

PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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PENTECOST

WHIT SUNDAY

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Whit Sunday	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
PENTECOST	10.00am	Mass – Int. Mary Lynch, RIP 1 st Anni.
Week 10 in Ordinary Time, Week Day Cycle I		
Monday <i>THE BVM, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Special intention (Lily)
Tuesday <i>St Barnabas</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. Special intention
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	NO MASS	
Thursday OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE ETERNAL PRIEST	6.00pm	Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15am – 11.00am	Confession
SUNDAY 16th June – Feast of The Most Holy Trinity	8.00am	Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
TRINITY SUNDAY	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 25th May 2019. His Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 20th June 2019 at 2.00pm At Our Lady's Church. Please keep Teresa and their family in your prayers at this time.



Money Matters

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection - £213.99

Church's Use of the Mass Media - £126.29

NEXT SUNDAY – SECOND COLLECTION
Day for Life

Thank you for your generosity

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 reading from Acts portrays a city filled with people who speak many languages, much like many of our large cities and increasingly smaller cities. As we ponder the reading, we may consider our openness to people from other regions of the world. Pope Francis writes in *The Joy of the Gospel* of the various expressions of Christian life in varied cultures. He states, "Cultural diversity is not a threat to Church unity. The Holy Spirit . . . transforms our hearts and enables us to enter into the perfect communion of the blessed Trinity, where all things find their unity. He builds up the communion and harmony of the people of God" (117).

In the Gospel, we hear that God will dwell in whoever keeps Christ's word. Pope John Paul II writes in *Ecclesia in America* of our encounter with Jesus Christ and the evangelisation that is our task as disciples. The pope states: "With the command to evangelise which the Risen Lord left to his Church there goes the certitude, founded on his promise, that he continues to live and work among us: 'And know that I am with you always; to the end of time' (Matthew 28:20). The mysterious presence of Christ in his Church is the sure guarantee that the Church will succeed in accomplishing the task entrusted to her. At the same time, this presence enables us to encounter him, as the Son sent by the Father, as the Lord of Life who gives us his Spirit.

Climate Lobby in London - 26 June Join CAFOD and many other charities at an unforgettable event in London on 26 June. It's time to confront this climate and environmental crisis and tell our leaders that Britain should no longer contribute to the destruction of our common home. You can make a difference by joining in. Please register if you would like to attend (see <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/Climate-lobby> for more details).

John Henry Newman Parish will be holding a **Marriage Enrichment Day Saturday 15th 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 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

ROY SCHOEMAN will give a **WITNESS TESTIMONY** and **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. Roy was born and raised Jewish, by German Jewish parents who had fled Nazi Germany. Growing up he received a Jewish education. When he was a Marketing Professor at Harvard Business School, he had two supernatural experiences that resulted in his conversion to Catholicism. Now he writes, speaks and teaches on Catholic theology, focusing on the relationship between Judaism and the Catholic Church. Admission is £5 which includes refreshments after the talk. Visit stjosephs.org.uk or call 01753 886581 for booking information.

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

The First Reading (Acts 2:1-11) draws upon a long tradition in the Old Testament where God has been preparing for the outpouring of the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the creation account, God's Spirit hovers over the waters of the chaos and brings about the creation of the world. Now with the outpouring of the Spirit on the first Apostles, God brings to birth a new world. When God created the human person, God breathed on the clay he had formed and it became a living human being. In today's reading the Apostles gathered as a strong wind rocks the room. This symbolises God's breath transforming these scared followers into courageous missionaries.

At the Tower of Babel, the quest to become equal with God resulted in disharmony. The numerous languages of humanity symbolises their inability to communicate with each other, resulting in alienation. With the appearance of the tongues of fire, a reversal takes place: God grants the Apostles the gift of speaking to enable all who hear to understand. What first divided humanity, now unites them. In this gift of the Spirit, God restores human beings to unity with one another and with God – what God has intended at the very beginning of creation.

In the Second Reading (Romans 8:8-17), Paul teaches that the gift of the Spirit makes us God's children, uniting us with one another and with Christ. "We become Christ's heirs, called to embrace his life of suffering that will lead us to "be glorified with him."

Today's Gospel (John 14:15-16, 23b-26) portrays Jesus promising to send the Holy Spirit to "teach you everything." Through the power of the Spirit, God dwells within us, enabling us to live anew.

Liturgy and Life

(1) How does your parish reach out to welcome different cultures with the parish and the community? (2) What name do you use for God in prayer? (3) How can you become open to relying on the Holy Spirit to teach you and remind you of what Jesus taught?

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 Tel: 01582 723312 Ext 6.