



# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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## NEWSLETTER

18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER

### TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

<b>(Second Sunday after Easter)</b>	8.00am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am <b>MASS</b> – Int. People of the parish
Monday of Easter	9.30am Mass – Int. private intention
Tuesday of Easter	9.30am Mass – Int. Margaret Rose Berriman, RIP (recently deceased)
Wednesday of Easter	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thursday of Easter	6.00pm Adoration and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm Mass – Int. private intention
Friday <b>ST GEORGE</b> , patron of England	9.00am Mass – Int. private intention
Saturday of Easter	9.30am Mass – Int. private intention
	10.30am to 11.30am CONFESSIONS ( In the Sacristy )
	6.00pm Vigil Mass of 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Int. Private intention
<b>(Third Sunday after Easter)</b>	8.00am – MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	10.00am <b>MASS</b> – 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!

**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 Thursdays 10am – 12noon.

### Scripture Insights

Today's first reading, from Acts, is an excerpt of a lengthier text that tells of a healing that Peter and John had performed. A lame man had requested alms from the apostles, but instead of receiving monetary assistance from them, he was cured of his impairment. Peter's words that we hear today are addressed to the crowd that had gathered to see the lame man walking and praising God. Peter seeks to make the point that the marvellous act that had just been performed was a direct result of the apostles' having spoken "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth." Peter reminds the crowd that, although they had put Jesus to death, they have the opportunity to repent of their sin and become one with Christ.

The Gospel reading, from Luke, follows the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Upon returning to Jerusalem, these disciples learn that Jesus had also appeared to Simon. As the two recounted their experience of Jesus to the others, the risen Lord appears among them and offers them peace. After encouraging the disciples to "touch" him, and after they have seen him eat, the disciples appear to have remained puzzled. Jesus speaks to them again, and then "he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." Whereas Jesus had

opened the eyes of the two disciples on the road, Jesus now opened the minds of the gathered disciples. The verse that follows this account has not been included in the reading. That verse, however, helps us understand what occurs next. Jesus instructs the disciples to remain in the city (Jerusalem) until they are clothed and receive the power from on high. That power is the Holy Spirit.

### Connections to the Church Teaching and Tradition

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were walking away from Jerusalem to return to their former lives. When Jesus wished them "peace," they may have been feeling turmoil about their calling and the time they had spent following the messiah. Jesus called them back to their vocation of spreading the Gospel in the world. The peace that Jesus offered from the cross, and that he offers his disciples, is more than an amicable relationship with others. In the 1972 message for the Day of Peace, Pope Paul VI said, "If you want peace, work for justice." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains, "Peace is not merely the absence of war. . . Peace is the work of justice and the effect of charity" (2304). When Jesus said, "Peace," to the disciples travelling to Emmaus, the conversation changed. The travellers knew then that this was no ordinary man talking to them. Now these men were startled and looked at Jesus as if he were a ghost. They suspected that with them was the Prince of Peace, who had reconciled God and humankind. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that peace is rooted in Christ. "Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic 'Prince of Peace'" (2305).

### 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 EASTER 2021

Copies of **Walk with Me: A journey of Easter Prayer for 2021** are now available in the porch for £1.00. Ask Fr Andy if you would like a copy to be sent to your home.

### STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION

We offer the opportunity to reflect on the [Stations of the Resurrection](http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk) by Richard Q Greatrex. There are 16 stations so Joanna Hale and Christine Cornwell would run Zoom sessions on Monday-Thursday for weeks 3-6 of Easter, 19th April to 13th May, at 7.45 - 8.15 am and 10.30 - 11 am. [Click here](#) to request a book and / or register your interest in a group no later than Sunday 11th April.

The 'Way Inn' bookshop in Berkhamsted is keeping the presence of a specialist independent Christian shop in our High Street. We are pleased to welcome old friends & new at our shop behind the Post Office, where we offer gifts & a wide range of cards for every occasion including Baptism, Holy Communion & Confirmation. We are also happy to order in items for you.

### Liturgy and Life

How do you let others know that you are a believer? Where do you see God's mercy revealed? Where do you find assurance when you have doubts?

*Happy Easter Season to you all!  
May the Hope and Joy of  
the Resurrection be yours.  
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

My sincere thanks to everyone for your kindnesses and generosity this Easter: your messages of greetings, gifts and Easter Offerings, are all very much appreciated, My heartfelt thanks, Fr Andy