

Notices for the week beginning 3 August 2014

Sunday 3 August 2014 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 111

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Marion Demidecki (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Michael Flatley RIP

Monday *St John Vianney*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Mass: 10.00 am

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am

Friday *St Dominic*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Eileen O'Connor

Saturday *St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)*

Confessions: 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 10 August 2014 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Thanksgiving (Joseph De Classa & Fletcher Ropes); 8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30 am Special Intention. 12 noon Baptism of Maeve Mahoney

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, Mary Sanger, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Father Horace Hosford; **Anniversaries:** Sr Agnes de Chantal David, Sr Anne-Mwrie Genoud, Ellen Dorothy Arthur, Peggy Abbotts, Emmanuel Adjei, Tony Bambridge, Margaret Brennan, John Joseph Csr, Rodney Dentith, Ines Forcardi, Michael Gannon, Lloyd Groves, Michael Hurley, Oliveira Jennings, George Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Lil McHugh, Max Regensteiner, Ralph Warrington and Annie Elizabeth Webb. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
2/3 August	E	G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps
		F Sherratt		A De Cesco
	R	J Lee	P Milton	H Houston
		Y Devereux	L Hutt	S Lewington
	W	M Miles	D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

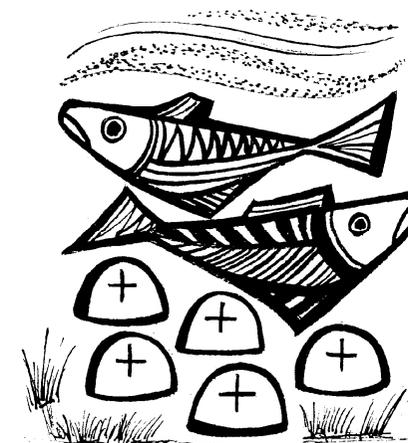
Envelopes: £258.65

Loose: £167.15

Building Fund: £46.59

PARISH NEWS

3 August 2014



Corpus Christi Church, Tring

Parish Priest: Canon Vincent Berry

Presbytery: 51 Langdon Street, Tring, Herts, HP23 6BA
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Pastoral Assistant: Wendy Hinds 01442 824369

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Youth Worker: Dan Marsh 07776 124434 email: danyouthwork@gmail.com

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

website: www.stmore.herts.sch.uk; Head teacher: Miss Isabel Cerasale

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

At mass today we are shown the boundless love and generosity of God. First, the prophet Isaiah explains how God invites us to come and eat and drink of his divine wisdom, food that will nourish us for eternal life. In the Gospel we are told the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000. This parable is a foretaste of what he offers us at mass, food for eternity.

Food and drink have throughout history been part of religious celebrations. In Mesopotamia, present day Iraq, temples were built in the shape of a staircase. People climbed the stairs and at the top left gifts for the gods to come down to eat and drink. This temple was the ladder that Jacob saw in a dream. Archaeologists have discovered grave goods that included food for the journey to the afterlife.

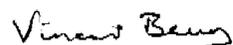
Today we are given an image of God who loves us and knows our needs. He feeds us because he knows how hungry and thirsty we are. He did this to the Children of Israel in the desert. He provided them with water and he fed them with manna. Jesus fed the 5,000 with a few loaves of bread and a few fish. With something very ordinary he did something very extraordinary. What he did in the desert was a foretelling and foretaste of what he does every time we come to mass. In the mystery of the Blessed Eucharist he uses ordinary food and drink to give us his body and blood.

Today's Gospel story tells us that he and the people were in a desert place. He was tired and needed to find a quiet place to get some rest. When he arrived he found the people were already waiting for him. His time of relaxation had to wait. He fed them spiritually with the word of God. He could not send them home without giving them some spiritual nourishment, the loaves and the fishes. If he had not fed them they might have collapsed on the way home. He revealed himself as someone who was loving, compassionate, understanding and generous.

St Paul gives us an important message today when he says that nothing can separate us from the love of God. We may be in trouble, worried, lacking food and drink, under threat. Whatever the circumstances, the Lord will always be there to give us his love and compassion.

The moral of the story for us today is that if Jesus is so loving and compassionate to us, then we should be loving and compassionate to all those we meet today and during the coming week. In this way we become co-workers with Our Lord. St Paul speaks of us as ambassadors for Christ. We can do this because we have the Eucharist as food for our journey to eternal life, the Kingdom that has been explained to us in parables during the last few weeks at Sunday Mass.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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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.

TRAGEDY IN GAZA

For the past few weeks we have heard of the tragedies in the eastern parts of Ukraine, in Syria, in parts of Africa but nothing can prepare us for what we have seen on television in the reports from Gaza. Tens of thousands of people made homeless and now over a thousand killed. Pope Francis has written to all sides urging an end to the devastation. We must continue to include the people of Gaza, some of whom are Catholics, in our prayers.

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.

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.)

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 September Prayer Breakfast at St Martha's Methodist Church
4 October Prayer Breakfast at **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, 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

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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

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