

## Notices for the week beginning 22 June 2014

### Sunday 22 June 2014 Feast of Corpus Christi

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Wendy; 8.30 am Rebecca Thompson;  
10.30 am Maureen Hampton (Lately Dead) followed by Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday *St Etheldreda (Audrey)*

Mass: 12 noon Traditional Latin Requiem Mass for David Clifton RIP

Tuesday *Birthday of St John the Baptist*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Mark Demicoli (Lately Dead)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Thanksgiving

Friday *Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Mass 10.00 am

Saturday *Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; St Irenaeus*

### Sunday 29 June 2014 Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Anne Berry (Anniversary); 8.30 am Intentions of John and Caroline Pennicott; 10.30 am Mary Sanger (Sick)

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Maureen Angus, 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, Anneliese Regensteiner, Sylvina Rodrigues, Florence Rogers, Eileen Scotland, Kate Tomkins, Elizabeth Troy, Fabio Vezil, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead** David Clifton, Mark Demicoli, Margaret Mary Gregory, Maureen Hampton and Ken Lefebour; **Anniversaries:** Erin Allen, Hans Close, Anthea Doughty, Thomas Glencross, Sarah Grant, Nora Griffin, Maeve Keane, Kay Lindsay, Oliver Plunkett, Irene Pratt and John Tolarowski. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2014	6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
21/22 June	E F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps D Marsh
	R Y Devereux M Miles	S Wright L Hutt	S Lewington H Houston
	W	D Kerr	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

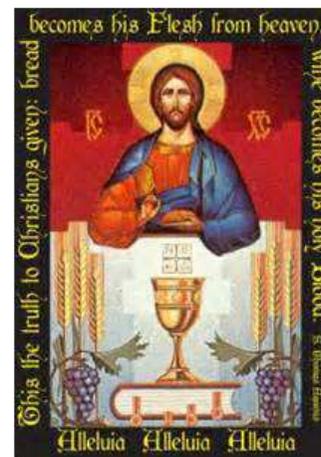
Envelopes: £398.90

Loose: £115.05

Building Fund: £62.00

# PARISH NEWS

22 June 2014



## Corpus Christi Church, Tring

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Local Catholic Schools: St Thomas More (Primary), Berkhamsted, phone 01442 385060

website: [www.stmore.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stmore.herts.sch.uk); Head teacher: Mr Robert Mundy

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

website: [www.jfk.herts.sch.uk](http://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

Today is the titular feast of our parish. We celebrate a great mystery, a mystery we celebrate every time we come to mass, the mystery of the Body and Blood of Our Lord. It is the feast of Corpus Christi. When we receive the Sacrament of the Blessed Eucharist, we receive Our Lord's own body and blood.

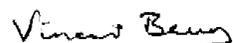
When Our Lord identified himself as the Son of God he wanted to reassure the apostles and first disciples that he wanted to refresh them in a special way. He reminded them of the way his Father had fed the Children of Israel in the desert on their journey to the Promised Land of Israel. He now wanted to refresh them with food and drink to sustain them on their journey to the Promised Land of Heaven. Food and drink are essential for us to survive in this present life. Spiritual food and drink are also essential. So he offers us food and drink that are in reality much more than bread and wine. They are also his own body and blood.

Going to Mass is an essential part of living. It can be a routine act, something done out of duty, something that we fit into a busy schedule. The Second Vatican Council tells us that the Liturgy is the source and summit of the Christian life. At the heart of the liturgical life of the Church is the Holy Mass, the Blessed Eucharist. We come to mass each Sunday not out of duty but to receive the strength we need to help us in our daily lives.

There was once a twelve year old boy called Tarcisius. He lived in the third century when being a Christian was dangerous. He had the ministry of acolyte, the equivalent of being an altar server today. He would assist the priest at Sunday mass which was celebrated in the catacombs below the city of Rome. At the end of mass it was customary for the deacons to take holy communion to people who were ill and also to those who were awaiting death in prison. On one occasion there were no deacons available and Tarcisius was sent with holy communion which was hidden under his robes. On the way he was waylaid by some friends but he refused to give up the Blessed Sacrament. He was rescued by some fellow Christians but died shortly afterwards. He was looked upon as a martyr of the Eucharist.

In the fourth century, Pope St. Damasus wrote a poem about this "boy-martyr of the Eucharist" and says that, like another St. Stephen, he suffered a violent death at the hands of a mob rather than give up the Sacred Body to "raging dogs." His story became well known when Cardinal Wiseman made it a part of his novel *Fabiola*, in which the story of the young acolyte is dramatized and a very moving account given of his martyrdom and death. Tarcisius, one of the patron saints of altar servers, has always been an example of youthful courage and devotion, and his story was one that was told again and again to urge others to a like heroism in suffering for their faith. The example of Tarcisius shows us that youth is no barrier to holiness. The call to holiness begins at baptism, and we do not have to wait for old age and gray hair to serve God. Youthful saints tell us something about sanctity, and their example is very special as they dedicate their young lives to God.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Today we celebrate the Mystery of the Body and Blood of the Lord. This is a special celebration for us since we celebrate the feast as the titular feast of our parish. Having dedicated our neighbouring parish at Berkhamsted to the Sacred Heart Father Hardy, our founder, chose Corpus Christ as the title of our church and parish in Tring. The children who made their First Holy Communion last month return to celebrate the 10.30 mass with us and take part in the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of mass. They will then go into the parish hall for their Communion Breakfast.

Please join the children in the hall after mass. Refreshments are available for you.

### LEGOLAND

It is very sad that we have had to cancel our trip to Legoland. The cost of hiring a coach these days is unbelievable, £350 to £500 pounds. It would only have been economical if we could have filled a coach. Unfortunately the numbers did not match up. We tried to arrange for parents to provide transport in their cars but we did not have enough volunteers.

### 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.

### VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP

The June meeting of Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-40) is on Friday 27 June, from 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Richard Nesbitt will be reflecting on Chapter 5 of Pope Francis' *Evangelium Gaudii - Spirit Filled Evangelizers*. For more info contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

### EVENTS AT DOUAI ABBEY

During September there are a number of events organised by Young Catholic Adults. If you are in the 18-35 age range, there will be a weekend retreat at Douai Abbey featuring John Pridmore (the reformed London gangster), Fr. Gregory Pearson and Fr. Matthew Goddard. You need to book before 29 August. Prices range from £18 upwards. For more details contact [www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm](http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm) or ring 07908105787 or 07515 805015. (Please note that the Abbey or ring 07908105787 or 07515 805015.

### LORETO REUNION

Saturday 28 June, 2.30 to 5.30 pm. Contact Eileen and Pat by telephone: 01727 863431 or by email: [loretoreunion@outlook.com](mailto:loretoreunion@outlook.com).

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 June	Corpus Christi Procession
5 July	Prayer Breakfast at High Street Baptist Church
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

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#### **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](http://www.dacorumfoodbank.org.uk) [www.DENS.org.uk](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Don't miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk). You are also invited to visit the Catholic Singles website at [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://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.