

Notices for the week beginning 29 March 2015

Sunday 29 March 2015 Palm Sunday

Mass Book, pages 7 and 180

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Joseph Halliday, Declassa and Fletcher Roper;

8.30 am John Lehane (Anniversary); 10.30 am World Peace

Monday *Monday in Holy Week*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of David Hinds; Confessions 10.30 am and 7.30 pm

Tuesday *In Holy Week*

No Mass. Confessions 7.30 pm

Wednesday *Spy Wednesday*

Mass: 10.00 am Loraine Davey (Lately Dead); Confessions 10.30 am and 7.30 pm

Thursday *Maundy Thursday*

Mass: 8.00 pm Mass of the Last Supper

Friday *Lent Feria*

3.00 pm Liturgy of the Passion

Saturday *Holy Saturday*

8.00 pm Easter Vigil People of the Parish

Sunday 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday

8.30 am Private Intention; 10.30 am Desmond Togher (Anniversary)

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Rob Court, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Bertram De Souza, Melanie Edwards, , 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:** Lorraine Davey and Breda Farrington; **Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Axe, Joseph Betts, Sinead Butler, Juliet Cooke, Ernest Couchman, John Cronin, Verna Evans, John Fraser, Kathleen Hill, Lodzia Jabs, David Lawless, Jack Lyons, Thomas McQuillan, Johann Manzenreiter, William Orłowski, Annette Packer, Lenor Palomares, Helen Swan, Ernest Taylor, Douglas Valentine and Paul Alexander Whitton. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
28/29 Mar	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	J Ruck M Valentine	L Hutt M Hart	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

29 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 we begin the most important week in the Church's year. In the Greek Orthodox Church it is called Great and Holy Week. It begins with the completion of Our Lord's journey to Jerusalem. In the days before Passover, pilgrims arrive for "the going up" and gather together in groups to sing psalms as they enter the gates of Jerusalem and go up to Mount Zion to enter the grounds of the Temple. Our Lord was part of one of these groups of pilgrims and the psalms were appropriate for the King of the Jews. St Mark tells us the story in his Gospel. Jesus does not come across as a conquering hero leading a conquering army. All he has is his small group of apostles and disciples. He is the humble teacher prophesied by the Prophet Zechariah humbly riding on a donkey. Spy Wednesday will highlight the background of plotting and betrayal with Judas agreeing to spy on Jesus looking for a moment when Our Lord can be arrested by the authorities. All for thirty pieces of silver. St Mark describes a meal which Our Lord shared in the house of Simon the Leper in Bethany, where Martha, Mary and Lazarus also lived. A woman anointed the feet of Jesus with precious ointment, seen as preparing him for his burial.

On the evening that we call Maundy Thursday Our Lord and his apostles gathered for a Passover meal, probably in the house of St Mark. The traditional setting of the Seder, as our Jewish brethren call it, became the occasion of the first Eucharist. Ordinary bread and wine became the Body and Blood of the Lord. The meal concluded with psalms being sung as Jesus led his companions to the Garden of Gethsemane where he experienced his agony. This was followed by the betrayal and arrest. On Good Friday we recall his journey to Calvary. Our Procession of Witness from St Martha's Church to St Peter and St Paul's Church reminds us and the people of Tring of that painful journey. On Friday afternoon we come together as the community of Corpus Christi to celebrate the Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord. The three-day celebration of the Sacred Triduum concludes with the Easter Vigil when we hear stories from the Old Testament that lead us to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection.

How should we take part this week? The Church invites us to get as close as we can to Our Lord in the three major events on Maundy Thursday evening, Good Friday afternoon as Holy Saturday night. St Paul, in today's epistle, tells the Philippians and all of us to do what Jesus did, to empty ourselves of anything that would prevent us from doing what God wants. Following Our Lord, especially in tough times, is the way to glory and to eternal life. As we read or hear being read the words of St Mark's Gospel we can see the steadfast fidelity of Jesus compared with the weakness of the apostles and the fickleness of the crowds. On Palm Sunday the crowds cry out "Hosanna" in honour of Jesus but a few days they are screaming for his blood. To celebrate the promise given to us to guide us to his resurrection we have first to follow him to the cross. Our Procession of Witness on Good Friday morning helps us to enter into the spirit of Holy Week. Our procession is a silent witness to this. This is an event for the whole family. Please come if you can.

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

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

LENT LUNCH AND PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thanks to all who came to the Lent Lunch last Wednesday, especially those who helped to serve the lunch. We now need helpers for the Prayer Breakfast next Saturday 4 April. If you can help, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

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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

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

6 April Film Club 4.30 – 6.15 The film is called Paddington