

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

5 th Sunday of Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. Damiano Maria Pugliese, RIP
Monday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9.30am	Mass
Holyday of Obligation	11.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	6.00pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
SUNDAY 13 th May Sunday after the Ascension	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. Tom Walsh, RIP

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.



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is celebrated on Thursday of this week. It is a Holyday of obligation. **Ascension Thursday** – the holyday is restored to a weekday on 10th May 2018. “On the fortieth day after Easter the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated. This solemnity directs our attention to Christ, who ascended into heaven before the eyes of this disciples, who now is seated at the right hand of the Father invested with royal power, who is there to prepare a place for us in the kingdom of heaven, and who is destined to come again at the end of time.” *Ceremonial of Bishops* n.375.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

We hear in the Second Reading that God sent his Son that we might have life through him. That life is one lived in the love of God, which we are to spread through our everyday interactions. *Gaudium et spes* notes that there is to be no holding back on the love that we have received from God. The document from the Second Vatican Council states, “This love is not something reserved for important matters, but must be exercised above all in the ordinary circumstances of daily life” (38).

Christ’s command to love one another that we hear in the Gospel is a directive to share what we have been give. In *Caritatis in veritate* (Charity in Truth), Pope Benedict XVI explains that the love God gives us never stops with us. That love that comes from the Father through the Son to be poured out to others. The pope states: “Charity is love received and given. . . Its source is the wellspring of the Father’s love for the Son, in the Holy Spirit. Love comes down from the Son. It is creative love, through which we have our being; it is redemptive love, through which we have our being; it is redemptive love, through which we are recreated. Love is revealed and made present by Christ (cf. John 13:1) and ‘poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit’ (Romans 5:5). As the objects of God’s love, men and women become subjects of charity, they are called to make themselves instruments of grace, so as to pour forth God’s charity and to weave networks of charity” (5).

Lectionary for Mass

On this Sixth Sunday of Easter, we continue our focus on the community of the resurrected Christ, the Easter community that is living and life-giving.

In the First Reading (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48), Luke tells the story of Peter’s encounter with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and a “God-fearer” (a Gentile proselyte to Judaism). Biblical scholars think that these were the first Gentile followers of Jesus. Peter’s speech highlights one of the four marks of the church, namely, its universality or catholicity. As Peter expresses his new insight, that “God shows no partiality,” the Holy Spirit descends on Cornelius and his relatives even before they were baptized.

In the Second Reading (1 John 4:7-10), we hear again about the love relationship between God and the Christian community. Genuine and self-giving love is an attribute of God, which was revealed in the person of Jesus. But as with any good relationship, this divine love comes with an obligation: to love one another.

Using the imagery of slave and friend, today’s Gospel (John 15:9-17) continues to explore the theme of divine love and love for one another. During his farewell discourse on the night he is arrested and put to death, Jesus explains to his disciples that they are no longer slaves. Rather, they are his friends. This is possible because he is about to complete the most perfect act of love on their behalf, and because they know him as one who abides with the Father and with them. The lesson is for us as well as the disciples: as a community of faith, we are Jesus’ friends if we love one another.

The First Reading is only the dramatic ending of a wonderful story. In your Bible read all of chapter 10 and reflect on how God brings about changes in our thinking. What prompts Peter to say “God shows no partiality” and how does he know that the Holy Spirit had come upon Cornelius and his household?

Liturgy and Life

- (1) How does praise for God fit into your prayer life? (2) How does loving one another bring us closer to God? (3) Jesus describes our love as bringing him joy. How do you see loving God as giving you complete joy?

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES – DUBLIN – AUGUST 2018

The Congress takes place in Dublin from 22 to 24 August 2018; The Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August and the final Mass on Sunday 26 August. *It would be wonderful for one, or more, families from our parish would attend this World Meeting of Families!* See www.worldmeeting2018.ie or posters and leaflets in the porch.

Pope Francis will be visiting Dublin, Ireland for the World Meeting of Families. The Northampton Diocese Youth Ministry Office, **NYMO** are inviting young adults aged 16-30yrs to be a part of this amazing opportunity. If you are interested and for more information, please email fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Peter will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Joseph’s Church in Chalfont St Peter on Sunday 1st July 2018 for 48 candidates of our Pastoral Area. Singers and musicians from our churches are invited to consider taking part in a joint choir. If you would like to take part in this choir speak with Fr Andy.

ALL CREATION SHINES WITH THE GLORY OF GOD

A Day of Reflection for Catholic Women on the theme of Creation Spirituality
Led by Sr Gemma Corbett, Provincial Leader, Sisters of the Holy Family of Bordeaux

Saturday 12th May 2018 11am to 3pm (Coffee from 10.30am)

St John the Apostle, Sundon Park Road, Luton, LU3 3AL

Please bring a packed lunch.

National Board of Catholic Women - Contact Maura Potter (01628) 666278

Do take away some Easter Water to bless your homes during this Holy Season

(There are water bottles for sale if you need them)

Money Matters

Last Sunday’s Offertory Collection – £161.54

NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION
For the Mass Media

Thank you for your generosity

If you would like to support the parish through Offertory Envelopes or directly from your bank, speak to Fr Andy.

The MAY 2018 edition of The Vine

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper is now 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.