

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	8.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass – Int. In Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers
Monday St Stanislaus	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Pope St Martin I	NO MASS	
Thursday Easter Feria	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
(Saturday Vigil for Sunday)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. Rane Molrich, RIP

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Today, at the 10am Mass our candidates, **Charlotte, Imogen, and William**, who have been preparing to receive the gift of Jesus's Body and Blood for many weeks will make their First Holy Communion. It is a wonderful day for them and their families. We hope this will be the first of many occasions during their faith journey when they will approach God's altar to receive and be nourished by Jesus' gift of himself. As a parish community we promised to support and encourage these children with our prayers, example and personal witness. *Please remember these children and their families, in your prayers.*

*Congratulations to Charlotte, Imogen and William as they
Receive Holy Communion for the First Time Today!*

After, the 9.30am Mass on Monday, Deborah Purfield CAFOD's Community Participation Coordinator in our Diocese will be meeting with those who volunteered during the weekend of her appeal for CAFOD's Fast Day during Lent. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to find out more!



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £251.20
**NEXT SUNDAY SECOND COLLECTION
for Priests' Training Fund**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Gift Aid Declarations Forms and Offertory Envelopes are now available.

APRIL 2016 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now available. It's Free of charge!

Are you new to the parish?

If so, you are very welcome!

Do introduce yourself to Father Andy after Mass, and please complete a parish registration form.



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

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

BLESSING OF HOMES DURING EASTERTIME

The Leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord,

**we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death:
by rising from the tomb to new life
he gives us new hope and promise.**

**Bless all the members of this household
and surround them with your protection,
that they may find comfort and peace
in Jesus Christ, the Paschal Lamb,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.**

The Leader may sprinkle those present and the home with holy water brought from the church. During the sprinkling the leader may say:

Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and Resurrection has redeemed us.

Compass, the new youth group, serving primarily the parishes of Our Lady's Chesham Bois, St Aidan's Little Chalfont and St Columba's Chesham, will be launched in September 2016. It will operate from Our Lady's School from 6 until 9pm on Thursday evenings during term time.

Compass will be open to young people from Year 4 up to Year 13 and will meet in two sessions: 6pm until 7:30pm for Years 4, 5 and 6 and 7:30pm until 9pm for Years 7 to 13.

This is a call for those of you who are prepared to take on a leadership role for the first twelve months working together as part of the leadership group drawn from all the parishes.

Please contact Gerard Felix at felixfamily@ntlworld.com for further information, a copy of the proposal document, or just for a chat. An initial meeting of the leadership group is planned for 14 April at 7:30 at Our Lady's School. Training for the leaders will be provided by NYMO (Northampton Youth Ministry Office) in May/June.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR MASS

We are looking for volunteers of individuals or families to join a rota to help set up for Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am Masses. It will require arriving at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass. Full training will be provided. If four or five people/families volunteer it would mean each group setting up just once a month.

FATHER PATRICK BAILEY

Fr Bailey, parish priest of St Columba, Chesham had a serious fall at the beginning of March, fracturing his hip and breaking his arm. He is preparing leave Wycombe Hospital for a period of convalescence at a care home in Aylesbury. He is in good spirits and appreciates all our prayers for this recovery which is likely to be a long process. In the meantime, **Father Alessandro Reno**, a visiting priest from Italy, **is helping with Sunday Masses at St Columba**. Father Andy is continuing to assist with the pastoral and sacramental needs of the parish during Fr Bailey's absence.

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy – Holy Door St Joseph's in Gerrards Cross

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we are all invited to make a pilgrimage through one of the designated Holy Doors. Our nearest Holy Door is at St Joseph's in Chalfont St Peter (SL9 8RY). You may like to consider making your own individual journey there, where you will find a prayerful guide which will help you encounter anew the mercy of God. This mini-pilgrimage walk through the Holy Door and round St Joseph's Church will take 20-30 minutes.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This Sunday we again hear of the Apostles and the ongoing conflict with the Sanhedrin. These twenty-three men comprised an authoritative council for each city that governed the Jewish community. While mostly Sadducees, there were also Pharisees who were members.

Responsorial Psalm 30: The psalmist gives praise to God in response to rescuing him from death. This psalm may have been part of the dedication of the Temple in 164 BC. The psalmist testifies to God's pattern of salvation, and invites all those who hear to from his experience.

Second Reading: In chapter 5, the Book of Revelation shifts from extolling the creator to unfolding the story of the plan of salvation. The vivid depiction of the heavenly liturgy finds all in the universe raising its voice to the glory of God. The four creatures are a reference to the text found in Ezekiel 1:4-20.

Gospel: The third appearance of the Risen Christ happens at the seashore. Just as his disciples are first called from their nets, the Apostles how are engaged at their work. Again, the Lord is encountered in meal fellowship. Notice how the three affirmations demanded of Peter are parallel to his three denials before the Crucifixion. Peter and the others will be called to powerfully shepherd the flock, even though it will be to the death. Peter's death is referenced in the stretching out of hands.

ABOUT LITURGY

Eucharist is God's gift asking for a response: Each time we share in the Eucharistic banquet we are invited to be aware of God's gracious gifts to us. The gift of the Eucharist is already a share in Christ's risen Life. By eating and drinking Christ's very Body and Blood we are transformed into being more perfect members of the Body of Christ. This means that we follow Christ more perfectly since we are more identified with him – follow him even to "where [we] do not want to go." Thus, the gift of Eucharist requires of us a response in kind. Jesus' gift of self means that we respond with the gift of self to others. Integral to Eucharist is a call to love and just actions on behalf of the whole world. One way to evaluate the quality of our Eucharistic celebrations is not by simply focusing on the elements of the rite itself (as important as that task is!), but by focusing on how Christ's Life is lived in the community. If the liturgical assembly doesn't become more loving, more charitable, more just by receiving Jesus' self-gift of heavenly food, then clearly those celebrations are not doing what they are supposed to do. Suitable questions to ask by way of evaluation: How do we visibly love one another more? How are we making a difference in our neighbourhoods, town, country, world? Do we relate to the general intercessions as universal prayers (prayers of the faithful) that extend beyond the celebration of Eucharist and demand a commitment of life from us?