

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY

TRINITY SUNDAY

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 – Int. Cathy Scanlon, RIP, recently died
Monday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday St Bede the Venerable	NO MASS	
Thursday St Philip Neri	9.30am*	Our Lady's School Procession for Corpus Christi
	11.00am*	Low Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	6.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	9.00am	Mass – Int. Cathy Scanlon, RIP, recently died
Saturday Feria	9.30am	Mass
BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (Vigil)	6.00pm	Mass – Int. People of the parish
2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	10.00am	Mass followed by Procession with the Blessed Sacrament

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 encouraged 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

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 next weekend, **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi**.

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 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

Making the sign of the cross: Because we sign ourselves in the form of a cross this traditional Catholic gesture is probably more readily connected with Christ and his paschal mystery than with the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Yet the words of the gesture – "In the Name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" – clearly connect this gesture with the whole triune majesty and mystery of God.

We begin and end each Mass with the sign of the Cross. When we make it at the beginning of Mass, we are prompted to remember that this celebration is God's invitation to be in God's triune Presence. Mass isn't primarily *our* celebration, but God's gift of Self to us by which we are transformed into being more perfect members of the Body of Christ. It is well that we make this sign slowly and deliberately at the beginning of Mass and ask God to help us to surrender to this great mystery of God's Presence to us.

When we are blessed and sent forth at the end of Mass, we are prompted to remember that we are dismissed to be God's Presence to all those whom we meet in the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives. By signing ourselves with this cross in blessing, we also make a commitment to live in such a way that others might see the goodness in us that actions we are to carry on the work of our triune God; that is, to re-create our world in newness of Life, to redeem our world from evil that besets it, and to bring God's glory and holiness to all we meet. Through the indwelling God we participate in God's loving work on behalf of all.

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 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.

St Francis Ramblers welcome parishioners to our ramble on **Sunday 29th May** (Suitable footwear please!). Meet Great Missenden station (*walkers' train due in at 10.38am*). Lunch in Wendover – plenty of options. Distance 12 miles finishing at Stoke Mandeville. For more details call: Paul on 07847 282626 or www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com

Lectionary for Mass

About this Solemnity "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Christians who use this phrase repeatedly could easily lose sight of the powerful mystery it expresses. Today, Trinity Sunday, the Scriptures call for reflection on this central belief of Christianity: the Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three (tri) in one (une). Christians name God as a Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit, but only in light of Jesus Christ does such language and insight fully emerge.

First Reading: Wisdom, personified as a woman present with God before the creation of the world, plays a great part in helping to establish the order and beauty of all creation. God's wisdom suffuses the universe with order and beauty. God's wisdom is present in and manifested through all creation, establishing both the extent and the limits that God desired for all creation. Ultimately, Proverbs affirms that God's wisdom found great delight in the company of all creation, most especially the human race. The Spirit, understood as the wisdom of God, is the fullness and presence of God dwelling with all of creation, delighting especially in the intimate relationship with all humanity.

Responsorial Psalm 8: The psalm revels in God's presence and power evident in all of creation, and the awesome grace and responsibility that God has entrusted to human beings. By placing all things under the rule and control of humans, God has blessed humanity beyond imagining. At the same time, humans have to be mindful of the great responsibility and corresponding limitations that comes with such an exalted position in creation. Are we up to the task that God has entrusted to us?

Second Reading: Paul speaks of the Trinitarian presence of God in our lives by focusing first on God justifying and restoring us to intimate covenant relationship in Christ. Our response in faith enables us to access God's peace and grace leading us to boast only in God's glory. We boast both in good times and in bad, for, through faith, all things draw us near to God's love which has been poured out into our hearts in and through the gift of the Spirit which has giving to us. Such Trinitarian love is beyond our imagining and yet is God's gift to all humanity freely, intimately, and completely.

Gospel: Jesus, before departing from his disciples, comforts them by promising the gift of the Spirit of truth who will enlighten them on all that Jesus said and did while he was with them. The Spirit will guide them on those things they currently find difficult to bear. All that the Father has given to Jesus will be made clear and understandable through the Spirit that will be given to them. We are a community intimately united to God through Christ by the work of the Spirit gifted to us. Today we celebrate this rich love relationship which is ours in our Trinitarian God.

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



Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection – £404.56

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.