

Notices for the week beginning 27 July 2014

Sunday 27 July 2014 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 108

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Frances Sherratt; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Todd

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Martha*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am People of the Parish

Thursday *St Ignatius of Loyola*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Mary Todd

Friday *St Alphonsus Liguori*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of the Berry Family

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

12.00 noon: Baptism of Daniel McQuilliam

Sunday 3 August 2014 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Frances Sherratt; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Todd

PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Terry Andrew, Bettine Byrd, Bertram De Souza, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Sheila McGrath, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sylvina Rodrigues, Mary Sanger, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; *Lately Dead*: Father Horace Hosford; *Anniversaries*: Father Calum MacLean, Sr Marie-Madeleine, Joe Adams, George Burmaster, Patrick Carey, Clementine D'Armena, Stephanie D'Rosario, Trude Eisgruber, Margaret Fell, Klara Fenersteni, Raphael Gordon, Alfred Grabowski, Antonia Jacometti, Joseph and Mary Kennedy, Molly Kerry, Vincent Kowalewski, Teddy Palczewaski, Keith Pearce, Valerie Savage and Isabella Taylor. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
26/27 July	E	G Booth F Sherratt	A Halliday	D Long H Houston
	R	M Valentine D Leadbeater	W Winstone M Hart	G Maloney P Apps
	W	M Miles	S Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

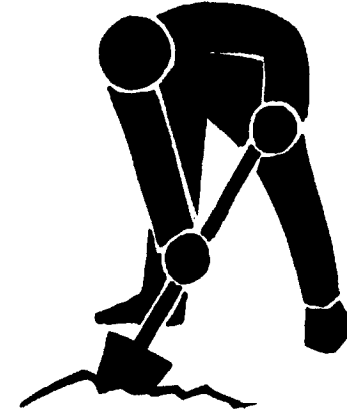
Envelopes: £368.04

Loose: £146.22

Building Fund: £60.50

PARISH NEWS

27 July 2014



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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

Solomon was a young man when he inherited the throne of Israel from his father, King David. He has very little experience of life. He had much to learn. In a dream God offered him anything he liked. He did not ask for a long life or riches. He asked for a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil. God gave him this gift and many others beside. This gift was the most precious gift he could ever wish for. He attracted many people from many other kingdoms because of his wisdom.

A thousand years later another young man, a carpenter from Nazareth called Jesus of Nazareth, attracted many followers and showed them the love of God. He also invited them to become part of what he called the Kingdom of God.

The expression Kingdom of God is used nearly one hundred and fifty times in the New Testament. It is used in today's Gospel where we are given three examples of what this Kingdom is like. First of all, the man who is digging in a field and discovers a great treasure. The man buries the treasure and goes off to buy the field so that the treasure could become his. Then there is the parable of the merchant who finds a pearl of great price. He sells everything he has to buy the pearl. Finally there is the fisherman casting a dragnet into the sea and brings in a great catch. Jesus, in offering us a place in his kingdom, is offering us something that money cannot buy, an unbelievable treasure beyond price.

In the past week there have been some terrible events. A plane is shot down over Ukraine and over 200 people are killed. In the Holy Land close on a thousand men, women and children have been killed. In Iraq a group of violent people are doing unspeakable things, drive many Catholics and other Christians out of their homes. This tormented world is in need of wise and eloquent preachers of the Gospel. Within the Church we can think of the power of the message of St John Paul II, the learning of Pope Benedict XVI and the simple and direct style of Pope Francis. There are others who do not use words at all but influence us by the example of the good lives they live. We can think of priests and nuns we have known, parents and godparents, family and friends who in the quiet and gentle rhythm of their daily lives have shown that they have found a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl of great price. They are true images, icons of the man from Galilee.

I believe that Our Lord is asking something special of us. He wants the prayer of Solomon to be our prayer. He wants our hands to become his hands, our feet to become his feet. He has no body but ours. They are tools which we put at his service. They are channels of grace, of love, of mercy, of justice of integrity and above all of wisdom through which we can try to make ours a better world.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

BEING AT THE SERVICE OF EACH OTHER IN OUR PARISH

A few months ago we had a Parish Mission in which we were asked to consider the life of our Parish Family and the part we play in it. Last week you were given a questionnaire and you were asked to think of ways in which you could be part of our ministry of service to our parish family and also to each other. There are so many ways in which we can use our own gifts and talents. Please complete the questionnaire and return it to Canon Berry.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Many thanks for all who supported the appeal for the Apostleship of the Sea. It raised £509.96.

DAY FOR LIFE

Today is the annual Day for Life – the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of human life. This year our bishops ask us and especially young people to support the work done to make people aware of the Church's teaching on respect for human life, from conception to natural death. There will be a special collection next Sunday.

TRAGEDY IN IRAQ

There is turmoil in the Northern city of Mosul. A group of militant Muslims, supposedly dedicated to the true spirit of Islam have systematically driven out of Mosul both Christians and Muslims who do not fit into what they have called the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS). For the first time in 1600 years mass is not being celebrated in Mosul. There was a silent march through central London yesterday organised by all the churches in the Middle East. They beg us to remember the people of Iraq in our prayers along with our prayers for all who are victims of violence at this present time.

In light of the current massacres of Christians in Mosul, northern Iraq, please take a moment to click on the following e-petition <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/67803>. Please sign and circulate it to as many of your family and friends as possible. The more people who sign, the more pressure there will be on the British government to recognise the massacres for what they are.

MESSAGE FROM DAN MARSH

Dan has completed his first year at university. He wants to thank everyone for their prayers and for their support of the youth activities that he has undertaken in our parish. He is now taking a well-earned break but will be back again at the beginning of September.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

A number of our children attend St Thomas More School in Berkhamsted. The school has just said goodbye and thanks to Mr Robert Mundy who has been head teacher for the past three years. He is taking up the post of executive head of two schools in Bletchley. The school cook, Pat, has retired and also Heather Houston who was in charge of IT at the school, and much more besides. Thankfully she will continue to help us at Corpus Christi.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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