

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

4th SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

4th Sunday after Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday Easter Feria

Tuesday Easter Feria

Wednesday Easter Feria

Thursday Easter Feria

Friday Easter Feria

Saturday St Bede the Venerable

SUNDAY 26th May – 5th Sunday after Easter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8.00am

10.00am

NO MASS

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Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)

Mass – Int. People of the parish

Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)

Mass – Int. Allum Family intentions

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

The will be no Children's Liturgy today

There are sheets with images of the First Easter stories for children to colour available in the porch. Do take a sheet, or two, and some colouring pens for the children to use during Mass.



Today during the 10am Mass **Sebastian, Mylee, Abigail and Elsie** will receive God's greatest gift: they will receive Holy Communion for the first time. For many weeks now, eight of our children, have been preparing for this Sacrament. **Aiden** will receive this Sacrament later this month. We congratulate **Sage, Arrianna, and Harrison** who celebrated the Sacrament for the first time earlier in the month. We keep all these children and their families and friends in our prayers during this Easter season.



Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In the reading from Apocalypse today, we hear the voice from the throne say, "Now, I am making the whole of creation new." As we celebrate the sacraments we are made new in Christ, and from the liturgy we go into the world to do the work of Christ. "The liturgy in its turn moves the faithful, filled with 'the paschal sacraments,' to be 'one in holiness': it prays that 'they may hold fast in their lives to what they have grasped by their faith'; the renewal in the eucharist of the covenant between the Lord and his people draws the faithful into the compelling love of Christ and sets them on fire" (*Sacrosanctum concilium*, 10).

Hearing of the travels of Paul and Barnabas in the First Reading, from Acts, we are struck by how their lives are united with the mission of Christ. They have taken up the mission that the Father gave to Christ to spread the news of God's love. "The Church's mission stands in continuity with the mission of Christ: 'As the Father has sent me, even so I send you' (John 20:21). From the perpetuation of the sacrifice of the Cross and Eucharist, the church draws the spiritual power needed to carry out her mission" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 22).

The Reading from Acts tells of the travels of Paul and Barnabas as they spread the Gospel from city to city. These disciples told the Church in Antioch of how God "had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles." At first, we might wonder what threat means; however, Pope Francis was clear on the meaning of evangelisation in *The Joy of the Gospel*. He states, "To evangelise is to make the kingdom of God present in our world." (176).

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

Congratulations to **Rebecca Johnson** and **Simon Caine** who conferred the Sacrament of Marriage on each other in Our Lady's Church, yesterday. We pray that God will continue to bless the vocation of their married lives together as true followers of Jesus who enjoyed and made more enjoyable for others the wedding celebration at Cana.

Lectionary for Mass

In a few weeks, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, which marks the beginning of the Church. Today's readings offer a sense of the spread of the church and what the Lord calls each of us to do.

The reading from Acts shows Paul and Barnabas concluding their first missionary journey by returning to the Church of Antioch that had authorised their mission. On their journey, they set up structures of leadership to empower and encourage their new communities to persevere in the faith in view of the inevitable hardships and persecutions to come. The Book of Apocalypse reminds us of our future hopes, when creation is renewed and the old world of hardship gives way to a glorious future. "He [God] will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God." The Resurrection offers us a foretaste of this promised union with God.

In bidding farewell to his disciples at the Last Supper, Jesus offers encouragement by summarising for them his teaching during his three-year ministry. Jesus' central message is captured in these words: "I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another." His sacrificial death for humanity provides the model for how we are to love others. In this sense, it is a new commandment that challenges Christ's followers to embrace, at the heart of love, a sacrifice for others. Jesus left us this legacy of sacrificial love and calls on followers to live it out in their lives. Sacrificial love becomes the mark of disciples.

Liturgy and Life

(1) How have you encouraged a person in ministry who has become disheartened? (2) Would realising that God dwells within each person impact how you regard others? (3) How can you make time to listen to God's voice?

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; the Site of the original Holy House.

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

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.

Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £278.01

PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND – £200.56

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.



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.

SAVE THE DATE – YOUTH FEST '19: Join us for live music, games, BBQ and lots more on **Saturday 29th 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. Book is essential through the parish website: www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org

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