

Notices for the week beginning 25 January 2015

Sunday 25 January 2015 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 127

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Michael O'Toole (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Andrew Scotland (Anniversary); 10.30 am Mary Sanger RIP

Monday *St Timothy & St Titus (Disciples of St Paul)*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Angela Merici*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Thomas Aquinas*

Mass: 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Margaret Murphy (Lately Dead)

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Mary Todd

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St John Bosco*

Sunday 1 February 2015 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil); 8.30 am Intentions of Sue Valentine; 10.30 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco.

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Gaby Boccino, David Boulton, 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, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Margaret Murphy (formerly Berry) and Michael O'Toole; **Anniversaries:** Margaret Bambridge, Kathleen Beary, Mollie Cartle, Elizabeth Dolphin, Joanne Hussey, Bridget Kehoe, Henry Kerr, Bridget Kirkum, Bernadine Lucas, Nino Marcello, Eliese Mazzullo, David Palmer, Lenore Potter, Alistair Pratt, Andrew Scotland, Lyn Smith, Margaret Taylor, Molly Wall and Harvey Wright. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

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

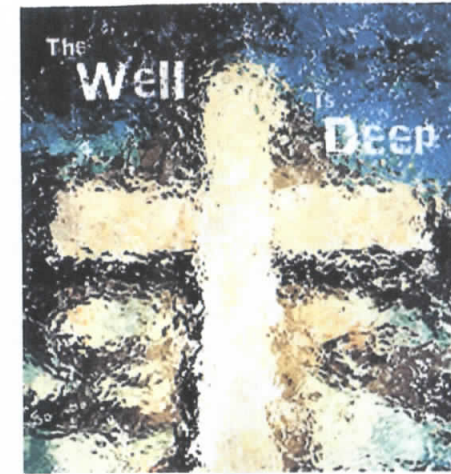
OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS (28/12 to 18/1 inclusive)

Envelopes: £1,254.40 Loose: £636.99 Building Fund: £205.70

December Standing Orders: Offertory £2,438.67 Building Fund £129.33

PARISH NEWS

25 January 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

Last Saturday morning I was sitting at a beachside café in Torquay, Australia, enjoying a cup of coffee. The sun was shining. It was already 30 degrees. People were walking along the beach, some with their children, others with their dogs. A few people were swimming and others surfing in the Southern Ocean. The next day I would baptise my sister's latest grandchild. The joy changed a day later when I heard that my sister Margaret had died. She had suffered a major stroke before Christmas and seemed to be on the road to recover. Sadly she got a fresh infection but died peacefully I shall be in Enfield on Monday for her funeral. Please remember me and my family in your prayers.

Today marks the last day of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Reverend Jo Wetherall, from St John the Baptist Church, Aldbury, will be preaching at the 10.30 mass. The theme of this year's prayer, prepared by the churches in Brazil is "The well is Deep" words from the woman talking To Our Lord at Jacob's Well.

One hot and dusty day, a stranger stops at a well for a drink. A meeting with an inquisitive woman becomes a turning point and a transformative one. It is a meeting where old suspicions, hurts and hatreds are never far away: a Jew and a Samaritan discuss what divides them. It is a meeting where ancient conventions around gender inequality are unexpectedly challenged. The woman tells Jesus that the well is deep and that he has no bucket to get some water. She is offered living water.

Conversations such as these have the potential to change people and how they view one another. One of the most important things we can say about our ecumenical life together is how our pilgrimage together has transformed and deepened our faith and also changed how we view our Christian sisters and brothers from other churches and traditions. The churches of Brazil have given us a powerful image for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, one that reminds us of what we have learnt on our ecumenical journey, but one that challenges us to go deeper in our understanding of one another as we pray for unity of all Christians as Christ himself prayed.

The Brazilians, have traditionally been tolerant of their various social classes and ethnic groups. They are now living through a time of growing intolerance made manifest in high levels of violence, especially against minorities and the vulnerable. Our Lord challenges us to acknowledge that diversity is part of God's design, to approach one another in trust and to see the face of God in the face of all men and women.

Today we would normally celebrate the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. Saul of Tarsus became Paul the Apostle. 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. This week of prayer reminds us that although we have different traditions, laws and customs, there are many things we share together for the good of the Gospel and its message.

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.

CRIB OFFERINGS

Offerings at the Crib totalled £111.44. and will be given to the Catholic Children's Society

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 30 January, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. St Graca Almeida and Sr Natalia Gomes, Comboni Sisters on "Being Missionary Disciples today" For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

A "Come and See" weekend with a difference for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood will take place at Allen Hall seminary in Chelsea for 24 hours from the evening of Friday 20th February. To reserve one of only 12 places, please contact Fr Richard asap at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The Bishops of England & Wales have produced an online survey in order to aid responses to 'The Call, The Journey and The Mission, the spiritual reflection document on the gift of marriage and family life. This will help Cardinal Vincent Nichols, ahead of the Ordinary Synod on the Family in Rome in October, to discern where in your family life "God is at present and at work." The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LaityEW2015>. Responses to the spiritual reflection document can also be sent in the usual way by post or email to the Marriage and Family Life Office, 46 Vaughan House, London, SW1P 1QN or family@rcdow.org.uk. The deadline for the online surveys is the 17th April 2015.

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.