

## Notices for the week beginning 18 January 2015

### Sunday 18 January 2015 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil); 8.30 am; 10.30 am

Monday *St Wulstan*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Agnes*

Communion Service 10.00 am

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

Communion Service 10.00 am

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Francis de Sales*

### Sunday 25 January 2015 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil); 8.30 am; 10.30 am

### PRAYERS

Please pray for:

**Sick:** Terry Andrew, Gaby Boccino, David Bolton, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davey, Breda Farrington, Judy Fernandes, Eric Hazel, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Sheila McGrath, Peter Miles, Margaret Murphy, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvia Rodrigues, Merridee and Naomi Wadling;

**Anniversaries:** Father Henry Hardy (First Parish Priest of Tring), Liz Atthews, Norman Cole, John Cook, Sydney Cooper, Kathy Copcutt, Olive Crisp, Alice Durkin, Maude Grant-Scarfe, Josephine Grous, Anne Herring, Anne Jacobs, Violet Kenny, Henry Lee, Margaret McCarthy, Cait McDonnell, Leo Maloney, Edward Michaels, Patrick Murphy, Roger O'Donnell, John Piggott, Joseph Saucerman, Annie Slack, Hazel Stokes, Andy Swan and Adeline Villani. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
24/25 Jan	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Marsh H Houston
	R	M Miles	C Pennicott S Wright	P Apps G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

# PARISH NEWS

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### *Corpus Christi Church, Tring*

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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

We often say that certain people such as priests and nuns have a vocation, a calling. In fact we all have a vocation to be a follower of Jesus. It is not enough to have a vocation. We have to respond to it. The Old Testament prophet Samuel was chosen by God to be a leader of the Jewish people. The way he was called is told in the first reading today. He was only a child when God called him in the midst of the night. When he grew up he would be the last of the Judges of Israel. Later still he was chosen to anoint Saul as the first king of Israel and later still to anoint David as the second king. Sometimes a person is called in a single action, like Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus who became Paul the Apostle.

Pope Francis has talked about his own vocation as a gradual process beginning with a conversation with a trusted friend who was also a priest, then a conversation with his father, then with his decision to break off his engagement to a girlfriend, then his decision to study for the diocesan priesthood and finally his decision to join the Jesuit Order.

St Paul, writing to the Christians of Corinth, explains the consequences of the Christian vocation. It involves avoiding certain types of behaviour because through baptism our bodies have become temples of the Holy Spirit, something precious. Today's Gospel gives us St John's understanding of what the Christian vocation is all about when he describes the manner in which the apostles were called. It was a very gradual process. They needed to grow in faith and this took some time. Even St Peter had to say to Jesus: "Lord, I do have faith. Help me with the little faith I have."

To discover our true vocation we must follow the same pattern as the apostles. We start off as we are, with our own particular strengths and weaknesses. The apostles spent time with Jesus. We have to try to spend time with him too, time spent in prayer, time to learn about him and his teachings, time simply to be with him in church, in a quiet place at home or a quiet place outdoors. Jesus invited the apostles to "come apart to a quiet place and rest awhile." If we can find a way of giving ourselves to him we will grow in our understanding of who Jesus really is and what he wants us to do with our lives. This may be in marriage, in the religious life or may be as a single person.

Whatever journey we decide to make in life, our relationship with Our Lord will be paramount. The priestly vocation is not better than the married vocation. It is just different. After the First World War my father was the first boy at his local parish school to win a scholarship to a Catholic Grammar School. This school was also a place where the local bishop sent prospective candidates for the priesthood. My grandmother decided that my father would be a priest. He had different ideas. My grandmother did not live long enough to see a grandson ordained as a priest.

We have all been called by the Lord to be his disciples. We received this call when we were baptised. Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of Our Lord, an occasion when the Holy Spirit came down on him in the form of a dove and St John the Baptist heard the words of God: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him. John knew that his mission was over, he had completed the vocation that God had given him." St Paul calls us

ambassadors for Christ. In our role as ambassadors we have a mission to share the good news of the Gospel. This is our calling.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **FATHER HENRY HARDY**

This week marks the anniversary of the death of Father Hardy on 23 January 1918. He was the first parish priest of Corpus Christi Parish. He had previously built new churches in Harrow on the Hill, Rickmansworth, Boxmoor, Berkhamsted as well as Tring and he rightly earned the name of the Apostle of West Hertfordshire.

### **CRIB OFFERINGS**

Offerings at the Crib and the children's offerings on Christmas Eve will be given to the Catholic Children's Society

### **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. We have a monthly Film Club for children (School years 3+). We also have Messy Church on the third Sunday of each month, from 3-5 pm

### **PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

### **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](mailto:h.houston@ntlworld.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).