

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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SEVENTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

SUNDAY AFTER
THE ASCENSION



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TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Sunday after the Ascension	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. Tom Walsh, RIP
Monday ST MATTHIAS	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Easter Feria	6.00pm	Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confessions
SUNDAY 20 th May Whitsunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

As Jesus prays for the disciples in today's Gospel, his recalling of the Scriptures highlights that the Eucharist is received in communion with all who have gone before us who have been united with the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit. Pope Benedict notes in *Sacramentum caritatis*: "For us, the eucharistic banquet is a real foretaste of the final banquet foretold by the prophets (cf. Isaiah 25:6-9) and described in the New Testament as "the marriage-feast of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7-9), to be celebrated in the joy of the communion of saints" (31). Having washed the feet of the disciples and shared a meal with them, received the Eucharist, we also are sent into the world. In *Sacramentum caritatis*, Pope Benedict XVI explains that the Eucharist unites us with the love the Triune God. The pope states: "The Eucharist reveals the loving plan that guides all of salvation history (cf. Ephesians 1:10; 3:8-11). There the *Deus Trinitas*, who is essentially love (cf. 1John 4:7-8), becomes fully a part of our human condition. In the bread and wine under whose appearances Christ gives himself to us in the paschal meal (cf. Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26), God's whole life encounters us and is sacramentally shared with us" (8).

Lectionary for Mass

One week before Pentecost, today's readings focus on the early Christians and how they managed to continue Christ's mission after his death and Resurrection. In the First Reading (Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26), we learn how after Jesus' Ascension into heaven Matthias was selected to replace the Apostle Judas, the one who betrayed Jesus. (In case you have ever wondered why Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit, managed to choose such a flawed follower, Luke makes it clear that God planned it that way.) The Second Reading (1 John 4:11-16) reminds us that Jesus did not leave his beloved disciples alone after his mission was completed. The love that they had for one another was the sign that God remained in them and that God's love was perfected in them. And how did they know that? Through the Holy Spirit. The resurrection was a great dividing line in human history and also in the development of human consciousness. Teachings of Jesus that were enigmatic and alarming before the resurrection took on new depth as the disciples slowly come to understand the larger picture. In today's Gospel (John 17:1b-19), Jesus is presented as praying to the Father in the moments before he departed for the garden, where he was betrayed by Judas. He asks the Father to keep his disciples in his name so they can be one as he and the Father are one, and, as he sends them out into the world, he asks that they be protected from the evil one. Imagine his disciples' reaction as they overheard his prayer.

Liturgy and Life

- (1) How does your parish discern the working of the Holy Spirit when decisions need to be made?
- (2) What does remaining in God's love mean to you?
- (3) Jesus speaks of his disciples as not belonging to the world. Do you feel that you have both a sense of belonging and not belonging to the world?

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.

LAY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST

ANNUAL REFLECTION MORNING for all ministers will take place on 16th June in Luton. An opportunity to pray and reflect together, it offers a chance to people in a busy life to stop and think about how their service is indeed part of their vocation as baptised Catholics. See leaflets.

MONDAY 14th MAY – FEAST OF ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

St Matthias was chosen by the Holy Spirit to replace Judas as a member of the Twelve. We commemorate this Apostle, whom the Scriptures tell us had been in the company of the Lord from the time he was baptised by John until the time he was taken up to heaven.

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.

PASTORAL AREA COUNCIL

Grant Kudsee has been both our parish representative and Chair of our local Pastoral Area Council for the past three years. Now that Grant has served his term he has decided to step down from both roles. I am very grateful to Grant for all he has done in leading the Council and representing our parish during this time. This means we need one or two volunteers to represent this parish at the bimonthly meetings for the next three years. Could this be you?

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.

NORTHAMPTON CATHEDRAL JUBILARIANS MASS

Friday 8th June 2018 at 12 noon in the Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate, Northampton
SINGERS from across the diocese are invited to join us to celebrate this special occasion marking Bishop Peter's Golden Jubilee together with Priests from our diocese who are celebrating Jubilees this year. **There will be 2 CHOIR REHEARSALS at the cathedral** Saturday 2nd June rehearsal 10.30am – 12 noon and Friday 8th June 2018 rehearsal 10.30 am followed by Mass 12 noon **Singers – please confirm your attendance by Thursday 31st May at the latest by sending an email to teresabrown@devinemusic.org.uk** with your name, parish and voice – Soprano/descant, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 9th June 2018

12noon Mass. The Chief celebrant Bishop Peter
3pm Gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for the procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds. On arrival there will be a short service at the Site of the Original Holy House. See poster.

LIVERPOOL 2018 – ADOREMUS

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – 7 - 9 September 2018
For more details, see the poster and leaflets in the porch, click on webpage: catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 24 - 31 August 2018

Lourdes theme for 2018: "Do whatever He tells you"
See poster, brochures and booking forms in the porch. For up to date pilgrimage information, please visit: www.catholicassociation.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com/CA Alternatively, please call: 01732 886 666 or 0800 917 357

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £167.90

TODAY – 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.