



PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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NEWSLETTER

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EASTER SUNDAY

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

(Easter Sunday)	8.00am	– MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
EASTER SUNDAY	10.00am	MASS – Int. People of the parish
Monday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass – Int. Castleton-Clark family, RIP Foundation Mass
Tuesday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass – Int. Private intention
Wednesday of Easter Octave	NO MASS	
Thursday of Easter Octave	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
	7.00pm	Mass – Int. Harry Thomson, RIP recently deceased
Friday of Easter Octave	9.00am	Mass – Int. Kay Byrne, RIP Foundation Mass
Saturday of Easter Octave	9.30am	Mass – Int. Fr Bernard Davenport, RIP Foundation Mass
	10.30am to 11.30am	CONFESSIONS (In the Sacristy)
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass of 2 nd Sunday of Easter – Int. Private intention
(Low Sunday)	8.00am	– MASS in Extraordinary Form (Traditional Latin))
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY	10.00am	MASS – Int. People of the parish

All these Liturgies will be **live streamed online**. Join us on Facebook Live (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 Thursday 10am – 12noon.

Scripture Insights

Jesus has been risen from the dead Alleluia! Alleluia!
From today through to the Solemnity of Pentecost, the first reading each Sunday will be from Acts. These readings are not in sequential order, so while today's text is from chapter 10 of Acts, next Sunday's reading is from chapter 4. None of the readings during the next six weeks are from the latter chapters of the book, chapters 11-28. It can be helpful to bear this in mind since we understand Acts to be the story of the early followers of Jesus, after his resurrection. These texts, then, will focus only on the beginnings of the early Church community. Today's reading opens with "Peter addressed" In Greek, these words are recognised as a particular literary form that lets the readers and the listeners know that what follows is inspired speech, similar to the Hebrew form in prophetic literature that begins "It is the Lord who speaks." The message that Peter proclaims is about God's great deeds in Jesus.
The four verses from Colossians in the second reading are part of a larger unit that began in the previous chapter and whose focus was more negative in tone than what we find here. These few lines encourage the community to turn their attention to Christ, with whom they are already united.

The Gospel reading is from select verses of a longer and powerful story that provide us with brief and dramatic scene at the empty tomb. While verse 10, not included in today's reading, states that the disciples returned home, verse 11 tells us that Mary remained outside the tomb and wept. A beautiful encounter between Mary and the risen Lord takes place within the next few verses.

Connections to the Church Teaching and Tradition

In the first reading, Peter tells the centurion Cornelius not only about Jesus' life, death and resurrection but about how the disciples are kindling theirs and others' faith. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* notes that from the apostles' time, Christians gathered to share the Word of God and the Eucharist and recall the hope that God has given them through Christ. The Constitution states: "By a tradition handed down from the apostles and having its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day. For hearing the word of God and taking part in the eucharist, they may call to mind the passion, the resurrection, and the glorification of the Lord Jesus and may thank God, who 'has begotten them again unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1:3)" (106). The reading from Colossians challenges Christians to be mindful of their baptism and to seek and think "what is above" to one day appear with Christ in glory. Such a focus is the calling of a Christian. As the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* states, "By baptism all are plunged into the paschal mystery of Christ" (6).

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

THE LATEST DIOCESE NEWS

The latest Diocesan News may be found on the website: 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 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.

Your EASTER Offerings are your gift to the parish clergy

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

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](https://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.

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/ or via email hadmin@northamptondioocese.com Applications should include an Application Form, CV and covering Letter. The **closing date for applications has been extended to Monday 5th April 2021** and interviews will take place via Zoom during week commencing 5th April 2021.

Liturgy and Life

The TV Show *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation* would find little evidence in John's account of the Resurrection: a stone rolled away, an empty tomb, burial cloths, and a head covering in a separate place. Yet, such is the evidence that made Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter and the disciple whom Jesus loved believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. Our witness stories can seem just as sparse: hope in the face of despair, acceptance of terminal illness, unexpected forgiveness, or . . . fill in the blank. How has God raised you when death and darkness seemed stronger?

*Happy Easter to you all!
During these tense and
challenging times may the Hope
and Joy of the Resurrection of
Jesus Christ be yours.
Christ has Risen! Alleluia!*