



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER

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**SOLEMNITY OF  
THE MOST HOLY  
BODY & BLOOD  
OF CHRIST**

**About Today's Solemnity** We celebrate today the mystery of the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist that unites our community of faith.

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY

#### AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 10.00am

Monday *Feria* 9.30am

Tuesday *Feria* 9.30am

Wednesday *Feria*

Thursday DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL 6.30pm

7.00pm

Friday THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS 9.00am

Saturday *Immaculate Heart of the BVM* 9.30am

**TWELVETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 10.00am

**MASS** – *Int. People of the parish*

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

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#### NO MASS TODAY

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

Mass – *Int. Edna Welch, special intention*

**MASS** – *Int. People of the parish*

All these Liturgies will be **live streamed online**. Join us on Facebook Live ( [www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB) )

You **DO NOT** require a Facebook account to access our Facebook page!

### Scripture Insights

In the First Reading, from Deuteronomy, Moses implores the Israelite to “remember” their wilderness story as they stand at the Jordan River, about to enter the Promised Land under the leadership of Joshua. Moses recalls for the Israelites the heart of the desert story – how God tested them in the wilderness by afflicting them with hunger and thirst, and then providing manna and water “to make you that man does not live on bread alone but man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.” Moses twice makes the point that this manna was a food unknown to the Israelites.

The Gospel reading for today is an excerpt from the end of Jesus’ Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel according to John. Speaking to a Jewish crowd, Jesus repeatedly refers to himself as bread, saying: “I am the bread that came down from heaven; “not like our ancestors who ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever.” The Jewish audience would have immediately recognised that Jesus was appropriating for himself the sacred and traditional image of bread and water from the Israelite desert experience. But Jesus, as “the living bread that came down from heaven,” was once again a food unknown to the Israelites.

In the Second Reading, Paul offers us one of the earliest testimonies in the New Testament to the belief in the real presence of Christ in our Eucharistic celebrations. For Paul, the body and blood of Christ unites the Christian community as one body. He taught the early Christian communities that Jesus is “the true food . . . and the true drink,” “the living bread that came down from heaven!”

### Liturgy and Life

(1) In your struggles, can you recognise that God is with you and blesses you? (2) How does your parish help the assembly understand that the Eucharist unites us with each other as well as to Christ? (3) Do you regard your participation in the Eucharist as a participation in the wider Church?

### Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes himself as an essential food. He tells his followers that he is a bread unlike any other, since those who eat the bread “will live forever.” He also depicts the bread as flesh given “for the life of the world.” He also depicts the bread as flesh given for the life of the world.” The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that Jesus united his life with lives of his followers: “From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life . . . And he proclaimed a mysterious and real communion between his own body and ours” (787).

Paul tells the Corinthians in the Second Reading of the union the faithful experience as they participate in the Eucharist. “The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ,” he asks. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: “The Breaking of bread . . . is [the] expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him” (1329).

## LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Worksheet activities for this Sunday's readings may be downloaded from our parish website:

[www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org](http://www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org)

**OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES** to all those who have lost loved ones in recent days. We pray for all those who have died, and their families, during Mass each day. **May the Lord enfold them in his mercy.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

We are **praying for our children** who are **preparing to receive Holy Communion** for the first time: **Lucinda, Thor, Nuala, Seth and Alice**, as we have had to postpone the originally planned date. We will reschedule, once we are able to gather for public worship in our Church. *Do keep these children, and their families, in your prayers this week.*

**Thank you** to all those who leave greetings, messages, and delicious treats for on The Presbytery steps. I am so grateful for your support and encouragement during this unique time. Thank you, too, for your messages and emoji during the Live Streaming of Masses. *It is good to know that you are there as part of the congregation even if I cannot see you!*

## THE LATEST EDITION OF THE VINE

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper may be viewed online:

<https://www.churchpaper.co.uk/Catholic-newspapers.asp?PublicationID=8&PubDate=1187>

The latest Diocesan News may be found here:

[www.northamptondiocese.org/news](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/news)

## MONEY MATTERS

Many parishioners generously support the parish financially. Your generosity is appreciated and encourage you to continue supporting the parish through online donations at [www.northamptondiocese.org/donate](http://www.northamptondiocese.org/donate). Please include 'Our Lady's Chesham Bois – Offertory' in the comments box to ensure the parish is allocated your donation. Some parishioners may prefer to **donate by telephone** instead. Each Tuesday between 10:00am and 4:00pm, parishioners will be able to call **01604 712065**, to donate to our parish. All they will require is their debit or credit card to hand when they call. A one-off donation may be made to cover their missed Sunday offerings or call each week knowing their offering is going to the parish they wish. As only one person is answering the phone line it may be busy when you call, please leave your contact details on the answering service and you will be called back or phone back a little later.



## REOPENING OF OUR LADY'S CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

From 15<sup>th</sup> June, places of worship will be allowed to reopen for private prayer. **Our Lady's Church** will be open on **Mondays between 2pm and 4pm and Thursdays between 10am and 12noon** for private prayer only.

We welcome you to come and spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. *If you are coming by car, please do not park in Our Lady's School instead park responsibly in nearby roads, to allow for those with limited mobility to park in the limited space close around the church building.*

I am so grateful to those who have volunteered to act as stewards to ensure that we have a prayerful environment in the church and to keep everyone safe by doing all we can to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Please follow the guidance of our stewards. If more volunteers come forward, we will be able to open the church more often. Volunteers need to be healthy individuals and **not** part of the group of people who are being 'shielded' from coronavirus. Are you able to help? Please contact Fr Andy.

**Our Lady's Church votive candle lights** with a representation of the stained glass window of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are available. They will burn for up to 24 hours and a suggested donation is £2.00 (*donations may be made online*). They are the perfect accompaniment to light in your home while joining live stream Mass each day. Contact Fr Andy if you would like to place an order.

**CAFOD**, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal), in these challenging times, your gifts and prayers are needed as much as ever.

**MARY'S MEALS** is another charity that Our Lady's parishioners have helped. They have made a video to update us on their work during the Coronavirus. You may watch the video here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ek0x5FbAypk)