help with laundering the Altar linens! It seems we now have a small group to form a rota so that the burden does not fall on the same person each week. If you are able to help it's not too late to join the rota!

Thank you too, to all who helped to prepare and minister in the Holy Triduum liturgies: cleaners, Alter servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, and flower arrangers and musicians. You all helped to enhance our worship during the Paschal season.

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. Copies of the latest *Mission Today* magazine are available in the porch.

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. There will be a **preparation session for candidates and their parents with Fr Andy next Saturday, 18th April at 11am in The Guild Room**.

Infant Baptism. There will be **preparation meeting for parents and godparents**, who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism during the coming spring and summer **after 10am Mass on Sunday 26th April 2015**.

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.

NORES Office for Religious Education, Evangelisation, Catechesis & Schools SUMMER SCHOOL 2015 – Following Christ – Reflecting on life as a disciple today – 23-25 July 2015, 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

Our condolences and sympathy to the family of the late **Mary Freestone**, of Bois Lane, who died last Monday. Her funeral service will take place on **Thursday 16th April at Chesham Bois Cemetery Chapel at 10.30am**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Peace be to you!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 21-28 August 2015. 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.

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

MONEY MATTERS

Good Friday's collection for the Holy Places
£171.92

Many thanks for your generosity.
My heartfelt gratitude for your very generous Easter Offerings and greeting cards and gifts for Easter.
May God continue to bless us all!

Fr Andy