

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

2ND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass – Int. People of the parish
	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	10.00am	Mass followed by Procession with the Blessed Sacrament
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday VISITATION OF THE BVM	9.30am	Mass – Int. Lisa Cotler
Wednesday St Justin, Martyr	NO MASS	
Thursday Ss Marcellinus & Peter	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Immaculate Heart of the BVM	NO MASS	
	NO CONFESSIONS THIS MORNING	
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
3 RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	10.00am	Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

As it's the school half-term break there will be **no Liturgy of the Word with Children** this week or next (Sunday 5th June).

CATHOLIC CULTURE Under ordinary circumstances, the faithful are expected to fast for one hour before receiving communion. This fast is a spiritual reminder of our hunger and thirst for the Lord and of the exceptional nature of the food and drink of the Eucharist. We put all other things aside so that we may focus on the sacred meal that brings us salvation.

For the first six centuries of the life of the Church, communion was routinely offered to all the faithful under the forms of bread and wine. During the middle ages, however, the practice of sharing the chalice with the laity gradually died out. In response to challenges from the Protestant reformers in the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent affirmed the practice of sharing the consecrated bread alone. The Second Vatican Council restored the ancient practice of offering communion under both forms to the laity, so that, in the words of Pape Paul VI, "a fuller light" would shine on the Eucharistic banquet.



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £259.41

New Offertory Envelopes are now in the porch. 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.

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.

Earlier this month, we commissioned new Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; and blessed those who proclaim God's Word during our Liturgies. All existing *Ministers of Communion* will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to this ministry this weekend.

FATHER PATRICK BAILEY

Fr Bailey, parish priest of St Columba, Chesham, is in a care home in Aylesbury and is in good spirits and appreciates all our prayers for this recovery following his fall in February. During Fr Bailey's absence, Fr Alessandro Reno, is helping with Sunday Masses at St Columba. Fr Andy is continuing to assist with the pastoral and sacramental needs of the parish during the week.

Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish Family Retreat Day - "Dare to Believe"

with **David Wells**, a fantastic speaker who was part of the Proclaim 15 NEC event, and the Catholic young people's gathering at Wembley, Flame. It's very exciting to have him on our doorstep. **Saturday 11th 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, IHM, Gt Missenden (greatmissendenandwendover@gmail.com). Please get them soon – they will sell out quickly!

ABOUT LITURGY

Breadth of the Eucharistic mystery: We rightly think of the Eucharist as God's gift of nourishment for us when we share in the Body and Blood of the Lord and recognise this as a sublime gift that Jesus has left us. The readings for this solemnity also help us think of the Eucharistic mystery also help us think of the Eucharistic mystery in even broader terms.

First, by sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ we are *transformed* into being more perfect members of the Body of Christ. Thus, sharing in Eucharist is our way of growing more deeply into our own baptismal identity. Second, the eucharistic mystery includes continually establishing God's reign which is evidenced by healing, reconciling, and feeding others. Third, the eucharistic mystery calls forth from us practical, everyday actions by which we ourselves help establish God's reign by dying to ourselves for the sake of others. Fourth, the Eucharistic mystery demands a response and so we "tithe" the gifts given to us for the sake of others less fortunate. In a real sense the Eucharistic mystery begins at Mass, reaches a high point during Communion, and then extends beyond the ritual moment to our everyday lives when we live its self-giving demand-response.

COMMUNION IN THE HAND

Communion in the hand should show, as much as communion on the tongue, due respect towards the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. *Dignity of the gesture of the communicant:* The newly baptised at the end of the fourth century were directed to stretch out both hands making "the left hand a throne for the right hand, which receives the King. St Augustine explained St Paul's affirmation that the Corinthians are the body of Christ, members of it (1 Cor 12:27).

"If therefore you are the body of Christ and members, your mystery has been placed on the Lord's table; you are receiving your mystery. To that which you are, you answer, 'Amen,' and by responding you agree. For you hear, 'The Body of Christ,' and you respond, 'Amen.' Be a member of the body of Christ, so that your 'Amen' may be true."

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PREPARE OUR CHURCH FOR MASS

Thank you to those who have already offered to help set up on Sunday mornings. 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.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The priest-king Melchizedek of Salem who blesses Abram and God Most High for Abram's victory over his foes is a mysterious person who appears once and is not heard of again in the Abraham narrative. Salem means peace, and is understood to refer to Jerusalem, the city of peace that David made the spiritual and political capital of Israel. In bringing out bread and wine for the offering, Melchizedek prefigures Christ's offering of himself in the symbols of bread and wine. Today's feast celebrates that sacrificial gift which Christ left us, and recalls its prefiguring in the offering of the priest-king of Salem, Melchizedek.

Responsorial Psalm 110: The enthronement psalm celebrated the coronation of the new king, filling the people in peace and prosperity. The new king, filling the people with new hope in one who would be just and rule the people in peace and prosperity. The new king is God's representative delegated to rule the way God desired and wished. In assuming the kingship, the new king was also designated priest-king according to the order of Melchizedek. From the Davidic priest-king line would come Jesus, the priest-king who would establish God's reign and offer himself as a sacrifice for the world, justifying himself as a sacrifice for the world, justifying and sanctifying as before God.

Second Reading: Paul briefly narrates the earliest account of the institution of the Eucharist. Paul states that though not personally present, he received this as a tradition handed on to him that Christ left us a memorial of his total self-giving sacrifice for us all in the bread and wine, symbolic of his Body and Blood. To do this in memory of Jesus means that disciples are model Jesus in offering their lives in self-giving sacrifice on behalf of others. Whenever we celebrate Eucharist and give of ourselves for others, we proclaim Christ's life-giving Death until he comes again.

Gospel: The multiplying of the loaves and fishes appears in all four Gospel accounts, testifying to its importance for Jesus' followers. It became the clearest story associated with Eucharistic celebration and the corresponding demands that celebrating Eucharistic places on all disciples. Jesus invites us as he did his disciples not to dismiss others in need but to feed and care for others, no matter how challenging. In so doing, we are to bring what we have to the Lord, ask for God's blessing and proceed to take care of all in need. Jesus assures us that not only will we have plenty left over. Eucharistic people model Jesus in giving of themselves for others, so that all may live. Today's feast is both a celebration and a challenge.

The **lux team** from **NYMO** are holding a **Summer Camp** in **Alton Castle, Staffordshire** 14th to 19th August 2016. Open to 11 to 18 year olds. Cost £250. See www.nymo.org for details.

OUR LADY'S PARISH VOTIVE CANDLES which feature the Stained Glass Window of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. **Price £2.50**