

# PARISH OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

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3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER)

<b>SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY - (VIGIL)</b>	6.00pm	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>
	8.00am	Sung Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form</i>
	10.00am	Mass
	11.45am	Mass ( <i>St Aidan's Congregation</i> )
	4.00–5.00pm	Prayer Vigil/Holy Hour with Adoration of Bl. Sacrament
Monday <b>MARTYRS OF ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	Adoration and Benediction
	7.00pm	Mass
Friday <i>Feria</i>	9.00am	Mass
Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Mass
	10.15–11.00am	Confessions
<b>SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	6.00pm (Sat.)	Mass
<b>5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>	8.00am	Low Mass <i>in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)</i>
	10.00am	Mass – <i>Int. People of the parish</i>



*Tea, coffee and cold drinks  
are served in The Guild  
Room after both the Sunday  
Masses. All are welcome!*



**WEBSITES – PARISH:** [www.ourladychurch-cheshambois.org](http://www.ourladychurch-cheshambois.org) – **SCHOOL:** [www.ourlady-bucks-sch.co.uk](http://www.ourlady-bucks-sch.co.uk) – **PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST PETER:** [www.fssp.org.uk](http://www.fssp.org.uk)

**Liturgy of the Word:** One way to remain in the risen Christ is to allow God's words to remain in us, shape us, and help us bear fruit. This suggests that the Liturgy of the Word during Mass is more than just moral exhortation or a structural element of the liturgy that brings us to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the proclamation of the word we are being "pruned" so that we can remain in Christ. In the proclamation of the word we open ourselves to being shaped by Christ so that we can bear the fruit of making present God's reign in a world that is redeemed, but also torn by strife and selfishness. The proclamation of the word helps hunger for the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation that we receive during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, God's nourishment for our Life and fruitfulness.

**Gospel:** Jesus's "I AM" statement, "I am the vine, you are the branches," speaks of intimacy and fruitfulness in discipleship. If we are to produce rich fruit, we have to be not only connected to Jesus, the life-giving vine, but we also have to be open to being pruned by the Father, the vine-grower. Being pruned involves living according to Jesus's words and actions. Those who choose otherwise will wither and die. In believing and living the Jesus lifestyle, we will have intimacy with Jesus, be fruitful and life-giving, and give honour to God, who will be receptive to all that we ask for. This was a good advice for disciples then and continues to be a rich plan now for all who desire to be disciples.

**The Catenian Rosary Group / Rosaries Abroad** are appealing for surplus Rosaries to send to Aboriginals in Australia, Missions in Africa. Now their work has spread to islands in the Pacific and to prisons in the Philippines. Please search your cupboards and drawers for surplus Rosaries and help us to get them into the hands of those who will love, cherish and pray them. A collection box is available in the porch.

**CAFOD** has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal. Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. **There will be a retiring collection this weekend in support of CAFOD's appeal.**



**Today** at the 10am Mass, **Jacob Morgan, Christopher Petrou, and Helen Petrou**, will make their **First Holy Communion**. Other young people will make their First Holy Communion at next Sunday's 10am Mass.

**Eight young people** from our faith community have been enrolled. This parish community promised to encourage them with our prayers and by the example of our witness to the faith.

**Infant Baptism and Marriage.** By appointment with Fr Andy after completing the necessary preparation courses.

**Election 2015.** The Bishops have written a joint Letter to all Catholics in England and Wales encouraging us to participate and vote in the election and offering some key issues and questions for reflection on where candidates stand. Copies are available and can be obtained with other information, from the Bishop's Conference website: [www.catholicnews.org.uk](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk). Please read the Letter and encourage others to do the same. It is the responsibility of everybody to be involved in the democratic process. It is important that we vote. It is a duty which springs from the privilege of living in a democratic society. In deciding how we vote the question for each one of us is then: How, in the light of the Gospel, can my vote best serve the common good?

All of us are urged to spend time during this last few days praying for the election candidates and for Christian principles to be upheld in the ultimate result.

**This afternoon (3<sup>rd</sup> May) between 4pm and 5pm we will host a Prayer Vigil/Holy Hour with adoration of Blessed Sacrament in Our Lady's Church as we prepare for the General Election.** Everyone is invited to come and spend some time in prayer.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Mary, Mother of Silence** – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Lead by Bishop Peter Doyle, Bishop of Northampton. See Poster. Will a group from our parish be joining this year's pilgrimage?

**Thornton College School** for Girls is delighted to offer current year 6 girls who are considering Year 7 entry to Thornton in September 2015, the opportunity to spend a day with them on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 from 9am till 3pm. For more details visit [www.thorntoncollege.com](http://www.thorntoncollege.com)

**During this year of 2015**, we are celebrating the Centenary of Our Lady's Church building here in Chesham Bois.

On afternoon of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ. The parish will have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. We are planning a carpet of flowers in will need may flower heads. It would be wonderful if every family in our parish could plant or provide some flowers to decorate the carpet of flowers for that day. We will all need to begin planting now!

On **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at **St Teresa's Church, Beaconsfield**, between 10.30am and 12.30pm, **Chris Keith**, a professor of New Testament and early Christianity at St Mary's University in Twickenham, will lead a session, "**Jesus: Friends and enemies.**" "We know it ended in the cross, but what and who put Jesus on the radar of the religious elite in the first place?" Chris is an expert in studies of the historical Jesus and first century Palestine and should bring some fascinating insights to the question. All are welcome.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - 21-28 August 2015. This year, we are appealing for Assisted Pilgrims who might be interested in coming to Lourdes for the first time. For more information please contact Diocesan Director, Deacon Michael Fleming, by email [mvf@btinternet.com](mailto:mvf@btinternet.com) or telephone: 01604 406 410. In addition, each year we have a number of helpers across the diocese who help us in our work (ages 17+). Contact Matt Betts ([chief\\_brancardier@catholicassociation.co.uk](mailto:chief_brancardier@catholicassociation.co.uk)).

The **May 2015** edition of **The Vine – the Northampton Diocesan Newspaper** is available – please take a copy!

### MONEY MATTERS

**Last week's Offertory Collection** - £243.28  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Diocesan Priests' Training Fund -  
 £198.54

*Many thanks for your generosity.*

**Second Collection TODAY for  
CAFOD's Nepal Earthquake Appeal**