



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>(Passion Sunday)</b>	8.00am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))	
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. <i>Moria Allum, RIP, (Recently deceased)</i>
Monday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. <i>Private intention</i>
Tuesday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. <i>Thanksgiving intention</i>
Wednesday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. <i>Private intention</i>
Friday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	<b>12.00noon*</b>	<b>FUNERAL MASS</b> – <i>Moiria Ann Allum, RIP</i>
Saturday <i>Lenten Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass – Int. <i>John and Doris Byrne, RIP (Foundation Mass)</i>
	10.30am to 11.30am	CONFESSIONS ( <i>In the Sacristy</i> )
	6.00pm	Mass – Vigil Mass of Sunday – Int. <i>Private intention</i>
<b>(Palm Sunday)</b>	8.00am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))	
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>	10.00am	<b>MASS</b> – Int. <i>People of the parish</i>

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!

**As the third lockdown in England continues, our church building is able to open for public worship under Covid-secure conditions. Please wear a face covering when entering, use hand sanitiser and observe 2-metre social distancing for the safety and protection of all our church users. We are also open for private prayer: Monday 2pm– 4pm and Thursday 10am -12noon.**

### Scripture Insights

Today's passage from Jeremiah tells of a covenant unlike what Israel has known. Whereas the Sinai covenant identified multiple stipulations that Israel was required to uphold, in this covenant Israel is passive. God would place this covenant within the heart of the people. Israel would receive this covenant freely. While similar images exist in a variety of texts in the Old Testament (for example, Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:2; and Isaiah 42:9), nowhere else do we hear of a new covenant until we turn to the New Testament.

Psalms 51, often associated with King David, though not necessarily composed by him, is one of the better-known psalms of the psalter and certainly one of the best known of the seven penitential psalms. The refrain "a pure heart create for me, O God" is a plea for newness. The heart, in Hebrew anthropology, was the most vital of all organs. It also was understood to be the place where discernment took place and where decisions were made.

As the liturgical year draws closer to the celebration of the Triduum, the New Testament readings bring our attention to the death of Jesus. In the Letter to the Hebrews, Jesus' humanity is detailed. He was a being who prayed, cried, learned, and

suffered. In the Gospel, Jesus states, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified," indicating that the time of his suffering, death, and resurrection is at hand.

### Connections to the Church Teaching and Tradition

At the end of today's Gospel reading, Jesus says that when he is "lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." In the liturgy, the Church offers God's reconciling love as the paschal mystery is celebrated. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states: "recalling thus the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens up to the faithful the riches of the Lord's powers and merits, so that these are in some way made present in every age in order that the faithful may lay hold on them and be filled with saving grace" (102).

In the Gospel reading from John, we hear Jesus say that the "hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." During the Sacred Paschal Triduum, the Church gathers to celebrate the holiest days of the year, recalling Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. *Paschalis solemnitas* explains, "The greatest mysteries of the redemption are celebrated yearly by the Church beginning with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until Vespers of Easter Sunday. This time is called 'the triduum of the crucified, buried and risen'; it is also called the 'Easter triduum' because during it is celebrated the paschal mystery, that is, the passing of the Lord from this world to his Father. The Church, by the celebration of this mystery through liturgical signs and sacraments, is united to Christ, her spouse, in intimate communion" (83).

### 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)

### THE LATEST DIOCESE NEWS

The latest Diocesan News may be found on the website: [www.northamptondioocese.org/news](http://www.northamptondioocese.org/news)

### MONEY MATTERS

Many parishioners generously support the parish financially. Your generosity is appreciated and you are encouraged to continue supporting the parish through online donations at [www.northamptondioocese.org/donate](http://www.northamptondioocese.org/donate). Please include 'Our Lady's Chesham Bois – Offertory' in the comments box to ensure the parish or priest is allocated your donation. Some parishioners may prefer to **donate by telephone** instead. Each Tuesday between 10am and 4pm, parishioners will be able to call **01604 712065**, to donate to our parish.

### REOPENING OF OUR LADY'S CHURCH FOR MASS

**Our Lady's Church has now reopened for public worship, private prayer and funerals.** You are reminded that the dispensation for not attending Sunday Mass, granted by the Bishops, is still in force, so there is no obligation to parishioners to attend a Sunday Mass. The safety of everyone is of paramount importance. Outside of public liturgies advertised, you are invited to come and spend time in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: **Mondays: 2pm – 4pm and Thursdays: 10am to 12noon.** I am grateful to those who have volunteered to act as stewards to ensure that we have a prayerful environment in the church and keep everyone safe by doing all we can to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Please register your name and phone number for contact tracing or use the QR code with the NHS app, and follow the guidance of our stewards. **We are now required to wear face coverings when inside places of worship. We do need more volunteers as stewards to cover the times the church is open for private prayer.**

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** or **Penance** or **Confession** will be celebrated in the Sacristy on Saturdays between 10.30am and 11.30am.

### Online Marriage Support

Is your marriage under stress? **SmartLoving BreakThrough** can help! Identify your conflict triggers, learn strategies to de-escalate an argument and find constructive ways to re-establish connection. Available anywhere, anytime through our online platform, the course is completely private and doesn't require your spouse to participate. Restore hope for your relationship now. Visit: [www.smartloving.org/bto-uk](http://www.smartloving.org/bto-uk)

**LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT:** For parishioners who may be job hunting or going self-employed due to the pandemic, Sacred Heart Parish, Luton has set up a free online career coaching programme <https://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> providing a wealth of

information, tools, practical advice and activities to help anyone wanting to find new employment opportunities, especially if they are not receiving any outplacement or other back to work support.

### THE SEASON OF LENT 2021

There are many excellent resources to help us pray in Lent, both online and printed: **Knowing Jesus** online retreat: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/len2021.html> and <https://www.onlineprayer.net/> with free daily emails from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday 11th April. Joanna Hale offers a weekday Zoom for this at 7.45am, Monday to Friday. And will add a weekly reflection if participants would like them. **Journeying with Jesus** with Fr Denis McBride. Seven weekly biblical themes for reflection. Christine Cornwall offers a weekly Zoom on Tuesdays 10:30-11:15am from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you'd like to join one of these groups, please go to [www.stjosephs.org.uk/Lent\\_Reflections](http://www.stjosephs.org.uk/Lent_Reflections) to register. There are more resources for **Lent during Lockdown** on the Northampton Diocese **Pastoral Ministry Office** website. Do take a look at <https://pastoralministryoffice.org/home-copy/growing-in-faith/parish-resources/len-resources/> Copies of **Walk with Me: A journey of Lenten Prayer for 2021** available in the porch for £1.00. Ask Fr Andy if you would like a copy to be sent to your home.

### Job Vacancy: Parish Secretary St Aidan's Little Chalfont

We are currently recruiting for a Parish Secretary for the parish of St Aidan's Little Chalfont. The role will be for 12 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed. This is a great opportunity to work in a parish environment for someone with proven administration/secretarial experience. Full information for the position and an application form can be found by visiting [northamptondioocese.org/jobs/](http://northamptondioocese.org/jobs/) or via email [hadmin@northamptondioocese.com](mailto:hadmin@northamptondioocese.com) Applications should include an Application Form, CV and covering Letter. The closing date for applications will be Thursday 1st April 2021 and interviews will take place via Zoom during week commencing 5th April 2021.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Moiria Allum**, who died recently and whose funeral takes place on Friday of this coming week. We extend our sympathies to Jonathan and all their family. May she rest in peace.

