

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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EASTER SUNDAY OF
THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Easter Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION	10.00am	Mass – Int. Stephen Slater, RIP
Monday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday of Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Wednesday of Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Thursday of Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Friday of Easter Octave	9.00am	Mass
	11.00am	Funeral Mass of James John O'Donnell, RIP
Saturday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 28th April Low Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish



LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

There is no Children's Liturgy today. We are taking a break for Easter!

*Happy Easter to you all
May the Hope and Joy
of the Resurrection be Yours!*

Do take away some Easter Water to bless your homes during this Holy Season (There are water bottles for sale if you need them)

First Holy Communion 2019. At their Parish Enrolment, **Harrison, Sebastian, Mylee, Aiden, Abigail, Arianna, Sage and Elsie**, all made promises, together with their families, that they will work hard to prepare well for these great gifts from God. We their parish family, promised that we would support and encourage them with our prayers and good example. *Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time during this Easter season.*



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.

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

As Peter addresses the disciples in the First Reading, we hear him recall Jesus' work among them. Pope Francis calls to mind Christ's work among us, the evangelisers of today, when he speaks of our work of evangelisation in *The Joy of the Gospel*: "The joy of evangelising always arises from grateful remembrance . . . The apostles never forget the moment when Jesus touched their hearts.. . . [This remembrance makes present to us 'a great cloud of witnesses' (Hebrews 12:1) . . . Some of them were ordinary people who . . . introduced us to the life of faith . . . The believer is essentially 'one who remembers'" (13). In the reading from Acts, Peter explains that they were chosen to be witnesses of all that Jesus did and that they have been commissioned to preach and to testify, even though they have could be persecuted. Such testimony is still to be made today, Pope Francis states in *The Joy of the Gospel*: "The disciples is made ready to put his or her whole life in the line, even to accepting martyrdom, in bearing witness to Jesus Christ, yet the goal is not to make enemies but to see God's word accepted. . . [A]n evangelizing community is filled with joy. . . It celebrates at every small victory, every step forward" (24). Peter's speech to the disciples in Acts appears to provide direction for their lives. They are the ones who know what has happened all over Judea. Not only have they been eyewitnesses, but Peter reminds them that they have been commissioned to testify and preach. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis explains that God is with us as we seek reason in what we do. "God's presence accompanies the sincere efforts of individuals and groups to find encouragement and meaning in their lives. He dwells among them . . . God does not hide himself from those who seek him with a sincere heart, even though they do so tentatively, in a vague and haphazard manner" (71).

The **Union of Catholic Mothers** at St Columba's are organising a fundraising **Cream Tea and Book Sale on Saturday 11th May** between 2pm and 4.30pm in the Temperance Hall in Chesham (also known as The Little Theatre by the Park). Homemade cakes and scones with clotted cream and jam - yum! While you are there, you can also snap up some great book bargains at the same time at our Book Sale and take part in our raffle. We are raising money for Providence Row, an amazing charity that work with homeless people. The support they provide for mental health and addiction issues helps people to return to their home communities and families, in the UK and abroad. Tickets for the cream tea are £5 per person or £15 per family ticket (2 adults; 2 children) and available from ucmstcolumbas@gmail.com.

St Francis Ramblers invite you to join them on their walk on Sunday 28 April. Meet Wendover station (walkers' train due in at 0945 [calls at Amersham 0932]). Distance 11.5 miles with lunch stop (at the Red Lion Whiteleaf), finishing at Wendover. Please call Paul on 07847 282626 for more details. Here is a link to our website for more information about our club:- <http://www.stfrancisramblers.ukwalkers.com>

Summer Camp 2019 4th – 8th August 2019

Summer Camp is five days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is Accommodation in the castle, al food, daily Mass and Reconciliation, all activities including a day at Alton Towers Theme park, biking, trekking, climbing, archery, camp fires, messy games and much more. Cost £205 discounted minimum donation – £295 actual cost. We ask people to pay what they can reasonably afford. Alton Castle, Staffordshire. Coach travel is provided in the cost with stops in Slough and Northampton. Book online www.nymo.org or email fiona@nymo.org or call 01582 720627

Lectionary for Mass

Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead! Today's readings remind us that this acclamation is about more than looking back. It also anticipates the time when our lives will be united with Christ in glory.

In today's First Reading, Peter gives a speech at the home of Cornelius, a Roman centurion and proselyte to Judaism who had been prompted in a vision to call Peter to his household. When Peter arrives, he testifies about Jesus' deeds and about how he died and was raised by God. The phrase "hanging him on a tree" refers to the Crucifixion and likely reminds its readers of Deuteronomy 21:22, which says the crucified one is cursed by God. Yet this is not the end, Peter declares, "all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

The Gospel's recounting of Mary Magdalene coming upon the empty tomb is interrupted by the story of Peter and the Beloved Disciple arriving at the tomb. The men enter and see the burial cloths then go home. The verses after the conclusion of today's Gospel show that only Mary remains at the tomb. Twice she hears, "woman, why are you weeping?" Twice she laments that she cannot find Jesus' body, but then recognises him. He commissions her to go to the disciples as an apostle of the Resurrection.

The Second Reading addresses the impact of Christ's Resurrection for all of us. Our life is hidden now in Christ, but when he returns we, too, will appear with him in glory. Alleluia!

Liturgy and Life

(1) What does it mean to you to be chosen by God? (2) During Easter Time, how can you seek what is above? (3) When have you more clearly understood a truth about God?

We have received a poster from **Missio** with the amount raised in Our Lady's Parish, which is **£328.75**. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Would you like to help shape the future of Catholic education in the Diocese? Do you have the skills to help direct the strategy and ethos of academies which currently educate over 10,000 pupils across the Diocese? Bishop Peter is currently recruiting Foundation Directors (non-executive) for our new Multi Academy Trusts in the north and south of the Diocese. The closing date for the first round of applications is 31 May 2019. Application details at: <https://bit.ly/2OPBIYx> or by contacting Debbie Main on 01582 723312 or main@nores.org.uk

Vacancy Parish Youth Minister – Bedford – Full Time

We are delighted to advertise the role of Catholic Parish Youth Minister in the parishes of Ss Philip and James and Holy Cross, Bedford. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for a practising Catholic, with the right skills and experiences, to support and develop local young people in their faith and relationship with their parish. Full details of the role can be found by visiting www.northamptondiocese.org/vacancies or calling the diocesan HR Advisor on 01604 714840. The closing date for applications will be 03/05/2019.