

Notices for the week beginning 1 March 2015

Sunday 1 March 2015 Second Sunday of Lent

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Christine O'Toole; 8.30 am Michael Royd Smith RIP;

10.30 am Mike Lambert (Lately Dead)

Monday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am For the 21 Coptic Christians – People of the Cross

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am People of the Parish

Friday *Lent Feria* [*Women's World Day of Prayer*]

Mass: 10.00 am Denis Lyons (Lately Dead)

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 8 March 2015 Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Kathleen Cowley (Lately Dead); 8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30

am John Moloney RIP

PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, David Boulton, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davey, Melanie Edwards, Breda Farrington, Judy Fernandes, 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*: Kathleen Cowley, Mike Lambert, Denis Lyons and Winifred Maloney; *Anniversaries*: Alice Bennett, Alice Brannon, Mark Carroll, Doria Couchman, John Diamond, Theodosia Grabowski, James Herring, Barbara Maxwell, Frances Pennock, Katie Puma, June Roberts, Lino Sammut, Andrew Scotland, Douglas Sears and Matilda Valentine. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
7/8 Mar	E	G Booth F Sherratt	A Halliday	D Marsh H Houston
	R	D Leadbetter M Miles	M Hart P Milton	W Hinds G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £293.40

Loose: £174.65

Building Fund: £47.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

1 March 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

In 1940 a young Swiss student, son of a Protestant pastor and a Huguenot French mother, fell ill with tuberculosis. As he recovered from his illness he felt the call to serve those who were suffering from the conflict of World War II. His maternal grandmother had done the same in the Great War. He cycled from Geneva to a little village called Taizé in Burgundy not far from the great Benedictine Abbey of Cluny and the Cistercian Abbey of Cîteaux. He would later become known as Brother Roger of Taizé. He bought an empty house, where for two years he and his sister, Genevieve, hid refugees, both Christian and Jewish, before being forced to leave Taizé, after being tipped off that the Gestapo had become aware of their activities.

During his illness Roger had decided to attempt to lead a new way of life just as Ignatius of Loyola had done when recovering from war wounds. Ignatius founded the Jesuit Order and Roger founded the Taizé Community. In 1944, Roger returned to Taizé and invited others to join him. Some were Protestant and some were Catholic. Although it was a monastic community, the brothers went out each day to work in their own professions and trades including doctors, lawyers, teachers, carpenters and others. They lived together in poverty and obedience and developed their own prayer services similar to that in Catholic monasteries.

Within ten years many young people were attracted to visit the community and share in the religious life for a few days. Each year over 100,000 young people go to Taizé and experience the presence of Christ in a powerful way. Some felt a great urge to stay just like St Peter did in today's Gospel. Having seen Jesus transfigured in the presence of Moses and Elijah, he wanted his friends James and John to stay there in the Lord's presence. It was not to be. Our Lord had a mission to complete and wanted the three disciples to be part of this, not on a mountain top but down among the people in towns and villages. The Taizé Community is always going out into the world of ordinary people, especially the poor and disadvantaged as part of what they call "a pilgrimage of trust on earth." At the same time they continue their mission at Taizé Taizé to lead visitors in weekly meetings of prayer and reflection. Brother Roger established a special bond with Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI who gave special permission for the Protestant members to attend mass and receive holy communion from the Catholic priests who were part of the community. Brother Roger and Mother Teresa also built up a special bond with their common concern for the poor and disadvantaged.

Brother Roger was stabbed to death in 2005 by a deranged woman whom he had tried to help. His funeral was a remarkable occasion. It was presided over by Cardinal Kasper, President of the Church Unity Department in Rome and the four Catholic priests who were members of the Taizé Community. The huge abbey church was full and thousands gathered outside to share in the funeral of this remarkable man.

Last November Pope Francis travelled to Turkey to meet the Patriarch of Constantinople and at one of their meetings he spoke about the search for full communion between the Churches and cited three "voices" calling particularly for unity: the poor, victims of conflict and young people." Speaking about the latter, he added: "It is precisely the young who today implore us

to make progress towards full communion. I think for example of the many Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant youth who come together at meetings organized by the Taizé community. They do not do this because they are not aware of the differences which still separate us, but because they are able to see beyond them; they are able to embrace what is really important and what already unites us."

As we reflect on the Transfiguration today we are reminded by Our Lord that the encounter of the apostles with him does not mean flying from the world but sharing in the suffering of the world. They did not understand that they were being given a glimpse of the future life of glory which had to be preceded by suffering and death. Sharing in the glory of Christ meant also following the path of the cross. This is one of the messages of Lent.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

This coming Monday we have our monthly Film Club! We will be watching the Lego Movie! Anyone from school year 3+ is welcome to come along! It starts at 4.30 and should finish around 6.15! SPOG will be visiting Quasar in Hemel Hempstead at 6.00 pm on 27 March. For more information, please contact Dan.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 23 FEBRUARY TO 8 MARCH

This year the theme is 'the power of everyday choices'. We can make a difference to the poverty and inequality of opportunity in the world by buying products showing the Fairtrade mark. Choosing a Fairtrade cuppa can mean clean water for a community.

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE CAMPAIGN

The church will be open today from 2.00 to 3.00 pm, for an hour of 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.

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.