

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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12th May 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

3rd SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

3 rd Sunday after Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	10.00am	Mass – Int. Rose Hunter, Special int.
Monday Our Lady of Fatima	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday ST MATTHIAS	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday Easter Feria	NO MASS	
Thursday Easter Feria	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday Easter Feria	9.00am	Mass
Saturday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
	1.30pm	Marriage of Simon Caine and Rebecca Johnson
SUNDAY 19 th May – 4 th Sunday after Easter	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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.

First Holy Communion: For many weeks **Sebastian, Mylee, Aiden, Abigail and Elsie**, have been preparing for this Sacrament. They will receive the great gift of Jesus for the First time later this month. We congratulate **Sage, Arrianna** and **Harrison** who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday during 10am Mass. Please keep all these children and their families and friends in our prayers 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes his followers as "sheep" who know him. The Second Vatican Council document *Lumen gentium* references passages from the Old and New Testament as it uses the metaphors of sheepfold and flock for the Church and shepherd for Christ. The document states: "The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary entrance to which is Christ (see John 10:1-10). It is also a flock, of which God foretold that he would himself be the shepherd (see Isaiah 40:11; Ezekiel 34:11 ff.), and whose sheep, although watched over by human shepherds, are nevertheless at all times led and brought to pasture by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and prince of shepherds (see John 10:11-15)" (6). We see God's love for humankind as Christ in the Gospel notes that he has given eternal life to his sheep. This love moves the People of God to spread the Good News. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "It is from God's love for all [humanity] that the Church in every age receives both the obligation and the vigour of her missionary dynamism, for the love of Christ urges us on" (851, quoting 2 Corinthians 5:14).

A Day with Mary – Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham – National Shrine of England – Sunday 2nd June 2019 – see Poster.

Diocese of Northampton Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 8th June 2019 - Mary Source of our Joy – 12noon Mass – with Bishop Peter; 3pm - Gather outside the Chapel of Reconciliation for Procession along the Pilgrim Route to the Priory Grounds. On arrival in the Priory Grounds there will be a short service at the Site of the original Holy House.



SAVE THE DATE – YOUTH FEST '19: Join us for live music, games, BBQ and lots more on Saturday 29 June from 2pm in the paddock behind Our Lady's Church, Chesham Bois HP6 5PE. This FREE event is open to all young people in Year 6 and above. The afternoon's activities will conclude with a special family Mass at 5:30pm.

Vocations Weekend for young women: Discernment and Vocation 24-26 May '19 Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. For more information contact **Sr Lynne fcJ** at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Summer Camp 2019 4th – 8th August 2019 is five days of fun and activities where young Catholics gain formation and friendships. Included in the price is Accommodation in the castle, all 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

Witnessing to the Good News of Jesus Christ can be fraught with danger, but we can be assured that we will be victorious if we heed the voice of the Good Shepherd. In the First Reading, we hear of Paul and Barnabas' missionary work in Antioch of Pisidia. We see that their message is not well received by some of their Jewish brethren, which provides the context for their declaration that God has sent them to be a light to the Gentiles. Persecuted and expelled from the region, they move on in joyful confidence that their mission has been inspired by God. A word of caution: we should not take Luke's words as a condemnation of Judaism. Rather, he was simply trying to give a reason for why the Good News spread beyond its original boundaries to the rest of the world. The Second Reading provides a commentary on John's vision of a great multitude of people in white robes – a symbol of victory – carrying palm branches, typically used to greet kings returning from battle. An elder informs him the people are the martyrs who endured the great persecution. God now shelters them, and the Lamb shepherds them. In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his followers and warns his detractors by saying that he knows his sheep and they know him. His sheep hear his voice and, because he gives them eternal life, no one can harm them ever.

Liturgy and Life

(1) When has doing the Lord's work filled you with joy? (2) Do you find it comforting that the People of God are called "the sheep of his flock"? (3) How can you make time to listen to God's voice?

SUMMER SPIRITUALITY REFLECTION DAY

ALIVE IN CHRIST – 22 June, 10am - 4pm

at Monastery of Christ Our Saviour, Turvey

Jacks Lane, Turvey MK43 8DH Cost £15 *Bishop Peter hopes to attend.* Please take a packed lunch. **BOOKING ESSENTIAL:** admin@nores.org.uk Tel: 01582 723312 Ext 6.

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

Catholic Basics "The Moral Life", May 16 2019 at the **Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD**. Come and join us to learn about the many-faceted jewel of the Church's teaching on morality! **Mass at 9am** for those who wish. Course from **10am to 3pm (9.30am for refreshments)**. Come and join us for an engaging day with full lunch, no qualifications needed. For booking, contact Jackie email admin@nores.org.uk or phone **01582 723312**.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection – £306.53

SECOND COLLECTION – Priests' Training Fund

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 2019 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.