

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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PENTECOST

WHITSUNDAY

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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY</b> ( <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. Nicholas Pharmarajab, RIP, Rec. Deceased</i>
Monday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Friday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> ( <i>Saturday Vigil</i> )	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	10.00am	Mass

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

During the 10am Mass we invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. 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 their understanding, 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 from those who seek to be leaders and support in this ministry to the children of our parish.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS FOR COMMUNION

During the last two weeks, we commissioned **Patricia Cooper, Grant Kudsee, and Anne Thaninayagam** as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; and blessed those who proclaim God's Word during our Public Liturgies. All existing *Ministers of Communion* will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to this ministry on the weekend of **28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May 2016, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ** (*Corpus Christi*).



## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – **£289.24**

Second Collection – **The Church's evangelisation through the media – £156.03**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

## MAY 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.

## ABOUT LITURGY

**Pentecost – birthday of the church?** We have customarily interpreted Pentecost as the birthday of the church. We must take that we don't trivialise this (for example, using birthday cakes, singing happy birthday). The more demanding effect of the church through the coming of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and makes us one is that through the indwelling of the Spirit we become the missionary Presence of the risen Christ – *we ourselves* continue God's plan of salvation. Any "birthing" that happens is our openness to have the Spirit work through us and motivate us to make present for others God's Life and saving grace.

## SHARING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This feast is an apt time to reflect on the gifts that God has graced each of us. We celebrate these gifts, we give thanks for them and, when we can we share them with our Community, as the early Christian community shared, as we have been hearing from the Acts of the Apostles, during the past 50 days of the Easter season. Each of us have gifts that we are able to share with our parish, even in a small way. Please think about how you can use the gifts that God has graced you with in this way.

At the **10am Mass** today we welcome and **baptise Aoife Holly Doyle** into the faith of our Catholic Community here at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish in Chesham Bois. We support her parents, Lauren and Emmett, and godparents, Carol and Dean, with our prayer, encouragement, and witness of our faith as they pledge to bring up their child in the teachings and practice of our Faith.

## NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES

Offertory Envelopes are now available in the porch. If you currently support our parish through Gift Aid envelope scheme, please take your named box. If you would like to begin contributing to our parish through the Gift Aid through numbered envelope or by Standing Order through your bank, please speak with 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. 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.

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

with the internationally renowned speaker, **David Wells. Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Our Lady's Catholic School, Chesham Bois.** 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. **Tickets £5 per person, children go free**, available from the parish office, **Immaculate Heart of Mary, Gt Missenden** ([greatmissendenandwendover@gmail.com](mailto:greatmissendenandwendover@gmail.com)). *Please get your tickets soon as we expect this event to sell out quickly.*

## Lectionary for Mass

**About this Solemnity** The Greek word of Pentecost (*pentekoste*) means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire fifty days of Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (Shavu'ot), the fifty-day celebration following Passover (Exodus 23:16). It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (see Acts 2:1-11). The celebration of Pentecost may begin on Saturday afternoon or evening with the Vigil. By the end of the fourth century in the West, Pentecost became a time for the initiation of those not baptised at Easter. Thus, a night vigil was added like the Easter Vigil for this purpose. With this early history in mind, this is a most appropriate time to initiate those who were not ready at the Easter Vigil, or (not and) to celebrate the Reception of Baptised Christians into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church.

**First Reading:** Jesus has promised to send his Spirit, and that promise is fulfilled at Pentecost. The Spirit comes upon them like a great wind, and enables them to speak in tongues. When they go forth, they are able to address the people of all the world who have gathered for the festival in their own languages, underscoring the universal breathe of the message they carry.

**Responsorial Psalm 104:** Some commentators have referred to this psalm as a poetic version of the first chapter of Genesis. God has created all, and his spirit animates everything. Without it, there is no life. God's works are beautiful, and they are renewed by God's graciousness.

**Second Reading:** Paul writes to the community about the disturbance that is being caused by a disproportion liturgical emphasis on speaking in tongues. The gifts are in everyone, but they are different. And these gifts have an intent: they are to be a source of service. The body must remain one. This metaphor of Paul's is a powerful metaphor for the Church to this day.

**Gospel:** John's account of the appearance of Jesus has a strong point of emphasis: peace. Although they are fearful (And it appears doubting: he mentions that Jesus must show his hands and side) they are restored when they encounter him. The final verses of this passage are central to the theology of John. The gift of the Spirit is the source image of the breath is evocative of the gift of life given to humanity in Genesis 2:7.

## 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**