

Notices for the week beginning 15 March 2015

Sunday 15 March 2015 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass Book, pages 7 and 166

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Margaret and Tom Blackburne and members of the Scotland Family RIP; 10.30 am Father Henry Madden RIP

Monday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Michael Kelly (Very Ill)

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Susanna Horwood (Anniversary)

Friday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Richard Berry (Anniversary)

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 22 March 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Mary Brown (Anniversary); 8.30 am Rob Court (Sick);

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Todd

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Rob Court, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Lorraine Davey, Melanie Edwards, Breda Farrington, Judy Fernandes, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Michael Kelly, Adeline Lewis, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Sylvina Rodrigues, Clair Sutton, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Latently Dead:** Father Chris Madden, Kathleen Cowley and Annie Dillon; **Anniversaries:** Helen Andrew, Harold Bennett, Richard Berry, Mary Brown, Eric Burgess, Teresa Butler, Fosca De Cesco, Leo Foster, Norman Hodge, Susanna Horwood, Gertrud Kerstgens, John McGuinness, Ronald Maslinski, Maud Grant Scarfe, Marianne Seward, Reginal Sherratt, Cecil Valentine, Olive Watson and Raymond Weed. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
14/15 Mar	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	M Valentine J Ruck	C Pennicott S Wright	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £408.50

Loose: £145.39

Building Fund: £417.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

15 March 2015



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Times of Services

Sunday
Holydays
Weekday
Saturday

Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am

Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am
5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

Today is Mothering Sunday. During the 16th-century domestic servants were given the day off so that they could go home and see their own mothers. Often it was the only day of the year when families could come together. It was also a day when people living in villages would travel to their local town to visit the mother church. They spoke of going “a-mothering.” We sometimes speak of the Church as Holy Mother Church. It has become the custom to celebrate today as a day when we specially think of the role of mothers and grandmothers.

Today is also seen as the half-way point in Lent and rose vestments replace purple vestments. The entrance chant begins with the word “Laetare” which means “Rejoice.” It is a feeling of joy and love that links together all the readings at mass today. First the people of Israel, after seventy years exile in Babylon, were allowed to return to their homeland. St Paul, writing to the Ephesians, reminds them that the great gift of God’s boundless love and grace comes to us from Jesus Christ and he speaks of us as God’s works of art. Finally in the Gospel Our Lord tells Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son. It thus became possible for the promise made in the Garden of Eden to be fulfilled in that Son.

On Wednesdays Pope Francis usually speaks to the crowds gathered in St Peter’s Square and last Wednesday he continued his series of talks on family life. He concentrated on the role played by elderly people, especial grandmothers and grandfathers. He referred to the story in St Luke’s Gospel of the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple. Two old people, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple guided by the Holy Spirit. They hoped in the Lord’s promise made in the Garden of Eden and were blessed by God to see that promised fulfilled. Pope Francis described them as models of spirituality for the elderly. Their whole lives were centred on prayer.

The Holy Father reiterated that the prayer of grandparents is a great grace and a great gift for families and for the Church. He said: “In prayer, they thank the Lord for his blessings, otherwise so often unacknowledged; they intercede for the hopes and needs of the young; they lift up to God the memory and sacrifices of past generations.” He also spoke of how prayer helps us to find the wisest way to teach the young that the true meaning of life is found in self-sacrificing love and concern for others.” He urged young people to listen to their grandparents. He delved into his own memories when he said “I still treasure the words my grandmother wrote to me on the day of my ordination. I carry them with me to this day inside my breviary.”

Prayer is important in the daily life of Pope Francis and he urges us to give priority to prayer in our own lives. During Lent we have Stations of the Cross each Friday at 10.30 am (after mass) and 7.30 pm in the evening. Please try to come along at one of these times.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

MANY THANKS

There have been two special collections recently. The Cardinal’s appeal for Lenten Alms came to £483.00 and the CAOFOOD appeal for Family Fast Day raised £422.00. Many thanks for your generous response to both appeals.

PLANNED GIVING

Your present supply of envelopes runs out shortly. Your new supply will be at the back of church next Sunday. If anyone would like to start using envelopes, please give your name and address to Canon Berry or send details by email to tring@rcdow.org.uk. If you would prefer to pay by Standing Order please send an email. Finally if you have not already made a Gift Aid declaration which increases the value of your gift, please ask for a form.

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 5.00-6 pm. There will be a monthly Film Club for children (School years 3+) and the first film is tomorrow, Monday 6 October, from 4.30-6.30 pm. There is also a Messy Church on the third Sunday of each month. There is a Messy Church today so that families can celebrate Mothering Sunday.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

On the 16th March High Street Baptist Church will be hosting another Dementia Awareness evening, on 'Coping and Caring', advice, help and information. 7.30 to 9.00 pm.

HIGH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

About forty members of HSB Church and other members of the community in Tring have been to Belgium commemorating 100 years since the death of a Tring resident who was awarded the VC in WW1. Last Friday, when the party was about to return to Tring, one of the party, Gill Rolls, was crossing a road and was involved in an serious accident. She has been taken to hospital and is in intensive care. Please pray for her and her husband Nick and brother Michael who travelled to Ypres yesterday to be with her. She is receiving excellent care from the hospital in Ypres. Please also pray for members of the party that have been traumatised by this incident.

LENT LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAKFAST

This week’s Lent Lunch is at St Peter & St Paul Church. We need your help to provide the Lent Lunch at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 25 March from 12 noon until 2 pm. Also the Prayers Breakfast on Saturday 4 April. If you can help, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

TRING HUSTINGS

The Churches of Tring and Tring Together have combined to arrange the Hustings and the candidates for the main parties have been invited to be present. The date is now confirmed for Thursday 16th April and will take place at Desborough Hall, Tring School. The doors will open at 7.30pm Please come along and meet your parliamentary candidates for our constituency of South West Hertfordshire.