

Notices for the week beginning 9 November 2014

Sunday 9 November 2014 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Mary Perry (Anniversary); 8.30 am November Dead List;

10.30 am Pauline Lynch (Anniversary)

Monday *St Leo the Great*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Martin of Tours*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Josaphat*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Albert the Great*

Confessions: 10 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 16 November 2014 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Mary Perry (Anniversary); 8.30 am November Dead List;

10.30 am Pauline Lynch (Anniversary)

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; **Lately Dead:** Frank McKinney; **Anniversaries:** Jill Allen, Michael Atkin, Aileen Born, John Brannan, Joseph Briscoe, Doug Brown, Clare Chennell, Michael Connell, Helen Czachorowski, William Davies, Dorothy Glencross, John Hope, Pauline Lynch, Emily Delia McDonough, Anna McKinney, Bert Osborn, Mary Parry, Bridget Reardon Ronnie Wesley and Freda Wilson. 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 G Booth | A Halliday | D Marsh H Houston |
| | R | J Ruck Y Devereux | M Hart C Pennicott | P Apps G Maloney |
| | W | M Miles | S Kerr | J Brown |

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Envelopes: £418.50 Loose: £157.19 Building Fund: £44.00

October Standing Orders: Offertory £1,700; Building Fund £129.00

PARISH NEWS

9 November 2014

Remembrance Sunday



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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

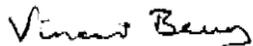
My dear people

Nearly fifty years ago I visited a housebound lady to bring her Holy Communion. She was in tears. It was Remembrance Sunday and the service in Whitehall was on the television. She was in tears. Her husband had been killed early in 1940 and she still remembered him. Many thousands of people have visited the field of poppies at the Tower of London and many people have come away in tears, moved by the occasion. The choice of poppies was inspired by John McCrae a Canadian Medical Officer who fought in the Second Battle of Ypres. He described the battle as a nightmare. For seventeen days and nights he and his comrades, despite being gassed, held the line. He conducted the burial service of a friend and noticed how the poppies were already growing around previous graves. The next day he sat down at the back of an ambulance and wrote the poem which began: *In Flanders fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

Today we are celebrating the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. This may at first seem strange to celebrate the dedication of a church building. In 313 the first Christian Emperor, Constantine I, allowed the Christians to practice their faith freely. He gave an estate of land in Rome, previously belonging to the Laterani Family, to Pope Miltiades which became his residence. A church was built on the site, the first Christian building. Elsewhere temples were converted to Christian use but this was the first time a building was built specially as a church. It was dedicated by Pope Sylvester in 324 and became his cathedral. It was dedicated to our Most Holy Saviour. It later had the names of St John the Baptist and St John the Evangelist added to its title. It is now commonly known as St John Lateran. The popes lived in the Lateran until 1309 when the French Pope Clement V moved the papal court to Avignon. It was no longer safe to live in Rome. The Avignon Papacy lasted until 1376 when Pope Gregory XI decided, at the request of St Catherine of Siena, to move back to Rome. The Lateran Palace was in a bad way and so he moved to the Vatican where St Peter's Basilica had been built on the site of St Peter's martyrdom. We tend to think of St Peter's as the most important church in Rome but it is a basilica not a cathedral. St John Lateran continues to be the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome. It is called the Archbasilica and Mother Church and head of all the churches in the city and the world. By honouring the dedication of this church we are expressing our love and veneration of the whole Church. St Ignatius of Antioch who was brought from Antioch to Rome to be martyred spoke of the Roman Church which "presides in charity" over the whole Catholic communion throughout the world. The stones which make up the edifice provide a place for the people, the living stones of the Church, to gather in it for mass. This applies to all churches, including our own dear Corpus Christi.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

The annual collection for this fund takes place today. The fund was set up in 1979 to ensure that sick and elderly priests in the Diocese of Westminster can live out their lives in comfort and with dignity. Where possible sick priests, like their fellow citizens, make full use of the National Health Service but some need permanent nursing care. This fund helps them to have this. The Diocese provided a variety of choices of accommodation for retired priests, sometimes in presbyteries and convents, sometimes in flats or houses. In the past 35 years literally hundreds of priests have been helped by your generosity.

Most priests are able to live independently but the time comes when they will need residential care and later nursing care. With your help the Sick and Retired Priests Fund can do this but there are now 80 priests living in retirement. This number grows each year and the Fund will eventually be unable to meet the needs of all priests, without your generous support.

Please give as much as you can. There will be a collection after communion today. There are envelopes at the back of church if you can increase the value of your gift by making a gift aid declaration.

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.

IN PEACE AND REMEMBRANCE

Next Saturday, in St Peter and St Paul's Church, there will be a concert sung by the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir. It is called "In Peace and Remembrance" to remind us of the First World War. Full details are on the notice at the back of church.

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.

MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church is on Sunday the 21 November, from 3-5 pm

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.