

## Notices for the week beginning 17 August 2014

### Sunday 17 August 2014 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish 8.30 am; Private Intention;

10.30 am Mary Sanger (Lately Dead)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St John Eudes*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Bernard*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Lana Ridley

Thursday *St Pius X*

**Mass: 2.00 pm Funeral of Mary Sanger** followed by interment at Cheddington

Friday *Queenship of Our Blessed Lady*

Mass 10.00 am Tim Hynes (Anniversary)

Saturday *St Rose of Lima*

Confessions: 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

### Sunday 24 August 2014 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil); 8.30 am; 10.30 am

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Bertram De Souza, Jane Glassbrook, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Sheila McGrath, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sylvina Rodrigues, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Mary Sanger and Agnes Whitehead; **Anniversaries:** Eileen Brady, Basil Clark, Paul Dominici, Peter Keough, Edwina Johnson, Eleanor Lettin, Patrick McHugh, John Malone, Micada Matejak, Herman Ostmann, Henrietta Thorpe, Peter Wallen and Mary Watts. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
16/17 August	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps A De Cesco
	R	D Leadbetter M Valentine	M Hart W Winstone	S Lewington H Houston
	W	M Miles	D Kerr	A Farrow

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £280.60      Loose: £148.57      Building Fund: £45.20

Standing Orders for July:      Offertory £1,699.67      Building fund £129.33

# PARISH NEWS

17 August 2014



## Corpus Christi Church, Tring

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**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

Our prayers and reflections to mark the centenary of the start First World War have faded somewhat in the past two weeks with the horrific scenes and reports of the devastation in Gaza and in North Iraq. We must continue to pray for all the people who are suffering at this time. CAFOD have asked for our financial support and there will be a special collection at mass today.

The television programmes commenting on the aftermath of the assassination of the Austrian Archduke and his family describe the great attempts by leading statesmen to prevent the outbreak of war but did not mention the activities of the Holy See. Pope Pius X spent the last weeks of his life relentlessly seeking the avoidance of hostilities. He sent emissaries to Vienna, St Petersburg, Belgrade, Berlin, Paris and London pressing the heads of state and government to use their good offices to find a peaceful solution, but to no avail. Austria was determined to impose its authority on Serbia. Russia was determined to support Serbia. Germany was determined to support Austria. Britain and France warned Germany that they would not tolerate the invasion of Belgium. Hostilities began when Austria invaded Serbia on 28 July. A week later Belgium and Luxembourg were invaded and within hours Britain and France declared war. The Ottoman Empire of Turkey also joined in because of its dispute with Russia. This happened on the eleventh anniversary of the election of Pope Pius on 4 August 1903. It is suggested that he died of a broken heart after all his efforts for peace had failed. He said: "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died just over two weeks later on 20 August 1914. This week on Thursday we remember the centenary of the death of the man we now honour as St Pius X. He was declared a saint in 1954. His picture is on the cover of this newsletter.

After the pope's death the cardinals met in conclave and elected Cardinal Giacomo della Chiesa as his successor. In English we would have called him James Church. He chose the name of Benedict XV. He was 59 years of age. The war, which he described as "the suicide of civilised Europe" and its consequences were the main focus of his attentions. He presented several proposals for peace to the warring nations but to no avail. Both sides saw his proposals as benefitting the others. Germany rejected any "Papal Peace" as insulting and France regarded the Pope's initiatives as being anti-French. Having failed diplomatically he turned his attention to humanitarian efforts to lessen the impacts of war. He provided help for prisoners of war, arranged the exchange of wounded soldiers and provided food deliveries to the civilian populations on both sides. His efforts to support the people of Muslim Turkey were recognised by a statue of him in one of the public squares in Constantinople.

At the end of the war for the very first time the Holy See was excluded from the peace treaty discussions. He begged the victorious allies not to dismember the Austrian Empire. He saw that no good would come of this. Sadly the expression "to the victors go the spoils" was preferred. Serbia took the eastern part of Austria to create the Kingdom of the Southern Slavs (Yugoslavia), A new artificial state of Czechoslovakia was created with a minority of Germans in the Sudetenland. A new republic of Poland was created with an artificial corridor to give Poland access to the sea. Italy took part of the Austrian Tyrol. The Ottoman Empire was carved up with artificial boundaries to create Syria, Lebanon and Iraq. It is acknowledged by most historians that the Peace Treaty sowed the seeds of the Second World War with its punitive

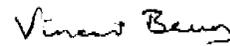
treatment of Germany. This led to the collapse of the new Republic of Germany and the rise to power of Adolf Hitler. The state of the Middle East today speaks for itself.

In all the present turmoil we should perhaps recall the words of Pope Francis on 27 July: "Tomorrow is the one hundredth anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War, which claimed millions of lives and caused immense destruction. This conflict, defined by Pope Benedict XV as a 'senseless slaughter', persisted for four long years and led to a more fragile peace. Tomorrow will be a day of mourning in remembrance of this tragedy. While we remember this tragic event, I hope that we will not repeat the errors of the past, but will instead pay heed to the lessons of history, ensuring that the reason of peace always prevails by means of patient and courageous dialogue".

"Today, my thoughts extend to three areas of crisis, in particular: the Middle East, Iraq and Ukraine. I ask you to continue to join with me in prayer that the Lord may grant the populations and authorities of these areas the wisdom and strength necessary to proceed with determination along the path of peace, facing every diatribe with the tenacity of dialogue and negotiation, and the strength of reconciliation. May the common good and respect for every person be at the centre of every decision, rather than particular interests. Let us remember that all is lost with war, but nothing is lost with peace".

"Brothers and sisters: no more war! No more war! I think especially of the children, who are deprived of the hope of a worthwhile life, of a future: children killed, children injured, children mutilated, children orphaned, children who have as toys the remnants of war, children who do not know how to smile. Stop, please! I ask you with all my heart. The time has come to stop. Stop, please!"

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME FOR 2014-15

We are in the midst of the holiday season but we have already drawn up plans for our First Communion Programme for the coming year. Children will make their First Confession on Saturday 31 January 2015 and their First Holy Communion on Saturday 9 May 2015. There application forms at the back of Church and parents are asked to register their children for the preparation programme on Saturday 20 September 2014.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 September	Prayer Breakfast at St Martha's Methodist Church
24 September	Parish Meeting to consider formation of a parish council
4 October	Prayer Breakfast at <b>Corpus Christi Church</b>

1 November Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul's Parish 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, worried**

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

#### **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.

#### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

Last spring we had a Parish Mission. We were asked to consider the life of our Parish Family and the part we play in it. Two weeks ago 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.

#### **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.

#### **DENS FOOD BANK**

We have boxes at the back of church to receive gifts of food for our local Food Bank. Their August appeal is for sugar (500g or 1kg), fruit juice (1L long life), puddings (tinned), cereal bars and pot noodles. DENS also needs of items to support their other services (DENS Night Shelter, DENS Move-On and DENS Rent Aid) so if you are able to help with any of the following it would be appreciated: strong black bags, antibacterial liquid soap, kitchen roll and single toothbrushes.

#### **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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk). The organisation includes separated and divorced people and has A.S.D.C (Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics.)

#### **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.