

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY  
AFTER EASTER

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday Easter Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish



**Our condolences and prayers** to the family of **Margaret Brown**, who died on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, while on holiday in Spain. **Margaret's Funeral Mass will take place at 2pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Our Lady's Church**, Chesham Bois, Please keep Margaret's husband, Howard, and the whole family in your prayers at this time. **May she rest in peace and share in Christ's Glorious Resurrection.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

**During 10am Mass**, we invite our younger children (approx. aged 3 to 7) to attend their own Liturgy of the Word in the Guild Room. **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.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – TODAY IS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

As the People of God, we are encouraged to pray for all vocations (married life, single life, priesthood and religious life) in order to promote a culture that helps people discern God's calling. Do take a prayer card for your own personal prayer.

## Money Matters

**Last Week's Offertory Collection - £194.95**  
(Collection for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – £294.77)

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION FOR  
PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND**  
Thank you for your generosity

New Offertory Envelope Boxes are available in the porch. Please take the box with your name printed on the label. If you would like to begin supporting the parish through envelopes please speak with Fr Andy.

## MAY 2017 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is 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.

## APF / Mill Hill – Missio – Red Boxes

Greta Jeffreys is collecting full Red Boxes for counting. If you have a full Red Box, please bring it along to church or contact Greta.

## NORES Lecture

Sunday 21 May, 3-4.30pm - Lecture and cream tea  
**Do you need theology to live a Christian life?**  
Professor Tom O'Loughlin –  
Professor of Historical Theology - Nottingham University  
**ALL WELCOME!** NORES, 33 Westbourne Rd, Luton, LU4 8JD - Tel: 01582 723312 Ext 6

## MUSIC DAY WITH MARTIN FOSTER

To equip and inspire singers and instrumentalists. This is for parish music groups and anyone involved in music ministry in various contexts. It will be led by Martin Foster who is Director of the Liturgy Office for the Catholic Bishops; Conference of England & Wales and will take place on **Saturday May 27, 10.30am for 11am – 4pm** at Christ the King, Harrowden Road, Bedford MK42 0SP (£5 per person, or £50 per Parish).

## MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Exploring the Prayer of the Church- 13 May 2017, 10.30am -3.30pm – a day with Fr John Hemer MHM who will help us explore the two main elements of the Prayer of the Church - Morning and Evening Prayer. The day will be suitable for everyone interested in deepening their prayer and that of their community, whether or not they already regularly pray any part of the Divine Office: parishioners, liturgical ministers, catechists, religious, deacons and priests. Cost £5 per person. Please bring a packed lunch.

## Lent 2017 - Mary's Meals Backpack Project

The charity **Mary's Meals** provides one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every school day, attracting them to the classroom and giving hope for a brighter future free from poverty. We are a global grassroots movement with fundraising groups springing up in countless countries, all working together to feed the next child in 13 nations around the world!

**As a Parish project during this season of Lent we here at Our Lady's Church have decided to join Mary's Meals Backpack Project. We invite you to join us in this endeavour.**

The Backpack Project compliments the school feeding project by providing children with items that help to support their education. We fill a backpack with basic educational and hygiene items, for sending to students who receive Mary's Meals. The difference these gifts make is phenomenal. Good quality, second-hand items are ideal.

Mary's Meals has a simple mission: a fruit of prayer and a work of love. 'By feeding the world's poorest children, we allow them to experience God's Mercy, too. The meals draw them into the classroom where they gain an education that can set them free from poverty.'

**So far, we have filled over 38 backpacks! This is a tremendous response. Thank you to those who have taken time to gather and pack what is needed. Please continue to bring your backpack to church now that Lent is over. We have also received cash donations which we will use to provide more backpacks.**

Take home a leaflet or visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk) to see the list of items needed for every Mary's Meals backpack.

## WE NEED MORE HELP!

We **urgently** need more **helpers to clean** the Church on Friday mornings (or at another time, if that is more convenient to you). Could you spare just one hour once a month?

We also need a **least two new teams** of two unrelated people to help count the offertory collection once a month after Sunday Mass, this takes approximately 40 minutes.

Do you think you are able to help? If so, please speak with Fr Andy

50 DAYS FOR OUR DELIGHT: FOR CHRIST IS RISEN AS ALL THINGS  
TELL. GOOD CHRISTIAN, SEE YE RISE AS WELL.

## Lectionary for Mass

### About Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Hearing the Shepherd's voice, followers recognise and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, those who hear his voice follow as faithful believers willing to go where God calls and sends them. When all the clamour of false voices threaten to overwhelm, we have only to listen carefully to be led to do the work of the Father.

**First Reading:** We read Peter's discourse following the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in weekday liturgies during the octave of Easter, however those who only attend Sunday liturgies will not have heard this passage this season. Peter proclaims that Jesus is both Lord and Christ. Those who were gathered were cut to the heart. About three thousand persons hear Peter's call for repentance and are baptised.

**Responsorial Psalm 22:** As a response to the First Reading, this beloved psalm captures the longing for God's love and protection which we all experience. This psalm is particularly appropriate today as a link to the Gospel and what is commonly known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," with Jesus' self-reference as the "gate for the sheep." With the Lord as our shepherd, we want nothing: the overflowing cup of God's guidance in courage, goodness and kindness provide all we need.

**Second Reading:** Patience in suffering for doing what is good is not easy, yet Christ our shepherd has shown us that this is the way which we are to walk, and is a "grace before God." We are called to walk in the footsteps of the Lord who did not return suffering for suffering, but rather relied upon God's just judgement. Through Christ's suffering, we have been healed, freed to live for righteousness, called to return to the shepherd who guards and keeps us safe.

**The Gospel** As he addresses the Pharisees, Jesus reveals himself as the gate for the sheep, leading them to good pasture, in contrast to those who have come before him who have led the sheep astray. While the Pharisees do not understand his figure of speech, we grasp his message: we who hear the voice and enter the gate who is Christ know the abundant life which is found in God's love.

**Brightlights Festival** is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 18-30) taking place **June 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** in the beautiful grounds of **Alton Castle in Staffordshire**. Come and join us for a weekend of live music from artists including **One Hope Project** and **Guvna B**. To journey in Faith through liturgy and worship. And to hear stimulating input of the possibilities of living **life: UNLIMITED**. Cost of ticket and accommodation: £50. To find out more information visit the website: [brightlights.org.uk](http://brightlights.org.uk) and contact: [Fiona@nymo.org](mailto:Fiona@nymo.org) or call 01582 720627.