

Notices for the week beginning 5 October 2014

Sunday 5 October 2014 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 134

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

10.30 am Raymond Maile (Anniversary)

Monday *St Bruno*

No Mass

Tuesday *Our Lady of the Rosary*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

10.00 am Mass Thanksgiving

Thursday *Blessed John Henry Newman*

Mass 10.00 am Fr Alan Ashton RIP

Friday *St Paulinus of York*

10.00 am Pope Francis and the bishops of the Synod

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 12 October 2014 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Brendan Donnelly (Anniversary); 8.30 am Fr Bobby Gates RIP;

10.30 am Nicky Gray RIP

PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Terry Andrew, Gaby Boccino, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Eric Hazel, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Sheila McGrath, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; *Lately Dead*: Father Robert Gates, Father Alan Ashton, Benny Gaffney and Jane Glassbrook; *Anniversaries*: Canon Des Sheehan, Doris Baker, Annie Clarke, Timothy De Morgan, Brendan Donnelly, Patricia Duffy, Albert Ferschke, Gweneth Fitzpatrick, Kitty Grob, Nickie Halliday, Jimmy McAuley, Kate McDonnell, Raymond Maile, Clarence Murray, Steven Stecki, William Sullivan, Derwent Wall and Mary Whitmarsh. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2014		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
11/12 Oct	E	G Booth F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	J Lee M Valentine	L Hutt W Winstone	S Lewington H Houston
	W	M Miles	D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £275.65 Loose: £121.66 Building Fund: £52.00

Standing Orders for September:

Offertories £1,850.00; Building Fund £129.00

PARISH NEWS

5 October 2014

THE LORD OF THE VINEYARD



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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

This is the time of year in this country and all over Europe when many thousands of people are working in vineyards gathering in the grape harvest. The harvest in France has been damaged by hail storms but the prospects in England are very good because of our incredible summer. The vineyard is the theme of the readings in mass today. From the Book of Isaiah there is the Song of the Vineyard. In the Gospel Our Lord talks about the wicked tenants who lose their right to their share of the vintage.

In both readings we hear of a landowner who very carefully sets out a piece of land for growing grapes. A wall is built for security. A watchtower was built with a winepress to crush the grapes. The land is carefully dug over and all stones removed. When it is fully prepared the vines are planted. He will then lease the vineyard to tenants. They will pay no rent. Instead they will give the landowner a share of the vintage. In the story of Isaiah the tenants do not take proper care of the vineyard and it can only produce sour grapes. In the Gospel the tenants refuse to pay what they owe and beat up the servants sent to collect the landlord's share of the vintage and finally kill the owner's son.

When Jesus told this parable the listeners became aware that he was talking about the religious leaders. The servants in the story were the prophets. The son in the story was Jesus himself. He would be thrown out of the vineyard and killed. In time he would be taken out of Jerusalem for his crucifixion.

A large group of bishops, including Cardinal Vincent, have gathered in Rome this weekend for the start of the special synod (church meeting) to discuss the role of the family in modern society. In one of his talks he spoke about the importance of family life and the role families can play in the pastoral work of a parish with pastors and families working together so that parish communities become "families of families." He drew attention to those who experience an ordinary married life and those afflicted by problems and breakdowns. He wants the synod to draw together these varied experiences exercise appropriate discernment to come up with good proposals for the good of the Church.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PARISH WEB SITE

We are planning to upgrade our parish website. If you have expertise in this area we would like to invite you to a meeting in the next few weeks. Please inform Canon Berry at the parish email address: tring@rcdow.org.uk.

HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD works with poor communities overseas on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Please put your offering in the collecting basket when we have a special collection after communion today

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The preparation programme began with a parents meeting last Wednesday and a parents and children's meeting yesterday. The first class is next Saturday from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

OUR MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We have a number of activities for children and young people and these are starting up again: The Youth club meets on Monday evenings, from 7-9 pm; SPOG, (Small People of God) meets on Friday evenings, from 4.30-6 pm. There will be a monthly Film Club for children (School years 3+) and the first film is tomorrow, Monday 6 October, from 4.30-6.30 pm. The next Messy Church is on Sunday the 19th of October, from 3-5 pm and there will be a light party disco (school year 3+) on Friday 24th October, from 4.30-6 pm

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

St Thomas More Primary School in Berkhamsted is holding an Open Morning for prospective parents on Friday 17 October and Tuesday 25 October, both at 9.30 am. There are at present vacancies in Nursery, Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6.

John F Kennedy Secondary School in Hemel Hempstead has an Open Evening on Tuesday 7 October, from 6.30 to 9.00 pm and an Open Morning on Wednesday 15 October from 9.30 am to 12 noon

OCTOBER NEWS FROM THE JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP, TRING.

The Justice & Peace Group believes in justice and peace for the world, and for every individual within it. It champions respect for the environment, human rights for the afflicted and assistance for the needy. The Fairtrade Foundation is running 'The Great British Fairness Debate' between 29th September – 12th October. Look on the website: www.fairtrade.org.uk/befair to find out how fair you are and to take the fun quiz. Look out for the Traidcraft stall on Saturday 25th October at the Apple Fayre, Tring Farmers Market. It is a great time to visit the market to stock up on local produce and Fairtrade goods.

A date for your diary – the very popular Christmas Community Concert is on Saturday 6th December at 7pm at the Victoria Hall (more information will be available in November). This year we are raising money for DENS (which is the local food bank) which helps the needy in Tring and surrounding areas. For more information visit www.justiceandpeacetring.org. The next meeting is on 29th October at 8pm in St Peter and St Paul's Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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.)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1 November Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
6 December Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church
Breakfast is served at 8.30 am followed by prayer for local and world needs