

## Notices for the week beginning 22 March 2015

### Sunday 22 March 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Todd

Monday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Megan Landells (Lately Dead)

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am World Peace

Friday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Rita & Tom Gibney (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 29 March 2015 Palm Sunday

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Joseph Halliday, Declassa and Fletcher Roper; 8.30 am John Lehane (Anniversary); 10.30 am World Peace

### 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, Gill Rollsprayer, Clair Sutton, Merridee and Naomi Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Megan Landells; **Anniversaries:** Sr Louise Aimée, Sr Margarita-Cecilia Prömer, Arnold Allen, Gerard Barker, Arthur Berry, Eleanor Brogan, Mary Brown, Beryl Carter, Noel Clarke, Sybil Clay, Eric Cooper, Liam Donovan, Nicholas Egan, William Formosa-Holt, Linda Gallagher, Catherine Gannon, Rita and Tom Gibney, Giles Harwood, Rose Hollis, Stella Kowalewski, John Lehane, Henry Gordon Lloyd, Joseph McCorckle, Eileen McGuire, Maria Messeri, John Povey, Ursula Robjohn, Rose Rogers, Kathleen Tucker, John Walker, Timothy Whelan and Emilio Zerafa. 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: £282.95

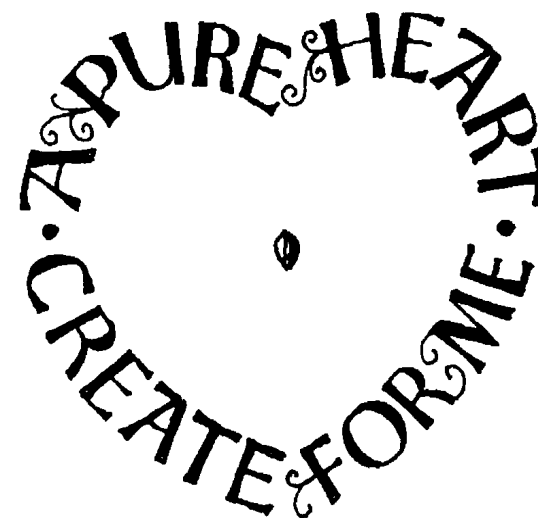
Loose: £194.57

Building Fund: £44.00

## PARISH NEWS

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22 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

Lent is a journey to Easter, a journey of hope. Along the way we take stock of our lives and turn to the Lord who is a God of mercy and compassion. In a week's time we enter Holy Week and celebrate Our Lord's journey to Jerusalem. Each mass will begin with the blessing and procession of palms. This leads us to the last events in Our Lord's life: the Last Supper, his Passion and Death and the Easter Vigil to celebrate the Resurrection. The times of services for Holy Week are given later in this newsletter. We are urged to attend the Mass of the Last Supper, the Liturgy of the Passion and the Easter Vigil. I would also like as many of us as possible to take part in the Procession of Witness on Good Friday.

A week ago Pope Francis met a community of laypeople and his message gives us food for thought. He said that lay people are called to permeate the family, work and social environments with Christian values through their witness and words and by meeting people in the concrete situations of their lives, so that they may live in "full dignity" and be "reached by the salvation of Christ." He encouraged them to be "on the front lines, to feel part of the mission of the Church" and "to live their daily lives "dedicated to the realities" of the world. He reminded them that the lifeblood which transforms our hearts is the Holy Spirit.

Today the Prophet Jeremiah tells us that although we live in the present we also live for the future, a future written in our hearts. In the psalm today we ask God to create a pure heart for us. St Paul tells us that on our life journey we are to walk in the newness of life that Our Lord offers us. We should ask ourselves what do I need to do to be a good Catholic, a good disciple, a good follower of Jesus? Jesus says we need to empty ourselves, to surrender, to be obedient to the will of the Father, to die to self so that all those whose lives we touch may experience and share in the fruit of Jesus' love, of Jesus' care, of Jesus' mercy, and most of all, of Jesus' presence.

Last week Pope Francis marked the second anniversary of his election as pope. He announced that on 8 December, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Church would celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the close of the Second Vatican Council. On that day he would inaugurate a special Holy Year which would be a Year of Mercy. He wants us all to you this special time of jubilee to strengthen our endeavours to reveal to other that our God is a God of mercy and that we want to welcome back to our community those who have fallen by the wayside, those who have left the Church through the actions of so-called good people, those who have been overwhelmed by the burdens of daily life. Try to spend a few moments reading today's psalm which begins: "Have mercy on me God in your kindness." It is one of the seven Penitential Psalms. As we continue on our Lenten journey we should be open to allow Christ to lead us through unexpected places. He is a God of surprises. It is the end of the journey that matters. As we share in his suffering life we can then share in the glory of his risen life.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

## **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

### **Palm Sunday**

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

### **Monday in Holy Week**

10.00 am Mass; Confessions: 10.30 – 11.00 am; 7.30-8.00 pm

### **Tuesday in Holy Week**

12.00 noon: Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral

Confessions: 7.30-8.00 pm

### **Spy Wednesday**

10.00 am Mass Confessions: 10.30-11.00 am; 7.30-8.00 pm

### **Maundy Thursday**

**8.00 pm Mass of the Last Supper People of the Parish**

### **Good Friday**

11.00 am Procession of Witness

3.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion

### **Holy Saturday**

8.00 pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

### **Easter Sunday**

Mass 8.30 am and 10.30 am

## **PLANNED GIVING**

Those of you who use planned giving envelopes are asked to collect their new supply today. They can be found at the back of church. 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](mailto: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.

## **LENT LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAKFAST**

This week's Lent Lunch is at Corpus Christi on Wednesday 25 March from 12 noon until 2 pm. We need helpers. We also need helpers for the Prayer 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.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**25 March Lenten Lunch, Corpus Christi Church Hall, 12 noon to 2 pm**

25 March Justice and Peace Meeting, at St. Peter & St. Paul Church Hall  
(behind the church), Tring from 7.30 to 9.00 pm

1 April Lenten Lunch, High Street Baptist Church, 12 noon to 2.00 pm

**4 April Prayer Breakfast at Corpus Christi Church at 8.30 am**