

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

SUNDAY AFTER THE  
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



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## TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday after the Ascension of Our Lord</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am	Mass – Int. People of the parish
Monday SS Charles Lwanga & Companions	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday Easter Feria	9.30am	Mass – Int. Special intention
Wednesday St Boniface	<b>NO MASS</b>	
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 – Int. Patricia Joyce, RIP
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
<b>SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June – Whit Sunday</b>	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	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.

Our prayers and condolences to the family of **Derek Whitson**, who died in the early hours of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019. His funeral arrangements are to be confirmed. Please keep Teresa and their family in your prayers at this time.



## Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £205.10

**TODAY – SECOND COLLECTION:  
For Church's Use of 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 JUNE 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.

## Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

The nine days between Ascension and Pentecost are the original novena, a time set apart by Jesus himself: "he told them not to leave Jerusalem," we hear in today's reading from Acts of the Apostles, "but to wait there for 'what the Father had promised'" (Acts 1:4). The novena begins the day after "Ascension Thursday." The giving of the Spirit is celebrated at Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> and final day of Eastertime. The nine days from Ascension to Pentecost are called the "novena," which is the Latin word for the number nine. These final days of Eastertime are days of prayer for a new outpouring of the Spirit, a new Pentecost.

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

In his message for this day, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the foundation and importance of our 'being-in-relation' and to rediscover, in the challenge of the current communications context, the desire of the human person who does not want to be left isolated and alone. While governments seek legal ways to regulate the digital world and to protect the original vision of a free, open and secure network in the world wide web, we all have the possibility and the responsibility to promote its positive use. We can always see new, innovative ways to share and promote the joy of the Gospel. Those specifically dedicated to this work, such as the Diocesan Communications Officers and the small team at the Bishops' Conference do an inspiring job with few resources. Please support their work by giving generously to the second Collection today.

John Henry Newman Parish will be holding a **Marriage Enrichment Day Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 10am-4pm** at Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church, Squirrel Lane, **High Wycombe** HP12 4RY. *Focus on your relationship – enjoy a day together, enriching your life as a couple and perhaps consider mentoring engaged couples in your parish.* There is no charge for the day, drinks will be provided but please bring a packed lunch! One of the aims for the days is to encourage suitable couples (married at least five years) to consider becoming marriage preparation mentors. Please email [jhnparish@yahoo.com](mailto:jhnparish@yahoo.com) to book a place!

**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. Book is essential through the parish website: [www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org](http://www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org)

**JEWISH HARVARD PROFESSOR TO CATHOLIC EVANGELIST:** What would cause a successful young Jewish Harvard Business School professor, the son of German Jewish Holocaust refugees, to leave a promising career to become a Catholic evangelist? **ROY SCHOEMAN** did just that and will share his Witness Testimony when he gives a talk on "*The Role of Judaism in Salvation*" in St Joseph's Church, Chalfont St Peter SL9 8RY on Thursday, 27 June at 7:30pm. Admission is £5 which includes refreshments after the talk.

**Summer Camp 2019 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.nymo.org) or email [fiona@nymo.org](mailto:fiona@nymo.org) or call 01582 720627

## Lectionary for Mass

Today's First Reading from Acts of the Apostles (7:55-60) recounts the death of Stephen, the first martyr in the Church. It is an interesting choice for this second to last Sunday of Easter Time. Perhaps Stephen's version of God's glory prompted its choice since Jesus prays in today's Gospel that his followers will see the glory which the Father has given him. This is precisely what Stephen sees in his vision. Stephen's death and Jesus's reception of his spirit, marks the completion of his journey to his heavenly home. So it will be for us.

The verses chosen for today's Second Reading come from the end of Apocalypse, a book filled with descriptions of heaven and of the rewards given to those who are judged righteous after their death. Note the names given to Jesus, especially Alpha and Omega: these very words are used in the preparation of the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil. Note also the prominence of the word "come." Jesus promises to come soon. The Church prays, "Come, Lord Jesus." How deep is our longing, our prayer for his coming? Today's Gospel is set in the context of Jesus' last words to his disciples the night before he died. Here Jesus is speaking not only to the disciples, but to the heavenly Father. In his prayer, Jesus asks that his followers be united as one, more specifically, as he and the Father are one. The unity of his followers will give witness to the world that Jesus in whom they believe, and whose teaching they follow, was indeed sent by the Father. The unity of the Father and the Son, the love between the Father and the Son – this is the same unity and love that Jesus prays will be the experience and witness of all believe in him.

**Diocese of Northampton Pilgrimage to Walsingham – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Appeal for singers for the Pastoral Area Confirmation Masses on Sunday 23rd June 2019.** Bishop Peter is visiting St Joseph's Church in Gerrards Cross to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for candidates across our Pastoral Area at two Masses at 2pm and 5pm. Singers and musicians who would like to be part of this special occasion, at one or both Masses, are invited to join the Pastoral Area Music Group. A rehearsal is scheduled for Saturday 15th June from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Please contact Maureen via the St Joseph's parish office on 01753 886581 to sign up, or come along to the rehearsal.

**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](mailto:admin@nores.org.uk) Tel: 01582 723312 Ext 6.