

Notices for the week beginning 16 November 2014

Sunday 16 November 2014 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Frank McKinney (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Bridget Reardon (Anniversary); 10.30 am Dorothy Glencross (Anniversary)

Monday *St Hilda of Whitby; St Hugh of Lincoln; St Elizabeth of Hungary*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

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Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

Thursday *Feria*

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Friday *Presentation of Our Lady*

Mass 10.00 am Deceased Legionaries of Mary followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Albert the Great*

Confessions: 10 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 23 November 2014 Feast of Christ the King

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Pat Markwick; 8.30 am Private Intention; 10.30 am November Dead List

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, Peter Miles, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Eileen Scotland, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Chris Addiscott and Frank McKinney; **Anniversaries:** Sister Françoise-Thérèse, Ninette Ambriano, Josephine Biggs, Margaret Carter, Christopher Conway, Willie Drescher, Patrick Fitzpatrick, Ellen Grimm, Ted Halliday, Frederick James Hook, Richard Kennedy, Constance Light, Eric Lucas, Alexander Malone, Susan Malone, Giuseppe Marangon, Bernard Shryane, Josephine Stecki, Edward Christopher Smyth, Bill Lloyd Webber, Eileen Mary Williams and Patricia Wright. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2014 | | 6.00 pm Vigil | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 15/16 Nov | E | F Sherratt | A Halliday | D Marsh |
| | R | G Booth | M Hart | H Houston |
| | | J Ruck | C Pennicott | P Apps |
| | | Y Devereux | S Kerr | G Maloney |
| | W | M Miles | | J Brown |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £268.50

Loose: £176.85

Building Fund: £48.50

PARISH NEWS

16 November 2014

WORK FOR THE LORD!



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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

All the way through the Gospels Our Lord talks to us about his kingdom. He uses many images to help us understand what his kingdom is all about. He uses ordinary, sometimes domestic examples. Today's parable tells us about the gifts we receive suitable to our own abilities, the story of the talents. The talent was a silver coin of great value that was in use in Our Lord's time. In the story three servants were given sums of money to look after while their master was away. On his return they had to give an account of their stewardship. Two men seem to have been well gifted and the master recognised this by the amount of money he entrusted to them. They used the money and doubled their value. The third servant did not think he had the ability to do anything, so he hid it away. Two servants were rewarded because they had used their talents to the full. The third servant was rebuked because he could have used his one talent to the full.

Whoever we are, whatever our situation, however many talents we have, or however few, we are called to be in the service of the Lord. There is no excuse for not using that one gift, quality or talent.

We recently celebrated the feast of St Thérèse of Lisieux. She got permission from Pope Leo XIII to become a Carmelite nun even though she was under age. She wrote down the story of her life in a series of exercise books. She was aware that she would never become important but she still wished it would have been possible for her to become a saint, a martyr, a priest, a great missionary. She saw herself as a flawed, wounded young woman, not in good health, confined to the boundaries of her local Carmel, who was unable to do any of the things she would like to have done. She followed what she called her "little way." She wrote: "In spite of my littleness, I can aim at being a saint." Her littleness and her "little way" is the way for most of us, living our ordinary way of life, to follow a way of ordinary, faithful love and care which, like that of St Thérèse, can become an extraordinary life of holiness. She lived in the Lisieux Carmel for nine years and died at the age of twenty-four. Yet her life had such a profound effect on the lives of millions and millions of people well beyond Lisieux. St John Paul II declared her to be a Doctor of the Church.

The faithful servants in the Gospel were described by their master as being faithful in little things and were rewarded accordingly. Like St Thérèse we can also be faithful over little things, ordinary things, and be rewarded by the Lord who will put us in charge of extraordinary things.

Yours sincerely

Parish Priest

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

Thank you very much for your generous contributions last Sunday which came to £570.81. The fund will remain open until next Sunday.

GROWING IN FAITH

In the past week, we received £4,590 being the parish's share (20%) of your donations to Growing in Faith between June 2012 and April 2014. As these monies are to be used for parish projects, they have been allocated to the building and maintenance fund which had been fully utilised when we built the parish office. Thank you for your continuing support of Growing in Faith, 80% of which helps fund Priest Training, Sick and Retired Clergy and Caritas.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH CHOIR

When we celebrated our parish centenary in 2010 we formed a choir. We would now like to reform it. We invite the former members and newcomers to the parish to join. We are looking for singers. All voice types and levels of experience are welcome. There is no audition and the ability to read music is not essential. Weekly rehearsals will take place in the church, with a view to singing at one mass a week in the run-up to Christmas, and for the Midnight Mass. For further information please contact Jane Glover, jane_glover@rocketmail.com or call 07434 511795.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT

The Apple Fayre Farmers' Market on Saturday 25th October was a great success. The Justice & Peace Group members helped staff the Traidcraft stall, which was packed full of tempting Fairtrade and Traidcraft goodies – many of which would make perfect Christmas gifts. Of note was 'The Real Advent Calendar' which at £3.85 is filled with Fairtrade chocolate and a storybook about the Christmas story. It is a great way to bring the Christmas story to life for children. Contact Moira Hargreaves by email to order (moira.y.hargreaves@btinternet.com). For more information please visit the J&P website: www.justiceandpeacetraining.org.

The next big event of the year is coming up – the Christmas Community Concert on Saturday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Victoria Hall. The choir from Bishop Wood School and London Heritage Brass are providing the entertainment. There will be refreshments available for sale during the interval. This year the net proceeds will go to DENS (the Dacorum charity taking action against homelessness). Tickets at £3.50 are available for sale from Beechwoods in Frogmore Street from 10th November. Children under 11 have free entry. Please support this wonderful event.

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church is this afternoon, from 3-5 pm

CALLING ALL FACEBOOK USERS

When visiting "Facebook", please add "My Hospital Prayer and Activities Book" as a "like", to aid its publicity. This unique and original Catholic publication aims to help children pray if they are patients in a hospital. All proceeds from the book go to "Seasons for Growth Eng. & Wales", an education bereavement charity for children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 December Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church at 8.30 am
6 December Christmas Community Concert (details above)