

Notices for the week beginning 29 June 2014

Sunday 29 June 2014 Feast of St Peter and St Paul

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

Monday *The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

No Mass

Tuesday *Dedication of Westminster Cathedral*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am

Thursday *St Thomas the Apostle*

Mass: 10.00 am

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am

Saturday *Feria*

Sunday 6 July 2014 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) David Clifton (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Intentions of John and Caroline Pennicott; 10.30 am People of the Parish

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, Sylvina Rodrigues, Florence Rogers, Mary Sanger, 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:** Sister Mary Scholastica, Michael Conway, Alice Cooper, Frederick Copcutt, Patrick Corcoran, Elizabeth Cusack, Debbie Foster, Alice Grob, Keith Howard, Brian Jackson, Elizabeth McDonough, Phyllis McGrath, Alexander Malone, Jan Mostyn, Frances Mary Powell, Abraham van Stockum, Jan Van Stockum, Ray Sutherland, James Tucker and Gerald Wall. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
28/29 June	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	D Long H Houston
	R	M Valentine D Leadbeater	D Crauford M Hart	G Maloney P Apps
	W	M Miles	S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

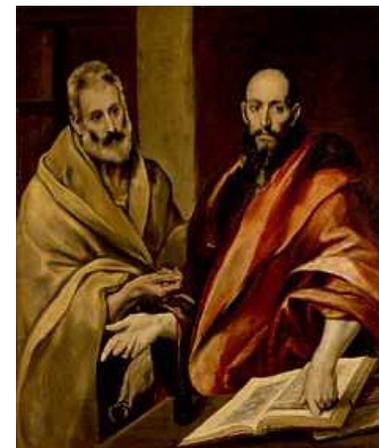
Envelopes: £320.95

Loose: £176.42

Building Fund: £64.15

PARISH NEWS

29 June 2014



Corpus Christi Church, Tring

Parish Priest: Canon Vincent Berry

Presbytery: 51 Langdon Street, Tring, Herts, HP23 6BA
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Youth Worker: Dan Marsh 07776 124434 email: danyouthwork@gmail.com

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website: 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; 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 we celebrate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul who guided the early church just after the time of Jesus. Both died as martyrs for the faith in the early 60's, just thirty years after the death of Jesus. According to tradition St Peter was crucified upside down in the Circus Maximus, a great arena on the site of the present St Peter's Square. He was buried nearby in the cemetery which lies beneath St Peter's Basilica. During the time of Pope Pius XII excavations were carried out and what is believed to be the tomb of St Peter was found. For many centuries it was believed that both saints were martyred on the same day but historians now believe St Paul lived for a few years after St Peter's death. He was taken outside the city of Rome to a place called Tre Fontana (three fountains) and the Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls was built. During the time of Pope Benedict XVI excavations discovered what is now believed to be his tomb.

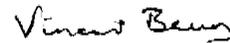
Before St Peter arrived in Rome there were already communities of Christians each with its own leader or bishop. However St Peter is always known as the first Bishop of Rome. He and St Paul are together honoured as the joint founders of the Church in Rome and they share one feast day together. Whenever you see statues of Peter and Paul, usually Peter is holding the keys of the kingdom, symbolizing his duty as head of the church, and Paul is holding either the Bible, symbolizing his preaching or a sword symbolising his death by the sword. As a citizen of Rome he was entitled to an honourable death by the sword rather than crucifixion.

It is through the witness of St Paul that we know much about the growth of the early Church. In his second letter to the Corinthians he tells us something of the difficulties in his preaching journeys: "Five times I have been given the thirty-nine lashes by the Jews; three times I have been beaten with sticks; once I was stoned; three times I have been shipwrecked, and once I have been in the open sea for a day and a night; I have worked with unsparing energy, for many nights without sleep; I have been hungry and thirsty, and often altogether without food or drink; I have been cold and lacked clothing." In the Acts of the Apostles three missionary journeys are recorded but there may have been other journeys. In one of his epistles he talks about going to the very ends of the world, perhaps the Atlantic coast of Spain, or France or even Britain.

It is interesting to note the personalities of both Peter and Paul. Peter was impetuous, telling Jesus that he would die with him on the night of the Last Supper if necessary but later that night he denied that he knew him. We also remember Peter's objection to Jesus' prediction that he would suffer and die in Jerusalem and Jesus said 'Get behind me Satan because they way you think is man's way and not God's way.' Yet what made Peter a suitable candidate for Jesus' call was his love, so three times Jesus asked him if he loved him and asked him to look after the flock. Paul too was a controversial character in his own way. He had a fiery personality. In his early life he channelled that fire towards persecuting the Christians in Jerusalem, even witnessing the death of Stephen, the first martyr for Jesus. After his conversion Paul used preaching to proclaim in a sometimes fiery manner his belief in Jesus as the Messiah and as the Son of God. As we look at the personalities of Peter and Paul, we see that God called them to use their personalities to spread the Gospel, Peter used his impetuous love to look after the flock, and Paul used his training as a Pharisee and his strength of character to ensure that the non-Jews would be welcomed into the church.

It is a reminder to us that our talents and our weaknesses too can become God's means of helping others. We don't have to be perfect for God to work through us, God can work through us, faults and all, as he did with Peter and Paul.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT CAFOD

The Westminster branch of CAFOD is based at Christ the King Parish, Oakwood, North London. It is at present advertising two posts: CAFOD Diocesan Officer which is a permanent post working with volunteers who visit schools and parishes across the Diocese; CAFOD Diocesan Manager which is a temporary post until May 2015 responsible for the development and delivery of CAFOD's work across the Diocese.. Interviews will be held in July. For further details and application form log onto CAFOD web page : See www.cafod.org.uk/jobs

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday and a speaker from the Apostleship of the Sea will be visiting the parish to talk about AoS. Mgr Dennis McGuinness was in charge of AoS before becoming Parish Priest of Tring.

HOSPITAL PATIENT

In case you are admitted to hospital please indicate when you enter hospital, or arrange for someone to do so on your behalf, that you are a Catholic and 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 personal details of patients to chaplains or anyone else who is not a member of the hospital staff.

EVENTS AT DOUAI ABBEY

During September there are a number of events organised by Young Catholic Adults. If you are the Acts of the Apostles 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 or ring 07908105787 or 07515 805015. (Please note that the Abbey or ring 07908105787 or 07515 805015

WORKAID

Workaid is a Chesham based charity supplying refurbished tools & equipment to vocational training establishments in East Africa. It is dependent on its volunteer workforce and new volunteers are required. If you can help, please contact Jane Bucknall at: publicity@workaid.org or at www.workaid.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 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.