

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## PENTECOST

(WHITSUNDAY)

### SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY - (VIGIL)

6.00pm Mass – *Int. People of the parish*  
8.00am Low Mass in Extraordinary Form  
10.00am Mass  
9.30am Mass

Monday *St Bede the Venerable (Week 8 I)*

Tuesday *St Philip Neri*

Wednesday *ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY*

Thursday *Feria*

Friday *Feria*

Saturday *Our Lady on Saturday*

NO MASS

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9.30am Mass

10.15–11.00am Confessions

### SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY – THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TRINITY SUNDAY

6.00pm (Sat.) Mass – *Int. People of the parish*  
8.00am Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (*Tridentine*)  
10.00am Mass



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

We have a wide selection of Catholic newspapers and journals available in the porch, including *The Universe* (£1.30), *Catholic Times* (£1.30), *The Herald* (£2.00), *The Table* (£3.00) and *Mass of Ages* (Free).

WEBSITES – PARISH: [www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org](http://www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org) – SCHOOL: [www.ourladys-bucks-sch.co.uk](http://www.ourladys-bucks-sch.co.uk) – PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER: [www.fssp.org.uk](http://www.fssp.org.uk)

**About the Liturgy: Pentecost Sequence:** The Pentecost Sequence is a remarkably beautiful composition attributed to the late-twelfth, early-thirteenth century archbishop of Canterbury, Stephen Langton. This composition beautifully captures a wide range of actions of the Spirit: the One who brings light, is the source of goods for the poor and all of us, is the comforter, is sweet refreshment, is solace, is strength, is guide, is source of joy. It would be well to spend some time meditating on all these actions of the Spirit. Moreover, if these actions are attributed to the Spirit, then because of the gift of the Spirit's indwelling we, too, are to live and act in this way.



**First Reading:** Pentecost was one of the three pilgrimage feasts of the Jews, when all who were able came to the Temple in Jerusalem, thus the presence of so many foreigners in Jerusalem that day. All the disciples were gathered in one place. Acts of the Apostles 1:13-14 identifies these disciples as the Eleven; Mary, the mother of Jesus; the women who journeyed with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem (see Luke 8:1-2; 23:49); and his relatives. The cosmic sign of the strong driving wind attracted the crowd. (In Greek, the language in which Acts was originally written, the same word is used for both "wind" and "spirit.") Note also the sign of "fire." The fruit of the Spirit's presence and work is the disciples' ability to proclaim the Gospel in various tongues and be understood by those who heard them.

**Gospel:** The setting of today's text is Jesus' last discourse to his disciples, at table with them the night before he died. Jesus promises to send, an Advocate on their behalf, the Spirit of truth. Note the intimate workings between the Father, the Son, and the Spirit and how the disciples are drawn into this by the power of the Spirit at work in their lives. On their part, the disciples must receive what the Spirit declares to them and testify on Jesus's behalf.



**Parish Centenary Candles** – To mark the 100 years of our church building, we have candles with our centenary logo, for sale and to take home, for sale. **Price £2.50 each.**

**Proclaim '15: BUILDING MISSIONARY PARISHES** is the name of a new national Bishops' initiative being launched in 2015 to support the development of parish evangelisation. It is inspired by Pope Francis' writings and has five parts which include: the provision of free parish small group materials; the organisation of a National Catholic Evangelisation Conference in Birmingham on 11 July 2015 for 850 evangelisation representatives from across England and Wales; an invitation to parishes to host a parish Prayer Vigil on the night of 11 July 2015 with free prayer materials provided; the invitation to dioceses, deaneries and parishes to have their own *Proclaim '15* event in autumn 2015; the publication of new evangelisation resources as a fruit of the National Conference to equip local evangelisers. Please do get involved in what is a significant new step in service of the proclamation of the Gospel in our area. More information will be available in our newsletter over the coming months.

Website: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

To watch the Cardinal Nichols' video message and for more details: [www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/proclaim15)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Mary, Mother of Silence** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Lead by Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton. See Poster. Will a group from our parish be joining this year's pilgrimage?

**Diocese of Northampton Ecumenical Commission** 'Ecumenism and the Ordinariate' Guest Speaker: Mgr. Keith Newton (Leader of the Ordinariate in England and Wales) Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am. Bishop Peter invites ecumenical friends and representatives from all parishes to this meeting with the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission. Refreshments from 10am, Talk followed by Q&A. Reflections from the Cathedral event last January ending with Midday Prayer. **St Augustine's Church, Milton Keynes, MK13 7PL**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ, immediately following the 10am Mass, our parish will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. We are planning a carpet of flowers to line the main aisle of our church over which the Blessed Sacrament will be carried. For this carpet, we will need many flower heads. We have decided to take up a special second collection this weekend to enable parishioners to contribute to the cost of these flowers. We hope that those young people who have made their First Communion with us this Eastertide will dress up again in their fine clothes and join the procession on that occasion.



## MONEY MATTERS

**Last week's Offertory Collection** - £329.27

Last week's special collection – For the Church's

Work in the Media - £108.72

We have received an email from **Sister Jacinta Davenport, IBVM**, thanking parishioners for our cheque for **£623.49 for the Sisters' Albania Mission**. Sister Jacinta says 'I'm sure "someone", up there, is giving them a good hand-clap!'

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** – Donations to defray the cost of Carpet of Flowers for the Solemnity of The BODY & BLOOD of CHRIST on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Boxes of Offertory Envelopes** are now available. *Please consider giving under Gift Aid as this increases your giving by enabling the Diocese to recover the tax you have paid without any extra cost to yourself.* Please contact Philip Seed, Parish Treasurer, or Fr Andy.

**Infant Baptism and Marriage.** By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation. The Church requires six month's notice prior to the Sacrament of Matrimony being celebrated.

**This weekend, St Aidan's parish return to their newly refurbished church in Little Chalfont.** Over the past eight months, we have had the opportunity to welcome and host them for their own Mass after our Mass at 10am. We will miss them, but wish them all God's blessings as they return to own church for the celebrations of the Universal Church's birthday at Pentecost. **Alleuia! Alleuia!**