

## Notices for the week beginning 23 November 2014

### Sunday 23 November 2014 Feast of Christ the King

Mass Book, pages 7 and 158

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Pat Markwick; 8.30 am Private Intention;

10.30 am David Hinds (Sick)

Monday *St Andrew Dung-Lac and the Martyrs of Vietnam*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

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Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

Thursday *Feria*

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Friday *Feria*

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followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

### Sunday 30 November 2014 First Sunday of Advent

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Dymphna O'Shea (Anniversary); 8.30 am Margaret and Robert

Pennicott (Anniversary); 10.30 am Claude de Rosario RIP

### 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, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Latently**

**Dead:** Chris Addiscott and Rose King; **Anniversaries:** Sr Françoise Marguerite, Jean Claude Barry, Nell Bell, Patricia Chambers, Maria de Marchi, Georgina Horlock, George Huslet, Margorie Kelly, Anthony Kowalewski, William McCall, Kathleen McPherson, Ellen Mitchell and Mary Singlehurst. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

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

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

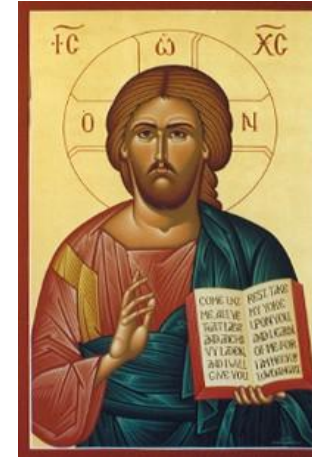
Envelopes: £341.51

Loose: £123.30

Building Fund: £27.00

## PARISH NEWS

23 November 2014



### Corpus Christi Church, Tring

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385060 website: [www.stmore.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stmore.herts.sch.uk); Head teacher: Miss Isabel Cerasale

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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

Today we celebrate Christ as our King. The Scriptures remind us of the values of love and compassion in God's kingdom and how Our Lord will judge us. They also help us understand what kind of king Jesus is and what it means for us to belong to his kingdom.

When Pope Pius XI introduced the feast in 1925, the world was still recovering from the horrors of World War I. The great empires of Austria-Hungary, Germany, Russia and Turkey had been destroyed. Hardly the ideal time to talk about kingdoms and empires. The Pope wanted to remind us of the Kingdom of Christ, which Jesus himself told us "was not of this world."

The Prophet Ezekiel tells us that the kings and rulers of his time had proved unwilling to govern by God's principles and so the Lord himself would come to lead us. He did not want people with power to "lord it over others" but rather be of service. The Gospel fills this out when we are told to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit those in prison and take care of the sick – the works of mercy. During the past week Pope Francis attended a conference in Rome in Rome organised by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) at its Headquarters in Rome on Thursday to give a speech to the Second International Conference on Nutrition. He spoke of waste and excessive consumption of food as well as the rights of those who go hungry.

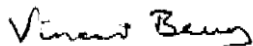
The people in this country respond generously to so many appeals for help for those in need. We support efforts to protect the environment and conserve our natural resources. We support peace groups to try to prevent war. World Aids Day is coming up to remind of many people in developing countries suffering from HIV/Aids. We must also find ways to support prisoners and their families.

Pope Francis talks about us as members of a parish, He says that we are "an evangelizing community that gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives; it bridges distances, it is willing to abase itself if necessary, and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others. Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.

The Preface for today's Eucharistic Prayer talks about the kingdom that Our Lord came on earth to establish: "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." Those who respect truth and life, who live in holiness and grace, and who work to bring justice, love and peace, will "inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the creation of the world."

As the Liturgical Year comes to an end with the Feast of Christ the King we are reminded of the words that Jesus spoke in today's Gospel: "Come, you whom my Father has blessed. Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world."

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

## **WESTMINSTER YEARBOOK**

The 2015 edition of the Westminster Year Book is on sale at the back of church. It is a useful reference book giving a full listing of Catholic Parishes, Priests, Schools and Societies. It costs £4.50. There are boxes on the back wall for the receipt of the purchases of Catholic papers, books, and repository items.

## **RED BOXES**

A number of parishioners support the work of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) with their Red Boxes. This is the time of the year when your boxes need to be emptied. We need to do this during the first week of December, not later than 10 December. This will enable everything to be sent to APF headquarters before Christmas. Gift Aid declarations should also be made.

## **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](mailto:jane_glover@rocketmail.com) or call 07434 511795.

## **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

There is no meeting on Wednesday 26th November – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th January at 7.30pm in St Martha's. Please don't forget to support the Community Christmas Concert in aid of DENS which is being held on Saturday 6th December at Victoria Hall 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at Beechwoods in Frogmore Street. Children under 11 have free entry. Please support this wonderful event.

## **FILM CLUB**

The next meeting is on Monday week, 1 December, 4.30 until 6.30 pm. Children from Year 3 + are welcome. Free popcorn.

## **TOWN FARM ART SHOW**

This annual art show takes place in 6 Town Farm, Cheddington from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 November from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Free entry. Donations for refreshments in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Hand-crafted, high quality Christmas gifts. For further information please contact [www.TownFarmArtShow.blogspot.com](http://www.TownFarmArtShow.blogspot.com)

## **HARRIETTE HICKEY**

Harriett and her family have been members of our parish for many years. She is going to Peru in August 2015 to trek from Cusco to Machu Picchu. This is despite her personal medical difficulties and recent surgery, she is going to make this challenge. She will raise money for Worldwide Cancer Research. Several members of her family and friends have all suffered from cancer. If you would like to sponsor her, you can donate by text to PHQA67 £10 to 70070 or by email: [www.justgiving.com/HarrietteElizabethHickey](http://www.justgiving.com/HarrietteElizabethHickey).