

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

ST JOSEPH
CRAFTSMAN

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 1ST MAY (<i>Vigil Mass for Sunday</i>)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. Frank Cunningham, RIP (Recently died)</i>
Monday <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday SS PHILIP & JAMES	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES		NO MASS
Thursday <i>Easter Feria</i>	9.30am*	Mass in Our Lady's Church with Our Lady's School (Anticipating the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord)
	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	12.30pm*	Funeral Mass – <i>Michael Gabriel Conway, RIP</i>
Saturday <i>Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass
ASCENSION (<i>Saturday Vigil for Sunday</i>)	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR 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.



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £267.63

NEXT WEEKEND – Second Collection:

**The Church's evangelisation
through the media**

Many thanks for your generosity.

MAY 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.

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. 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.

ABOUT LITURGY

God's indwelling: Divine indwelling has been part of our Catholic doctrine from the very beginning. In particular, the sacraments of initiation celebrate a divine love that is so great that God chooses to live within us and among us. In baptism we are plunged into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying to self so that we might rise to new life in Christ. We are sealed in baptism with the gift of the Holy Spirit and strengthened in confirmation to live this new life. In Eucharist we are nourished by Christ's Body and Blood and by eating and drinking so sublime a food we become what we eat – the Body of Christ in whom God dwells in glory.

The Challenge, of course, is that these sacraments remain not simply actions we go through but become dynamic ways of living. This is one reason why we celebrate liturgy each Sunday – so that we remember Jesus' words and deeds. One practice that might help us make this practical in our daily living – and over the years see real spiritual growth in ourselves – is to make sure we take one thought that leads to particular action in our daily living from each Sunday celebration. A question to ask might be: How, this week, might I express to others that God dwells within me; how does this week's gospel challenge me to live?

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.

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. **Price £2.50**

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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: For a second time this week, we hear of the pivotal meeting in Jerusalem. This gathering does not put an end to the Mosaic Law; rather, it exempts the Gentiles from becoming Jews so that they may then become followers of Jesus Christ. This gathering is likely the one referenced in the second letter to the Galatians.

Responsorial Psalm 67 may have been an expression of thanksgiving on a national level. Salvation is God's ultimate gift, and it is available to all nations. This will be fulfilled as the Christian Church reaches out and evangelises beyond the Jewish community, as we have heard in Acts this week.

Second Reading: This chapter of the Book of Apocalypse speaks of the passing away of old creation, which is replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. This vision of Jerusalem is glorious, perfect, whole, and complete. The twelve tribes are represented by the Twelve Apostles, and the city does not need a temple, because the presence of God and the Lamb make the entire city a temple of the Divine.

Gospel: The Gospel emphasises the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, that will remain with the community always. John's community had great faith that the Spirit was still with them. In receiving the Spirit, we receive the peace of Christ. There is a great deal in human life, then and now, designed to cause unrest and to even destroy the peace. The offering of the sign of peace in the Mass reminds us that we are given the peace of Christ and commanded to share it.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Family Retreat Day "Dare to Believe"

We are very excited to launch **the Immaculate Heart of Mary Great Missenden** parish family retreat day, with the wonderful, internationally renowned speaker, **David Wells**. This will be on **Saturday 11th June** at **Our Lady's Catholic School, Chesham Bois**. For everyone in **our parish**, and **those we'd like to invite** too. There will be an opening liturgy with the children from the school, worship led by Liam Lynch, a children's and youth stream, shared lunch on the paddock, and much more.

It will be a very special occasion and a rare opportunity to hear a speaker of such talent and wisdom so close to home. **Tickets £5 per person, children go free**, available from the parish office, **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Great Missenden** (greatmissendenandwendover@gmail.com). Please get your tickets soon as we expect this event to sell out quickly.

Bishop Peter's Parish Visitation - 23/24 April 2016

Bishop Peter has written to thank us for our hospitality last weekend. He says "I enjoyed visiting the parish and the Mass with the baptism of the baby (*Katherine Anne Hutchinson*) reflected all the good work that is going on within the parish ... thank you for a good weekend." With blessings

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