

Notices for the week beginning 8 February 2015

Sunday 8 February 2015 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 127

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.

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Scholastica*

No Mass

Wednesday *Our Lady of Lourdes*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Rose Beck

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Patsy Cunningham RIP

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Fr Geoffrey Eneh (Anniversary)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Cyril & St Methodius*

Sunday 15 February 2015 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Luiza Pinto RIP; 8.30 am Intentions of the Pennicott Family;

10.30 am Sean Murphy (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, Peter Miles, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Clair Sutton, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Sean Murphy and Raxma Whitehead; **Anniversaries:** Father Geoffrey Eneh, Sister Agnes de Sales, Margaret Cepozzo, David Ciano, Julie Connolly, Harry Hornsby, Florence Ives, William Kehoe, Margaret Mahoney, Aenne Marx, Charles Morgan, Frances Noon, Joan Salmons, Margaret Smyth, Mary Taaffe and Eric Gordon Wallen. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2015 | | 6.00 pm Vigil | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 14/15 Feb | E | F Sherratt | A Halliday | D Long W Hinds |
| | R | M Miles J Ruck | K Masterson C Pennicott | H Houston S Lewington |
| | W | | D Kerr | |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £307.00 Loose: £149.99 Building Fund: £46.00

January Standing Orders: Offertory £1,605 Building Fund: £129.00

PARISH NEWS

8 February 2015



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Times of Services

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| 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

Our Gospel story today begins in Capernaum, sometimes called Capharnaum which means the village of Nahum. It was the home of Simon Peter. There was a synagogue paid for by a local centurion who was a pagan, not Jewish. He was the man who asked Jesus to heal his servant who was gravely ill. We are reminded of him before we receive Holy Communion when we say: "Lord I am not worthy to receive you under my roof. Say but the word and my soul shall be healed." A few years ago the ruins of the synagogue were discovered. A memorial stone mentioned Pontius Pilate and was thus dated to the time of Our Lord.

Today we continue to hear a reading from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. He cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. After sunset when the Sabbath was over, He cured many others who were brought to him for healing. At the end of a long day he and the apostles retired to bed. The next morning, Jesus rose early and went up into the hills to pray. Later Peter and the others went looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples. They act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. They seem to have wanted to stay and make Capernaum the headquarters of Our Lord's Mission but Jesus had different ideas. He needed to continue his mission in other towns and cities. Above all his ministry included preaching the good news. St Mark saw this as more important than anything else.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick are also signs of the Kingdom of God. Pope Francis has spoken about this on many occasions. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

We are sometimes wrapped up in our daily lives with one problem after another to face and resolve. Because of this we can lose sight of our true calling. Like Job, whom we hear about in our first reading today, we are left struggling, not knowing what to do. Sickness, mental illness, stress and anxiety make it difficult for some of us to find a meaning in our lives. Simon's mother-in-law was totally incapacitated by a fever. She was restored to full health when Jesus touched her and she helped her up so that she could minister to him and the apostles and to be of service to them. We too must learn to be of service to each other.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

ASH WEDNESDAY

It seem incredible but in ten days time, a week on Wednesday, we shall begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

This year the Fairtrade Fortnight is from 23 February to 8 March.

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.

LENT AT THE NILAND CENTRE

The Niland Centre is at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey, Herts. WD23 4EE. The following events take place during Lent: **Why Climate Change Really Matters**—with CAFOD Saturday 21 February, 10am-4pm. Reflections in the light of the General Election; **Ashes to Fire**—looking at the Sunday readings of Lent with Sr Anne Walsh OP. Wednesdays from 25th February, 10am-12noon; **Lenten day of Prayer, Reflection & Meditation**—with Sr Anne Walsh OP & Sr Regina McGarry OP. Tuesday 3 March, 10am-3pm (includes Mass); **Creative Prayer**—meeting our Creator in creative materials with Cecilia Finn. Saturday, 14 March, 10am-3pm. Materials provided. **Stations of the Cross**—a seated meditation with Sr Avril Foster OP. Thursday, 19 March, 2pm-3.30. Refreshments provided at all events. Details at <http://www.nilandconferencecentre.co.uk/programme-of-events/> or 020 8950 4000

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 15 February | Messy Church |
| 7 March | Prayer Breakfast at St Bartholomew's Church, Wigginton at 8.30 am |
| 6 April | Prayer Breakfast at Corpus Christi Church at 8.30 am |
| 2 May | Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul Church at 8.30 am |

Breakfast is served at 8.30 am followed by prayer for local and world needs