

Notices for the week beginning 8 March 2015

Sunday 8 March 2015 Third Sunday of Lent

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Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Kathleen Cowley (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Leo Foster (Anniversary);

10.30 am John Moloney RIP

Monday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Thanksgiving

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Lent Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Annie Dillon (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 15 March 2015 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Margaret and Tom Blackbourne and members of the Scotland Family RIP; 10.30 am Father Henry Madden 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:** Father Chris Madden, Kathleen Cowley and Annie Dillon; **Anniversaries:** Dorothy Adams, Margaret and Tom Blackbourne, Alexei Borisov, William Cusack, Gina Davey, Bernard Davies, Nial Doherty, Kath Farrington, Leo Foster, Dorothy Francis, Hugh Gallagher, Helen Hart, Thomas Harte, Walter Hawking, John Murray, Catherine Proctor, Alice Sherratt, Michael Toman and Jennifer Wright, 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

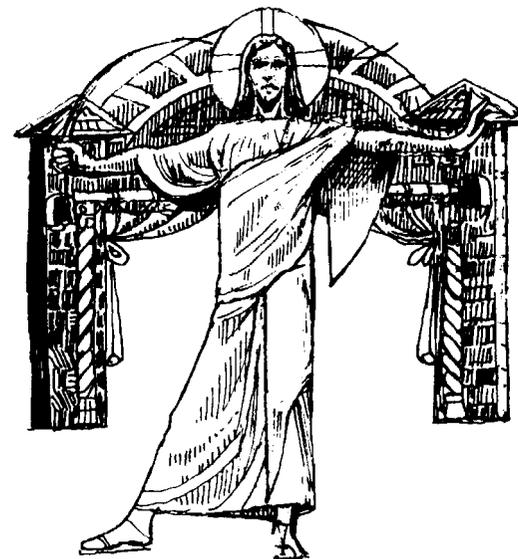
Envelopes: £408.50 Loose: £145.39 Building Fund: £417.00

Standing Orders for February: Offertory £1,574 Building Fund: £113.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

8 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

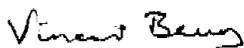
My dear people

As part of our Lenten journey we are asked to get rid of all that gets in the way of our relationship with God. This will then enable us to be open to our mission to share with others the good news we have received. In his message issued two years ago, *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis calls us to become 'missionary disciples.' Our bishops have taken to heart the words of Pope Francis: "I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelisation marked by this joy, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come." He speaks of the parish as an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a centre of constant missionary outreach. We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented."

The bishops have introduced a programme which will last for the next few months. They have called it Proclaim 15. They want every parishioner in every parish to take to heart the appeal of Pope Francis and to respond to a conference in Birmingham next July when representatives from every diocese will come together. Before then we and every other parish will be asked to hold a prayer vigil in our parish churches. Our diocese of Westminster is embarking on a journey to respond to the Pope's call of discernment to see how we can in our parishes reflect upon our gifts and discern more deeply how we might best share the good news that Jesus Christ has triumphed over sin and death, and walks with us on our journey of faith to lead us to new life. He wants us as a parish to become more welcoming and missionary, so that we may be known and loved by all people.

Pope Francis reminds us: "In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (Cf. Matthew 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals, while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized." I don't know how we can translate these words into action but we do have this responsibility of sharing our faith with others. That is what we mean by evangelization. This is not just for non-Catholics. It is for those who should be with us at Sunday mass. There may be many reasons why they are not here. One important part of Proclaim 15 is to make people welcome. This includes welcoming people back. Perhaps we can reflect on this during our Lenten journey and come up with some ideas of what we should do.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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.

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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TRING

CTT will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 10th March at 8.00 pm. The AGM will be held at St Martha's Methodist Church, at the corner of Chapel Street and King Street. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

COME AND SEE DAYS FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Two more 'Come and See' days will take place in the coming months for men who are interested in the Permanent Diaconate. These will be held on 18 April at Ealing Abbey, Ealing, and 16 May at Sacred Heart and St Joseph, Ware. All the days will begin at 10am in the respective parish hall, ending at noon. No registration is needed and wives are welcome to attend. For further information contact Deacon Anthony Clark 020 8455 9822, Deacon Adrian Cullen 01920 462140 or Deacon Gordon Nunn 020 8862 2162.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Fairtrade Fortnight comes to an end this weekend. The following prayer has been composed for it:

Father, in all things let us seek to become imitators of you: You are full of knowledge and infinite wisdom. Help us to carefully consider where our products come from, making wise decisions about what we buy. You abhor slavery. Encourage us to play our part in freeing people around the world who are trapped in extreme poverty. You say that a worker deserves their wages. Forgive us for the times we have given our money to companies who don't provide their staff with a living wage. Empower us to change old habits so that our spending honours you. You dance upon injustice and tell us to speak up for the voiceless. Give us the courage to inspire others to take action too. You are love. Let your tender compassion for each one of your children move us to care for our global family across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 March	Lenten Lunch, St Cross, Wilstone Village Hall, 12 noon to 2 pm
18 March	Lenten Lunch, Mothers Union, SS Peter & Paul, 12 noon to 2 pm
25 March	Lenten Lunch, Corpus Christi Church Hall, 12 noon to 2 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
2 May	Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul Church at 8.30 am
6 June	Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church at 8.30 am