

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 24TH APRIL (<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>)	8.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass – Int. Nathan Family
Monday ST MARK	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Easter Feria	11.00am*	Mass with Sacrament of the Sick , The Croft Care Home, The Penningtons, Chesnut Lane, Amersham, HP6 6EJ
	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ST CATHERINE OF SIENA	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Pope St Pius V	9.30am	Mass
(Saturday Vigil for Sunday)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
ST JOSEPH, Craftsman	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass

We welcome Bishop Peter Doyle, as he makes his Visitation to Our Lady's Parish this weekend



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

During the 10am Mass we invite our younger children (approximately aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. The children will leave the body of the Church after the Collect and return during the Preparation of the Gifts. For them, it is still very much part of Mass, where they will listen to God's Word in a translation more appropriate to them. And, as we all do during the liturgy of the Word, they will reflect on the Gospel, and spend some time in prayer. Parents are welcome to join their children. We welcome more help with leaders and support in this ministry to children of our parish.

Our prayers, condolences and sympathies to the family of **Michael Conway**, The Croft Care Home, The Penningtons, Chestnut Lane, who died suddenly on Wednesday 13th April, fortified with the Rites of the Church. His **funeral** has been arranged at **12.30pm on Friday 6th May** at **Our Lady's Church**. Please keep Michael and his family in your prayers.

ABOUT LITURGY

The Dismissal at the end of Mass: At the end of every Mass we are blessed, then sent forth to live what we have celebrated. It is too easy to be eager to leave church and get on with the rest of our day; we can readily miss the real impact of this very short but important rite. One of the dismissal formulae in *The Roman Missal* is, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." This speaks directly to this Sunday's gospel. We glorify the Lord when we follow through on this new commandment of love. This love is not the fleeting and shallow love projected so often by the entertainment industry, but is the life-giving love that Jesus himself modelled for us. Our daily living must be characterised by the kind of self-giving love that brings us to put the good of others before our own self-interests. It is the kind of love that prompts us to empty ourselves for the sake of others, no matter what the cost. When we love as Jesus loves us, then every moment of every day glorifies God.

CAFOD Join us for an afternoon of input, reflection and prayer focusing on Blessed Oscar Romero in this Year of Mercy. Sat 7 May, 12:15 – 3:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, 5 Beaudesert, Leighton Buzzard LU7 1HZ. Julian Filochowski (*Romero Trust*) and Deacon David Curtis will lead the day. Please bring a shared lunch. To book a place / let us know if transport is a problem: dpurfield@cafod.org.uk or 01844 274 723.

Welcome to **Katherine Hutchinson**, who is to be **Baptised** at our 10am Mass. As a Faith Community we give assent and support her parents, **Maura and Peter**, and **godparents**, Tom and Kerri, in the promises they make for Katherine. '...It is clear that the faith in which children are baptised is not the private possession of the individual family, but the common treasure of the whole Church of Christ.' Rite of Baptism (n. 4).

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Fresh supplies of Offertory Envelopes are available in the porch. If you currently make an offering to the parish by Gift Aid Envelope please take your named box. If you would like start contributing to the work of our parish by Gift Aid and pay through Numbered Envelope or Standing Order through the bank, please speak with our parish treasurer, Philip Seed, or Fr Andy.

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, is now in a care home in Aylesbury for a period of convalescence at a care home in Aylesbury. He is in good spirits and appreciates all our prayers for this recovery. During Father Bailey's recovery, **Father Alessandro Reno**, originally from Italy, a priest now working the Ecuador, **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: Paul and Barnabas are undeterred by the hostility that they have faced, and continue to preach the message of Christ throughout the region. Note that they appoint leaders for the regional churches, and also that they are humble enough to remain accountable to the Church of Antioch from which they have been sent.

Responsorial Psalm 145 is a hymn of praise, and it underscored that God's saving love is universal. All humankind – the children of Adam – must know about his Kingdom, which is to last forever.

Second Reading: John's vision culminates with a vision of the "new Jerusalem." This is the city that overcomes all the falsehoods that the chapter has litanised earlier. The bride image is an antitype of the whore of Babylon, and the two cities juxtaposed against each other.

Gospel: The betrayal by Judas has unleashed the forces that will lead to the seizure and death of the Lord. Jesus reminds his followers that they need not fear or despair. This is his path to glory. He offers them a commandment that is old and yet he describes it as new: love one another. This commandment is transformed in Jesus, who demonstrates a new, expansive, unreasonable, and unending love that must be modelled.

The Chalfonts Friendship Club

The Chalfonts Friendship Club, established in 2009, is for people who are retired or of retirement age, whether living on their own or couples, to meet to share company. It is focussed on reaching out and promoting companionship and sharing amongst people in our local Community and its members are drawn from a wide area encompassing the Chalfonts and extending from Fulmer to Chesham and from Beaconsfield to Denham. We get together every month over a lunchtime meal on the second Wednesday of the month and over a coffee on the 4th Friday of the month. We have a Sunday lunch every other month and we hold regular outings, theatre trips and other social activities.

Are you alone or in need of company or know somebody who is? If you are interested or know someone who might be, or you would like further details, please contact Patrick on 01753 880747, Patricia on 01753 885534 or Charles on 07966 349945. - All welcome -

Why Do We Bless Ourselves with Holy Water upon Entering the Worship Space?

Upon entering the worship space, we usually dip our hand into the baptismal font (or a water stoop) and bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross. This Holy Water cleanses, renews, and refreshes us along our Christian journey. The Sign of the Cross is a mark of the One to whom we belong – to whom we are conformed – the Triune God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Having been washed, renewed, and conformed the newly baptised is now a Christian. ...continued on handout sheet. Please take one home for your reflection.

OUR LADY'S PARISH VOTIVE CANDLES

In response to popular demand, we have a fresh supply of votive candles which feature the Stained Glass of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. We still have a few Parish Centenary Votive Candles remaining. They will soon be collectors' items! **Both are priced at £2.50**

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £302.55
2nd Collection – Priests' Training Fund £212.52

Many thanks for your generosity.

NEW Offertory Envelopes BOXES are now available. See note above.

APRIL 2016 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is still 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.