

Notices for the week beginning 1 February 2015

Sunday 1 February 2015 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 127

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Margaret Murphy (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Intentions of Sue Valentine; 10.30 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

Monday *Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas Day)*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

No Mass [Electrical work being carried out]

Thursday *St Agatha*

Mass: 10.00 am Michael Kelly (Sick)

Friday *St Paul Miki and Martyrs of Japan*

Mass: 10.00 am Bill Flanagan (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Sunday 8 February 2015 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Deceased Members of Berry and Lonsdale Families;

8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30 am Margaret Murphy & Family.

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Gaby Boccino, David Boulton, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davey, Breda Farrington, Judy Fernandes, Hazel, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Sheila McGrath, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Clair Sutton, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Margaret Murphy (formerly Berry) and Michael O'Toole; **Anniversaries:** Father Paulus D'Hoine, Joan Askey, John Bass, Thomas Branson, Mary Carmey, Ken Cartington, Ben Cerutti, Mico Conway, Marguerite Couillault, Stephen Crowhurst, Charles Donovan, Charles Douglas, Genevieve Durier, Ellen Gaves, Nora Gorman, Annie Hickman, Arthur Hug, Alan Kerr, Dorothy Long, Colin Maidment, Michael Moore, Pru Nowaczewska, Tony Toole, Wilfred Wallen, Elsie Walker, Charles Whitmarsh and Gladys Whitmarsh. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
7/8 Feb	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
	R	M. Valentine	P. Milton	A. De Cesco
	W	J.Ruck	M.Hart	G. Maloney
			S Kerr	P. Apps
				J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £304.00 Loose: £160.43 Building Fund: £52.00

PARISH NEWS

1 February 2015



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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

Tomorrow, the fortieth day after Christmas, is Candlemas Day, the feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. The story of this event is one of the passages from Scripture that our bishops have asked us to reflect on in the leaflet that is included with today's newsletter.

Cardinal Nichols referred to this leaflet in his recent pastoral letter on Family Life. Last October a special gathering took place in Rome of bishops from all over the world. At the close of this meeting, called a synod, Pope Francis asked the bishops to go back home and spend the next year in prayer and reflection with their priests and people. He wants us to contribute to the next synod this coming October which has the title of The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World.

Pope Francis speaks about the next few months as a time of "spiritual discernment" which is different from merely asking out opinion about a certain number of issues. This is why the bishops have issued their document in leaflet form rather than issue a question and answer sheet with a number of boxes to tick. Please go through this carefully, alone or with your husband/wife or even with a group of friends. You will need several sessions to cover everything. When you have reached some conclusions please send them by post to Mr Edmund Adamus, our Director for Marriage and Family Life, at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN by 24 May 2015. If you prefer, you can send them by email to edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk. There is also an online survey from the office of the Bishop's Conference. The closing date for this is 17 April 2015 at <https://surveymonkey.com/s/LaityEW2015>.

At the end of the synod last October Pope Francis stressed the importance of lay people contributing to the discussions as well as the bishops, priests and religious. He hoped that when the bishops return to Rome next October, they would come prepared to discuss the proposed ideas and find concrete solutions to "so many difficulties and innumerable challenges that families must confront and to give answers to the many discouragements that surround and suffocate families."

There have always been tensions for the followers of Jesus. The Gospels speak of a battle between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan. We are drawn towards the things of this world and the things of heaven. I read somewhere that in our time the Devil tries to convince us that he does not exist at all. During the past few days we have commemorated the liberation seventy years ago of the concentration camps at Belsen and Auschwitz. A timely reminder of the evil people can do against each other carrying out the work of Satan. The good news is that Christ overcame the power of evil by suffering and dying on the cross and then rising to a new life on Easter Sunday.

This is the setting for all marriages, some of which seem to but problem free but many of which are not. When we were young we heard bedside stories which often described periods of sadness but always ended with a prince and princess getting married and living happily ever after. We wish all marriages to be like this even though many are not. We must however work hard to make happy marriages not only happen but also work. All relationships have to be worked at. Marriages specially so. This is why Pope Francis is urging the whole Church to be involved in a serious reflection on marriage as it is

today. The bishops' document – The Call, the Journey and the Mission – gives us a lot to think about. I recommend the list of what we believe on page 3. Two years ago Pope Francis said in a radio interview: "The family is important, and it is necessary for the survival of humanity. Without the family, the cultural survival of the human race would be at risk."

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd March 2015 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more information please ring Freda on 01322-401243 or Sandra on 01293-783965.

SMART LOVING UK

Smart Loving UK runs weekend marriage enrichment seminars that aim to revive, affirm and celebrate marriages. For Catholic couples at every stage of their married life, the weekend is a chance to rediscover the joy of being man and wife in love, drawing on the wisdom of authentic Catholic teaching on the Theology of the Body. The next Smart Loving weekend, which includes an optional overnight stay, will take place on the 7th-8th March at Latimer Place, Chesham, Herts. For more information and to register please contact the marriage and family life office on 020 7931 6064 or family@rcdow.org.uk.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

For the last twelve years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Four interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; one in a parliamentary support role within the Bishops' Conference Secretariat; two in public policy with CAFOD and CSAN; and one in a media internship in Archbishop's House, Westminster.

TON-UP CLUB

The parish has been running the Ton-Up Club for many years and it raises over £1,000 every year. It is a small lottery where members pay £20 per year and there are monthly draws. For 2015 the prize allocation is changing and there will be one £50 prize each month with an additional Christmas bonus prize of £100. There are still a few numbers available on our 100 square so if you would like to subscribe please see Heather at the 10.30am Mass or email h.houston@ntlworld.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2 February	Film Club (4.30 – 6.15 pm); Youth Club (7.00 – 9.00 pm)
7 February	Prayer Breakfast at St Martha's Methodist Church at 8.30 am
15 February	Messy Church