

Notices for the week beginning 22 February 2015

Sunday 22 February 2015 First Sunday of Lent

Mass Book, pages 7 and 137

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Frankie Lynch (Anniversary); 8.30 am Sarah Ravencroft (Lately Dead); 10.30 am Sheila McGrath (Sick)

Monday *St Polycarp*

No Mass

Tuesday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Dorothy Long and Pia Nowaczewska RIP

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Thanksgiving

Friday *Lent Feria [Lent Fast Day]*

Mass: 10.00 am Winifred Maloney RIP

Stations of the Cross: 10.30 am and 7.30 pm

Saturday *Lent Feria*

Confessions: 10-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 1 March 2015 Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Christine O'Toole; 8.30 am Michael Royd Smith RIP); 10.30 am Mike Lambert (Lately Dead)

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, 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, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Clair Sutton, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Mike Lambert and Sarah Ravencroft; **Anniversaries:** Kelly Balco, Ted Bryant, Patricia Calladine, Susan Clifford, Brian Cusack, Anna Marmolino Durante, Brian Fitzgerald, Eddie Goodwin, Elizabeth Harwood, Joseph Harwood, John Henry, John Ireton, Billie Kehoe, Mary McDonnell, Julie O'Mahoney, Daniel Renihan, Jack Webster, Lily Weeks
May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015	6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
28 Feb/1 Mar E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
R	J Ruck M Valentine	D Crauford L Hutt	S Lewington H Houston
W		D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

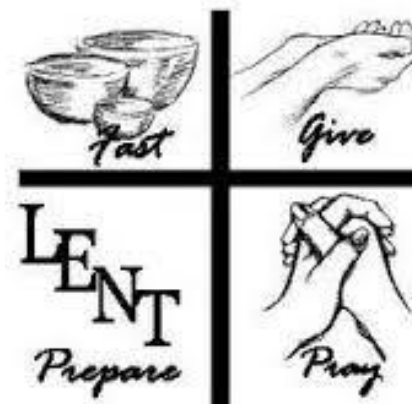
Envelopes: £293.40

Loose: £174.65

Building Fund: £47.00

PARISH NEWS

22 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

On the First Sunday of Lent we are told in the Gospel of the forty days that Our Lord spent in the wilderness. This year we hear St Mark's account of that time. He does not give details of the three temptations described by the other evangelists. He talks about Jesus being tested by Satan and how he emerged triumphant and began to speak for the first time about his mission. The words he spoke were: "The Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News."


We are encouraged by the Church to do something special during Lent. It is entirely up to us to decide what to do. The traditional things recommended in the Gospel involve prayer, fasting and acts of kindness that are often spoken of as the works of mercy. Our Lord calls us to repentance, a word that in the Greek language means change of heart. He invites us to have a change of heart and mind. Only then can we do other things. This is what Lent is all about.

Last year we saw some frightening pictures of people in the Somerset Levels coming to terms with the devastating floods. Their homes were damaged, sheep and cattle were drowned but many animals were rescued and taken to higher ground. We also saw incredible acts of kindness by farmers from all over the country coming with supplies of hay and other foodstuffs to help their brother farmers. Next Friday is the annual Lent Fast Day which supports the work of CAFOD. The theme of this year's appeal is to help people in other countries, especially Burma (now known as Myanmar), who do not have friendly farmers who can come to their aid. They need to build sea defences but do not have the resources. A changing climate and increasingly extreme weather have the biggest impact on those who are least able to cope. But we can help our sisters and brothers around the world to adapt to that impact now.

In the first reading today we are reminded of God's covenant with humanity after the Great Flood. God told Noah that he would never again flood the land. Yet our own actions and lifestyle choices increasingly cause damage to the world around us and impact on our neighbours near and far. This Lent let us remember God's covenant, and recommit ourselves to care for all of God's creation – both the environment, and our sisters and brothers throughout the world.

Please give whatever you can. There is an envelope included with this newsletter. Please try to say the CAFOD prayer, also included, every day during Lent as part of your daily prayers. There will be a special collection next Sunday after Communion to receive your gifts.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Youth Club meets again tomorrow, after the half-term holiday, from 7 to 9 pm in the Parish Hall. Next Monday, 2 March, there will also be the monthly Film Club, from 4.30 to 6.15 pm. The film will be The Lego Movie. SPOG meets on Friday evening. SPOG is also

visiting Quasar in Hemel Hempstead at 6.00 pm on 27 March. For more information, please contact Dan.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight is from 23 February to 8 March. This year the theme is 'the power of everyday choices'. It is a reminder about how we can make a difference to the poverty and inequality of opportunity in the world by buying products showing the Fairtrade mark in our everyday grocery shop. Choosing a Fairtrade cuppa can mean clean water for a community. The Justice & Peace Group are organising a stall next Saturday morning, 28th February (outside St Peter & St Paul's Church) to mark Fairtrade Fortnight and we have a fun 'taste the difference' theme between Fairtrade and non-Fairtrade chocolate. Come along and support us. For more information visit www.justiceandpeacetring.org

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE CAMPAIGN

The church will be open next Sunday from 2.00 to 3.00 pm, for an prayer and reflection as part of the 'Pray & Fast for the Climate Campaign'. The purpose is to provide a time for parishioners and other Christians in Tring to pray for a meaningful and just global climate agreement at the UN Climate talks later this year. The other churches in Tring will have similar hours of pray every month.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This annual event takes place on the first Friday of March and this year on 6 March there will be a service at High Street Baptist Church. All the ladies of the parish are invited to take part. For more information please see the notice at the back of church.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER

Please put your Caritas Envelope in the offertory basket today along with your usual Sunday offering.

HUSTINGS

Churches Together In Tring are discussing ways in which local candidates at the forthcoming General Election would be invited for a Hustings session with the local churches and other groups in Tring. The Churches in Tring have formed a small committee to plan ahead. If anyone would like to represent Corpus Christi at the meetings, please contact Canon Berry.

COME AND SEE DAYS FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Three 'Come and See' days will take place in the coming months for men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. These will be held on 7 March at St Edward the Confessor, Golders Green, 18 April at Ealing Abbey, Ealing, and 16 May at Sacred Heart and St Joseph, Ware. All the days will begin at 10am in the respective parish hall, ending at noon. No registration is needed and wives are welcome to attend. For further information contact Deacon Anthony Clark 020 8455 9822, Deacon Adrian Cullen 01920 462140 or Deacon Gordon Nunn 020 8862 2162.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 March Prayer Breakfast at St Bartholomew's Church, Wigginton at 8.30 am