

Notices for the week beginning 13 July 2014

Sunday 13 July 2014 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 102

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Gerry O'Donovan (Anniversary); 8.30 am Intentions of Eugene McCaffrey; 10.30 am People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Bonaventure*

No Mass

Wednesday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Mass: 10.00 am Cheryl Visel (Sick)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am People of the Parish

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Mary Sanger (Sick)

Saturday *Feria*

Sunday 20 July 2014 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Brendon Agnew (Lately dead); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Chloe Bannon, David Boulton, Andrew Brand, Bettine Byrd, Denis Connell, Bob Cowan, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davy, Nina Dorrass, Judy Fernandez, Bridie Folan, Alan Hedges, Gwen Herbert, Wendy Hinds, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Mary Howe, Rose King, Sheila McGrath, Antonietta Marricco, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Charmaine and James Pereira, Eve Pettinger, Gaby Roccino, Sylvina Rodrigues, Florence Rogers, Mary Sanger, Eileen Scotland, Kate Tomkins, Elizabeth Troy, Fabio Vezil, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Maureen Angus; **Anniversaries:** Frederick Abbots, Amy Adcock, Dymitir Balco, Mary Bergonzi, Elizabeth Branson, John Byrde, Bridget Carr, Edna Clare, Joan Egan, Bridget Furlong, John Glemister, Cecelia Hinds, John McEntee, Rose Maille, Timothy O'Shaughnessy, Eric Tuft, Lindie White,

May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
12/13 July	E	G Booth F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston A De Cesco
	R	D Leadbeater M Valentine	M Hart S Wright	P Apps G Maloney
	W	M Miles	S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £461.50

Loose: £156.18

Building Fund: £51.00

PARISH NEWS

13 July 2014



Corpus Christi Church, Tring

Parish Priest: Canon Vincent Berry

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John F Kennedy (Secondary), Hemel Hempstead, phone 01442 266150

website: www.jfk.herts.sch.uk; Head teacher: Mr Paul Neves.

Times of Services

Sunday	Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am
Holydays	Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm
Weekday	Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am
Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

When Jesus began to speak to crowds of people he used everyday images to get his message across. There was the shepherd looking after his flock of sheep and goats, the vinedresser pruning the grapevines, the fishermen bringing in a great catch and, in today's Gospel, the sower sowing seed in his field. He uses parables of nature to help us concentrate on what are simple stories which have in fact deep meanings. He helps us to understand the hidden meanings. Even if we are provided with a good grounding in the faith, we sometimes drift away. We need to remind ourselves that Our Lord is always our companion on the road and will always guide us back to the right path. He uses us and his chosen ones to do the guiding.

A few months ago we had a parish mission. My hope was that this would revive each one of us and help us to re-dedicate ourselves so that we can bring others face to face with Our Lord, by the things we say, by the things we do, by the example we set. Our Mission reflected very much the message of Pope Francis when he wrote that special letter entitled the Joy of the Gospel in which he spoke about the family of the Church and the special local family, the parish. Our parish family of Tring is part of the wider Church but it is within our local community that we usually experience what it is to be a Catholic.

As a community, we come together, especially at Sunday Mass, with our joys and sorrows, our strengths and weaknesses, our special gifts and talents, our abilities, our special experiences and skills. We do not all have the same particular gifts, talents and skills. We are not all good at coping with children and young people, meeting the needs of those in old age, assisting those who are housebound. We all have at least one skill, one gift, one talent that can help build up our parish community. On a number of occasions I have asked you to consider what particular skill you might have that will help build up our parish. Today I have identified eight ministries and activities which might be just right for you: You can probably think of others.

1. Liturgical Ministries: adult servers to lead and train younger servers, reading God's Word at weekly or daily mass, special ministers of the Eucharist, part of the team who lead the children's Liturgy on Sundays, ministers of the Liturgical environment such as sacristans to help Wendy, Frances and Annabelle and flower arrangers to help our present team of Margaret, Joan and Heather and singers to form an adult and junior choir, musicians and musicians in training to play the organ or form musical groups of adults and children.

2. Catechetical Ministries: Sharing our faith with children who are preparing for the sacraments of confirmation, first confession and first communion, adults to be trained as catechists for the first communion and confirmation programmes, for the increasing number of children attending non Catholic schools, communion, to support people thinking of becoming Catholics, to give spiritual and practical help to people planning to get married, to help people preparing for the baptism of their children.

3. Youth Ministry: to assist Dan Marsh, our Youth Worker, and Tricia Apps in organising SPOG and our youth clubs and other activities concerning young people who will be the Church of Tomorrow.

4. Life-Long Parish Ministries: to give support to couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage, in caring for children with special needs and elderly parents who can no longer manage on their own, visiting and sick and housebound and all who are in need.

5. The Social life of the Parish: arranging social events, dances, quizzes and many other ways to bring people together for social entertainment.

6. Our local community in Tring: links with local church communities such as Churches Together, the Meditation Group and the Bible Society and with other social, cultural and historical communities.

7. The wider Church: Supporting CAFOD, the Apostleship of the Sea, Caritas Westminster, the Catholic Children's Society, Justice and Peace and many diocesan and universal Church activities.

8. A parish pastoral council that would help bring together and co-ordinate everything that is happening in our parish.

There are a number of groups which may help us to grow in our faith: the Ascent Group which brings the over-fifties together for prayer, reflection and food; The Marriage Course which is an umbrella group which helps parishes to become more open and welcoming, which brings couples together (Catholic and non Catholic), for house groups and prayer groups, which provides marriage preparation courses, parenting children courses and parenting teenagers courses.

St Paul was a great evangelizer, someone who shared the Good News of the Gospel with as many people as possible. He would have relished being able to use the means of communication that we have today, radio, television, the press, the social media like Facebook and Twitter. Our Holy Father Francis is doing what Paul would have loved to do, sharing his thoughts with us such as recent blogs of Pope Francis: It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions. To live as true children of God means to love our neighbour and those close to us who are lonely and in difficulty. We might also remember the words of St Teresa of Avila: God has no hands but yours, no feet but yours. I shall print the full text next week.

Finally I ask you to complete the questionnaire issued with this newsletter and offer yourselves to fulfil one or more of the ministries and activities listed.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Today is Sea Sunday and we welcome Wojciech Holuba who is a port chaplain and he will speak to us about the Apostleship of the Sea. Mgr Dennis McGuinness was in charge of AoS before he became Parish Priest of Tring. More information: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

THE SICK LIST

Each week we read out names in the Bidding Prayers or print in the newsletter the names of people who are ill. There are now over thirty names. We are happy to include names requested by parishioners but it would be helpful if you could tell us of anyone who is now better or who has died so that the list can be reduced. Next Sunday the list will include only people that Canon Berry knows are ill. Please let him know of other names to be added.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 August Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church
6 September St Martha's Methodist Church
4 October Corpus Christi Church

PRAYER BREAKFASTS 2014

4 January New Mill Baptist Church
1 February High Street Baptist Church
1 March St Martha's Methodist Church
5 April Corpus Christi Church
3 May St Bartholomew's Church, Wigginton
7 June St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
5 July High Street Baptist Church
2 August New Mill Baptist Church
6 September St Martha's Methodist Church
4 October Corpus Christi Church
1 November St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
6 December New Mill Baptist Church

Breakfast is served at 8.30 am followed by prayer for local and world needs

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

In case you are admitted to hospital please indicate when you enter hospital, or arrange for someone to do so on your behalf, that your details should be passed to the RC Chaplain. You should also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you. The Data Protection Acts do not allow hospital staff to reveal details of patients to chaplains or anyone else who is not a member of the hospital staff.

FOOD BANK

The DENS Dacorum Foodbank would be grateful for the following items: Hot Puddings (tinned), Cold (tinned), Tuna (tinned) and tinned vegetables. They also need of items to support their other services so if you are able to help with any of the following it would be appreciated: Tin Openers – for use in their New Home Starter Packs, single duvets and kitchen roll – for use across their other Services.

The Foodbank provides emergency food for local people in crisis. Telephone: 01442 250969 or mobile number: 07904 674236. www.dacorumfoodbank.org.uk www.DENS.org.uk

WHEN MAKING YOUR WILL

A very valuable way for you to support our parish would be to make provision in your will for a legacy. There is a leaflet at the back of church, which you may find helpful when you next think of revising your will.

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again. The next programme starts on the 27th -29th September

2013. Don't miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or call or text 0797 338 0443 in complete confidence.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, send an email to info@catholicsingles.org.uk. You are also invited to visit the Catholic Singles website at www.catholicsingles.org.uk. The organisation includes separated and divorced people and has A.S.D.C (Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics.)

EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

If you are aged 18-30 you are invited to this special campaign evening for Young Adults on Wednesday 2 July. Come find out what CAFOD is doing to tackle climate change from guest speaker Antony Mbandi, Director of Caritas Kitui (Kenya), and learn how you can help! It will be held at CAFOD's offices in Lambeth, SE1 7JB. Doors open at 6pm, drinks and food provided. Book online at <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/youngadultclimateevent> or call 0207 095 5324. CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working with communities in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, supporting people to find their own solutions to poverty. The agency works with all people regardless of race, gender, religion or nationality.