

Notices for the week beginning 26 October 2014

Sunday 26 October 2014 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 146

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Rose Beck (Sick); 8.30 am Intentions of Kavanagh Family; 10.30 am Michael and Joan Moran RIP

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Marry Todd

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am David Bolton (Sick)

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Monica Kavanagh (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 2 November 2014 ALL SAINTS DAY

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Harold Foster (Anniversary); 8.30 am November Dead List; 10.30 am Intentions of Lewington Family

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Gaby Boccino, David Bolton, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davey, Eric Hazel, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Sheila McGrath, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Latelty Dead:** Canon Peter Phillips, a former parishioner of Tring; **Anniversaries:** Jeannie Barker, John Biggs, Anthony Carbona, Sue Crowhurst, Freda Davies, Mary Hilda Dentith, Harold Foster, Teresa Gannon, Esther Grant, Zygmunt Grochala, George Hudson, John Kiwalewski, Cathie Lawrie, Eileen McNamara, Mary Morley, Michael O'Donovan, Lorraine Pennock, Hanna Quinn, Norah Raftery, Gwen Shadwell, Daniel Smyth, Sutton Thorpe, Mary van Gegen, Olga van Stockem, Shawn Waldridge and Elwyn Wilson. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
1/2 Nov	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		G Booth		D Long
	R	M Valentine	P Milton	G Maloney
		J Lee	L Hutt	P Apps
	W	M Miles	S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £320.50

Loose: £143.89

Building Fund: £48.00

PARISH NEWS

26 October 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

The disagreements between Our Lord and the Jewish leaders continue in today's Gospel. He is asked "What is the greatest commandment in the Law?" They were not asking about the Ten Commandments which Moses received on Mount Sinai. They were more concerned about the 631 rules that made up Jewish Law, man-made laws drawn up by rabbis and lawyers. In his reply he did not mention one of them. Instead he quoted from the Book of Deuteronomy (Love of God) and the Book of Leviticus (Love of Neighbour). The passage we hear today from the Book of Exodus speaks harshly against those who stick strictly to the letter of the law and in doing so carry out of gross injustice. Our Lord's approach is that the contents of the law is teaching to be lived, rather than rules to be obeyed. Everything that is done by the Church has to be set on the foundation of this Law of Christ, love of Gods and love of neighbour. Our lives as individuals, as part of a family, as part of the family of the Church have this double commandment as the basis of everything we do as followers of Jesus and committed members of his Church.

The disagreements that have been made public in recent days following the closure of the Synod that took place in Rome highlight an important change of emphasis introduced by Pope Francis. He wanted the bishops to speak freely but with respect for each person's opinions. Some of the bishops found it difficult to cope with the new procedures. Instead of blindly following what they thought the pope wanted, they were being asked to speak their mind and they were assured that the pope would not take offence.

There is a story told about what Pope Francis did when he was a bishop in Argentina. He set off from his flat, not the archbishop's palace, and travelled on public transport, by train and by bus, to one of the shanty towns. After celebrating mass he spoke to many of the people living in dreadful conditions. One woman spoke about her son who no longer went to mass. He said to her: "But is he a good kid?" She replied: "Oh, yes, Father Jorge," and the cardinal archbishop, prince of the Church, dressed as an ordinary priest said: "that's what matters." This reminded me of a conversation I had with a French bishop in 1963 who had been expelled from China at the Communist takeover. Pope John XXII, now Saint John XXIII, called together all the exiled bishops from China to discuss the problem of the many bishops and priests who had severed links with Rome and joined the Catholic Patriotic Association. Pope John asked a simple question: "These bishops are they good priests?" and they replied "yes." Pope John said: "if they are good priests, that's all that matters."

Pope John and Pope Francis seem to be walking a similar path. The aim of Pope John was to open up the Church and not be guided by people he spoke of as prophets of doom. Pope Francis had demonstrated in his conversation with the mother in the slum – and which has characterised his ministry for the past three decades - that the care of individuals takes priority over doctrine, "realities are greater than ideas." At the close of the Synod it became clear that more than half of the Catholic Church's leaders voted for changes – in attitudes to gay and divorced people – in harmony with the approach of the new pope. But a minority of conservatives prevented the changes from receiving a two-thirds majority. A majority of thirty in a House of Commons debate would be considered a great victory. At the Synod, with its required two-thirds majority, the majority of thirty

was a defeat. However, these issues will be considered again after the bishops have spent the next ten months or so with their fellow bishops back home and each bishop with the priests and people of their diocese.

After Pope Francis was elected he quickly established an agenda to consider a number of urgent issues such as the reform of the curia, the Church's civil service, the reform of financial procedures including the Vatican Bank and the sex scandals that had bedeviled the Church for decades. He decided to convene a special synod to discuss a subject which directly touches everyone of his flock – the family. It confronted the issue of why large swathes of the faithful choose to ignore official church teaching on contraception, pre-marital sex, cohabitation, divorce and homosexuality. Cardinal Nichols has reflected on the synod in the pastoral letter which is included with this newsletter.

There are several websites worth reading: the Vatican Information Service in English can be found on visnews_en@mlists.vatican.va; the Bishops Conference of England and Wales is available on www.catholic-ew.org.uk/ and the Diocese of Westminster can be found on www.rcdow.org.uk/

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we remember relatives and friends who have died. Holy Souls envelopes are included with this newsletter. Please include a list of the people you wish to be included in the masses offered during November together with an offering towards the stipend for each of these masses.

ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day this year will be celebrated next Sunday 2 November (transferred from Saturday) and All Souls Day on Monday 3 November.

FILM CLUB

This is one of the events provide for young people in our parish. The film club will be on the first Monday of each month. The next film will be shown a week on Monday, 3 November, from 4.30 to 6.30 pm. The next film is **Cool Runnings**.

PARISH REGISTER

We are updating our Parish Register. It would be helpful to include email addresses. Many thanks to all who recently filled in the form. If you have been away, please send us your email to tring@rcdow.org.uk.

PARISH WEBSITE

We are preparing produce a new parish website. Our existing website is still available and can be found on: parish.rcdow.org.uk/tring.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 November Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church