

## Notices for the week beginning 12 April 2015

### Sunday 12 April 2015 Low Sunday (Second of Easter)

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6.00 pm (Vigil) Patsy McCoy (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Damascene & Amy De Souza RIP;

10.30 am Intentions of David Hinds

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Easter Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Dennis Ridley (Anniversary)

Thursday *Easter Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Sheila McGrath (Sick)

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Marjorie Bolton (Sick)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday *Easter Feria* Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

### Sunday 19 April 2015 Third Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Private Intention;

10.30 am Catherine Faulkner (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 Wadling; **Lately Dead:** Patsy McCoy; **Anniversaries:** Thomas Day, Lilian de Lusignan, Damascene & Amy De Souza, Catherine Faulkner, Thomas Harte, Leslie Hayes, Rebecca Johnson, Joseph Kane, Bridget McGuinness, Belinda Reynolds, Dennis Ridley, Paul Rutland, George Stoddart, Kevin Sutton, Monica Swainson, Anne Tobin, John Twining, Albert Valentine, Annie Watson, May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2015        |   | 6.00 pm Vigil         | 8.30 am                    | 10.30 am                 |
|-------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 18/19 April | E | F Sherratt<br>G Booth | A Halliday                 | P Apps<br>D Long         |
|             | R | M Valentine<br>J Lee  | K Masterson<br>C Pennicott | S Lewington<br>H Houston |
|             | W |                       | D Kerr                     |                          |

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £385.00

Loose: £546.96

Building Fund: £49.55

Standing Orders for March: Offertory £1,883

Building fund: £113

## PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

12 April 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

During the past two weeks Pope Francis has delivered a number of messages and homilies, linked with the events of Holy Week and Easter. One recurring thought is that we should continue to bring to others the Good News that Christ is risen. He suffered and died but the story was not complete until he overcame sin and death by rising from the dead. One important message for us is this: "We can bring the Gospel to others only if it has made a deep impact in our lives."

Easter, like Christmas and several other feasts, is not a one day celebration. It is an eight-day event. The word octave is used to describe this. Today marks the close of the Easter Octave. It has several names – Low Sunday (following the High Sunday of Easter Day), the Second Sunday of Easter, Thomas Sunday (the story of Doubting Thomas in today's Gospel) and Quasimodo Sunday (named after the opening word of the entrance chant in today's mass).

The Jewish feast of Passover (which coincided with our Easter celebrations last Sunday) was celebrated for fifty days, ending with the feast of Pentecost (which means fiftieth day in the Greek language) and our Easter festivities last for fifty days, ending with Whit Sunday or Pentecost when we recall the Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

Throughout Eastertide we hear passages from the Acts of the Apostles which tell us about the first days and weeks of the lives of the apostles as they came to terms with the fact that Our Lord had truly risen from the dead and how the first community of believers developed into what we now call the Church.

Today is also called Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St John Paul II to recall the Divine Mercy devotion introduced by Mother Faustina, also canonised by St John Paul II. Pope Francis will today sign the document to inaugurate the special Holy Year which starts later this year and whose theme will be the Mercy of God.

This Sunday's Gospel tells us about St Thomas, doubting Thomas. When Our Lord visited the apostles on Easter Sunday evening, Thomas was absent. When he came in later he refused to believe what the apostles told him. A week later Jesus returned and Thomas was present. He was gently guided to accept the resurrection and he was thus able to profess his faith when he said: "My lord and My God." Jesus blessed him but also gave a blessing to all of us when he said: "Blessed are those who have not seen me but believe."

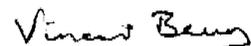
We also learn from the Acts of the Apostles how the first century followers of Jesus reorganised their lives under the influence of the Holy Spirit. They offered each other love and support. Those who had money and property shared what they owned with those who had little or nothing.

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your generous Easter offerings which came to £932.00.

I also want to thank you for your gifts of £220.00 which enabled the flower ladies to decorate the church so beautifully for Easter. My special thanks must also go to the flower ladies who devoted so much time to decorating the Altar of Repose on Maundy Thursday and the whole church for Easter Sunday.

Special thanks to the altar servers, the ministers of the Eucharist, the readers and members of the choir for helping all the Holy Week and Easter servers to be celebrated in such a moving way.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **PARISH DIARY**

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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.

### **CAFOD**

You are invited to join CAFOD for an evening with Fr Pius, a priest working in Myanmar (formerly called Burma) and learn more about how our support this Lent is helping communities deal with the challenges posed by climate change. The event is on Tuesday, 21 April at 6:30pm in Romero House, London SE1 7JB. You can book online at <https://cafodclimateevening.eventbrite.co.uk> or call 0208 449 6970.

### **WORKAID**

This is a local charity based in Chesham at The Old Boot Factory, 71 Townsend Road, Chesham, HP5 2AA. For more information please contact [www.workaid.org](http://www.workaid.org). They are holding a WORKAID Charity Golf Tournament at Berkhamsted Golf Club on Friday 12 June 2015.

### **COME AND SEE**

This is the title of special event for those who feel they might be called to serve the Church as priests. These evenings will enable those men to find out more about priesthood as well as provide an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to talk to and hear from priests and seminarians and offer a chance to pray on this matter with 'no strings attached.' Both events should finish around 8.30pm. The first event will take place from **7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at St Bonaventure's, Welwyn Garden City**. The second event is at **7pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at the Centre for Youth Ministry in Somers Town** between Euston and Kings Cross stations.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**19 April Messy Church 3-5 pm**

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|-------------|---|
| 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      |
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| 4 July      | Prayer Breakfast at High Street Baptist Church at 8.30 am   |
| 1 August    | Prayer Breakfast at St Martha's Methodist Church at 8.30 am |
| 5 September | Prayer Breakfast at Corpus Christi Church at 8.30 am        |
| 3 October   | Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul Church at 8.30 am    |
| 5 December  | Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church at 8.30 am      |

Breakfast is served at 8.30 am followed by prayer for local and world needs

### **TON-UP CLUB**

The parish has been running the Ton-Up Club for many years and it raises over £1,000 every year. It is a small lottery where members pay £20 per year and there are monthly draws. For 2015 the prize allocation is changing and there will be one £50 prize each month with an additional Christmas bonus prize of £100. There are still a few numbers available on our 100 square so if you would like to subscribe please see Heather at the 10.30am Mass or email [h.houston@ntlworld.com](mailto:h.houston@ntlworld.com).

### **HARRIETTE HICKEY**

Harriett and her family have been members of our parish for many years. She is going to Peru in August 2015 to trek from Cusco to Machu Picchu. This is despite her personal medical difficulties and recent surgery, she is going to make this challenge. She will raise money for Worldwide Cancer Research. Several members of her family and friends have all suffered from cancer. If you would like to sponsor her, you can donate by text to PHQA67 £10 to 70070 or by email: [www.justgiving.com/HarrietteElizabethHickey](http://www.justgiving.com/HarrietteElizabethHickey).

### **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 4.30-6 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. The next Messy Church is on Sunday the 19th of October, from 3-5 pm and there will be a light party disco (school year 3+) on Friday 24th October, from 4.30-6 pm

### **CATHOLIC SINGLES**

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please telephone 0161 941 3498, send an email to [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk). You are also invited to visit the Catholic Singles website at [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk). The organisation includes separated and divorced people and has A.S.D.C (Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics.)

### **ASDC**

The Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics will hold its next meeting on Monday 13th January 2003 at 6.30 pm in the Hinsley Room, at Westminster Cathedral (entrance in

Morpeth Terrace). All divorced or separated Catholics, whatever their situation, are welcome. For further information please contact Frank or Christine on 020 8422 1591.

### **PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Sacrament of Confirmation year will once again take place at Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted. Application forms are available at the back of church.

### **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd March 2015 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For more information please ring Freda on 01322-401243 or Sandra on 01293-783965.

### **SMART LOVING UK**

Smart Loving UK runs weekend marriage enrichment seminars that aim to revive, affirm and celebrate marriages. For Catholic couples at every stage of their married life, the weekend is a chance to rediscover the joy of being man and wife in love, drawing on the wisdom of authentic Catholic teaching on the Theology of the Body. The next Smart Loving weekend, which includes an optional overnight stay, will take place on the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March at Latimer Place, Chesham, Herts. For more information and to register please contact the marriage and family life office on 020 7931 6064 or [family@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk).

### **GETTING MARRIED?**

We need to remind people from time to time that they should give at least six months notice of their intention to marry.

We sometimes have two weddings booked on the same afternoon. We confirm the date and time of weddings six months before the event. This enables people to have their invitation cards etc printed. If anyone comes along after this date, they will have to take whatever time is available, bearing in mind that we need two hours between the ceremonies. If a couple have chosen three o'clock, for example, latecomers can only have their wedding at one o'clock. Five o'clock would not be possible since it would clash with preparations for evening mass. It is to your advantage to book early.

There is quite an amount of paper work involved, especially if people are planning to marry abroad. Many countries now require those intending marriage to attend some sort of marriage preparation programme. We arrange this twice a year in spring and autumn. We shall shortly be taking bookings for our next course in September and October.

If anyone is planning a second marriage, please do not make any firm plans until you have discussed your situation with a priest. If the first marriage requires an annulment, the process takes at least a year.