

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

5TH SUNDAY  
AFTER EASTER

## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. Peter Alderson, RIP, Rec. Deceased
Monday St Rita of Cascia	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday St Bede the Venerable	<b>11.00am*</b>	Ascension Day Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday St Philip Neri	9.00am	Mass
Saturday ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
<b>Sunday after Ascension</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>	10.00am	Mass



## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at St Aidan's Church, Little Chalfont after the 11am Mass. To be led by the First Communicants. Gates to the church car park will be closed at 11.45am for the safety of all. Additional parking at the Gun Club further down Finch Lane on the left.

## INVITATION TO CATHOLIC WOMEN: 'BEING APOSTLES'

A Day to Encourage and Strengthen us As Women in the Church with Tina Beattie, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 St Augustine's Church, Milton Keynes 11am -3pm. Please bring a packed lunch. See poster on noticeboard.

## 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.

## About Liturgy

**Baptism – first sacrament of belonging:** For too many Christians baptism is something that is happened in the past and rids us of original sin. While that is true, there is more. The most startling effect of baptism is that we are not left orphans (as Jesus promises in today's gospel) – God makes us sons and daughters (members of the Body of Christ) by sharing with us divine Life. It is at baptism that we first receive the indwelling of the Holy Spirit – the Advocate who helps us live as Jesus did and thus we show our love for him.

All of the goodness we do in our life flows from this basic relationship with the Almighty. Growing in our love for Jesus means that we are growing in our ability to live as Jesus lived. This baptism is a sacrament that permeates all we are and everything we do. At Easter as renewed our baptismal promises and all through the Easter season we use the blessing and sprinkling of water to remind us of our baptism. All this takes place at this particular time of year for good reason – that we equate our resurrection faith with growing in our love for Jesus.

## THE DREAM OF GERONTIUS

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm, the Amersham and Chesham Bois Choral Society will be performing Elgar's 'The Dream of Gerontius' at St Mary's Church, Old Amersham. Tickets £15, from 07702 608314 or [www.wegotickets.com](http://www.wegotickets.com).

## 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

**First Reading:** Philip went to Samaria to preach the Gospel. We recall that Samaritans were met with disdain by the Jews as a mixed race of Israelite descendants and foreigners living in that region. The people received Philip's proclamation, saw the signs performed by God through him, accepted the Word of God and were baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. The subsequent visit by Peter and John results in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people.

**Responsorial Psalm 65:** The Samaritans who received the Good News through Philip did so with great joy. Our proclamation of this psalm echoes their praise, as we shout and sing this hymn of praise to God. We recall God's wondrous deeds in delivering his people out of slavery to new life in the promised land. With the psalmist, we declare what has been done for us. Through Christ's Resurrection, we pass through slavery to sin and death to new life.

**Second Reading:** This passage offers a profound and succinct instruction for disciples. With our hearts set on Christ, we must be ready to witness to our hope in him, with gentleness and reverence. Disciples must be aware that we may be maligned for our belief and Christian actions. It is better to suffer for doing good rather than for doing evil. In doing so, we imitate Christ who, though sinless, suffered in order to lead humanity to God.

**The Gospel** We are presented with two key, interrelated thoughts: disciples who love Jesus will keep his commandments. Observations of the teachings of Jesus is the sign of love for him, and those who love Christ will be loved by the Father. Christ will reveal himself to those who love him. Secondly, Jesus will remain with the disciples through the Advocate, the Spirit of truth who whom the world cannot see, but who remains with and within the disciples.

## Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £215.87

**NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH'S WORK USING THE MEDIA**

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

TODAY! 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).

## The Catholic Worker Farm OPEN DAY - 3rd JUNE - 3PM till Late

Snacks 3pm – International Buffet 6pm - Live Music

This is an opportunity for us to Thank You in a small way for all your support of and interest in us and our work. Meet us, chat and learn about our work with homeless women and children. Enjoy live music and food from around the world, a huge bonfire, face painting, badminton and trampolines! **Lynsters Farm, Old Uxbridge Rd, Rickmansworth, WD3 9XJ – Tel. 07983 477819**

## COME AND CELEBRATE PENTECOST

at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Chalfont St Peter, on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. With a shared supper (7-8pm, bring your contribution); adoration with music (8-8.30pm) and a talk by Charles Whitehead '50 Years of Amazing Grace' on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal (8.30-9.30pm). All are welcome, especially those who took part in 'The Big Picture' Bible study. Just turn up with your dish!

**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.