

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL - (VIGIL)

6.00pm Mass – *Int. People of the parish*
8.00am Low Mass in Extraordinary Form
10.00am Mass
11.45am Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)
9.30am Mass – *Int. In thanksgiving*

Monday *Feria*

Tuesday *Feria*

Wednesday ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

Thursday *Feria*

Friday St Joseph the Worker

Saturday St Athanasius

NO MASS

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9.30am Mass

10.15–11.00am Confessions

SUNDAY 3RD MAY – 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

6.00pm (Sat.) Mass
8.00am Sung Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
10.00am Mass – *Int. People of the parish*
11.45am Mass (St Aidan's Congregation)
4.00–5.00pm Prayer Vigil/Holy Hour with Adoration of Bl. Sac.



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



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The fifty-day Easter Lectionary: the gospels for the eight Sundays from Easter to Pentecost form a wonderfully cohesive progression from Jesus' resurrection to our taking up of Jesus' mission to preach the gospel. There is movement from Jesus, the risen One, to ourselves as disciples who, set afire by the Spirit, continue his saving mission in our world today. The gospels for the first three Sundays of Easter always feature appearance accounts of the risen Lord to the disciples. During this time we focus on Jesus who has passed through death to risen Life. We become convinced in our believing hearts that this Jesus is still present to us, has conquered death, is truly risen. Now, on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we are invited to reflect on Jesus' great love and care for us and be assured that he will not abandon us. On Good Shepherd Sunday during this Year B, there is also a strong suggestion that we must take up Jesus' mission through our discipleship (especially pronounced in the other two readings). This notion of our taking up and continuing Jesus' mission moves us into the second half of the Easter season when the gospels explicitly focus on us as disciples. These last three Sunday gospels of Easter prepare us for the celebration of the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, a Spirit who now dwells within us, conforms us to Christ, and strengthens us to take up his saving mission.



Gospel: On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we hear one of Jesus' clear "I AM" statements, "I am the good shepherd." Shepherds are scripturally understood to be the leaders who are to model for others the care and concern that God has for all people. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus contrasts himself with the hired hand, other leaders who work for pay and are not concerned for the sheep. He is the good shepherd because he cares for the sheep even to the point of laying down his life for them. Jesus' love of the sheep extends to all of God's creatures, even those who are not of his particular fold. Jesus desires all to be one, loving and caring for one another the way he freely and willingly loves and cares for us. All this is exactly the will of the Father, and Jesus models that life perfectly.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as *Good Shepherd Sunday*.

Change a Life – pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

'Behind and before every vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone.' - Pope Francis.

This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life. There are vocations prayer cards in the porch for those who would like to include these vocations in their regular prayer. To find out more about the priesthood and various expressions of consecrated life please visit www.vocationsunday.org.uk



Six more young people will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday Mass on 3rd or 10th May 2015.

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 coming spring and summer **after 10am Mass today (Sunday 26th April).**

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. It is the responsibility of everybody to be involved in the democratic process. It is important that we vote. It is a duty which springs from the privilege of living in a democratic society. In deciding how we vote the question for each one of us is then: How, in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

Next Sunday (3 May) between 4pm and 5pm we will host a Prayer Vigil/Holy Hour with adoration of Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's Church as we prepare for the General Election.

This year of 2015, we are celebrating the Centenary of Our Lady's Church building here in Chesham Bois. On afternoon of Sunday 7th June 2015 the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. The parish will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. We are planning a carpet of flowers in will need may flower heads. It would be wonderful if every family in our parish could plant or provide some flowers to decorate the carpet of flowers for that day. We will all need to begin planting now!



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 mvf@btinternet.com 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Last week's Offertory Collection - £346.03

**The Second Collection today is for
Diocesan Priests' Training Fund.**

Many thanks for your generosity.