

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

2ND SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

2nd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	9.30am	Mass (1 st Week in Ordinary Time – Year I)
Tuesday St Alban	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday St Aloysius Gonzaga	NO MASS	
Thursday SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.00am	Mass
Saturday THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
3rd Sunday after Pentecost	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

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.



*Happy Father's Day
to all our Fathers!*

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

This morning 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.



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

Communion Procession: We usually think of the Communion procession as a pragmatic action that gets us from our place in church to where Communion is distributed and back again. It is that, but so much more. In most churches the Communion procession moves *forward* in the church; this direction has symbolic meaning. *Forward* is towards the altar, which symbolises Christ and the messianic banquet. In other words, our moving forward in the Communion procession is a gesture reminding us that in our very lives we are moving forward to eternal Life. This procession, then, the Communion procession, then, is symbolic of our journey to salvation.

As a moving forward to the messianic table, the Communion procession also might symbolise our whole life's journey – what we do ritually in this moment is what, really, all our Christian living is about: moving towards eternal union with God. To process and receive Communion is already a witness on our part that we wish to change and live our very lives according to God's ways. This symbolises for us the relationship between celebrating Eucharist and living Eucharist – God nourishes us for the journey to eternal Life. To live Eucharist fully we must live our lives as Jesus did – dying to self so that one day we will share in the eternal Life promised by the resurrection.

About Today's Solemnity: This day, observed with such solemnity throughout the world, began in a quiet Belgian convent in the thirteenth century, the vision of a holy nun, St. Juliana. In her vision, she saw the moon, full and bright. It was glorious, except that one part of its disk was in shadow. The meaning of the vision was then revealed to her: the moon represented the liturgical year; the shadow a missing feast in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. Juliana spoke to her confessor about what she had seen. Amazingly, within thirty-five years, Pope Urban IV had established the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, in the Church's universal calendar. Hundreds of years later, in 1849, Pope Pius IX added the Feast of the Precious Blood celebrated on 1st July. Following the Second Vatican Council, the two liturgies became one solemnity in honour of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Of course, we already had a day honouring the Eucharist: the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which even includes a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. But the purpose and the mood of the two processions are strikingly different. On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. The sacrament is carried in the ciborium, covered with the humeral veil: and Christ's glory, too, is veiled as he undergoes his Passion. On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the Risen Lord. This time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance: the Lord's glory is not hidden, but visible to all. Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. And yet, this celebration is also outward looking, carrying the liturgy out of the Church and into the streets. We come together in all diversity and we celebrate our unity.

Brightlights Festival is an annual event for Catholic young adults (ages 16-30) taking place June 23rd – 26th 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, Guvna B & Written In Kings. To journey together in Faith through liturgy & worship and to hear stimulating input about the possibilities of living life: UNLIMITED. To find out more information or book tickets, visit our website: brightlights.org.uk, call 0300 075 0115 or find us on social media: T/FB/IG: BIFestival

READERS COURSE AT ST COLUMBA The Liturgy Commission of the Diocese are leading a Readers Course at St Columba's Church on Tuesday 20 June 7.30 – 9pm St Columba's Church Hall. 'Proclaiming the Word of God' – Liz Clark Readers from other parishes in our pastoral area are very welcome to join – please see booking leaflets on the noticeboard.

Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: In the reading from Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites of the manna which fell from heaven each night during their wanderings in the desert. This mysterious food was not simply sustenance for their bodies. It also sustained their faith, reminding them daily of God's protecting care and God's determination to bring them to their new homeland as he had promised.

Responsorial Psalm 147 is a song of praise to an all-provident God, who grants his people all they need – blessing and protection, food and a law unlike that granted to any other nation. For Christians, this psalm has long been associated with the Eucharist, truly "the best of Wheat."

Second Reading: This passage from 1 Corinthians reminds us that the Body of Christ is not simply something we receive; it is something we become. The bread and wine we share are truly the Body and Blood of Christ, and we who receive them become one body – incorporated into Christ and into each other.

The Gospel Jesus recalls the manna in the desert and invites the people to taste a new kind of food, which gives life not just from one day to the next, but life that lasts forever. Jesus' teaching about the Bread of Life marks a turning point in the Gospel according to John: many, including some of his disciples, cannot accept it and no longer follow him. Today's solemnity places before us the mystery of Christ's abiding presence in his Church. Are we prepared to receive this bread of everlasting life – and live what it demands of us.

Diocese of Northampton – Liturgy Commission Day for those who work with CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Saturday 30 September 2017 10.30am – 1pm
NORES Centre, 22 Westbourne Road, Luton, LU4 8JD
See noticeboard for booking leaflets

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

Pact, the Catholic charity for prisoners and their families, (www.prisonadvice.org.uk) is offering free training and support for parishioners interested in volunteering with them in prisons or in the local community. No previous experience necessary. To find out more contact ParishAction@prisonadvice.org.uk All enquires welcome.

Money Matters

Last Week's Offertory Collection - £258.40

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION –
DAY FOR LIFE**

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.

JUNE 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.