

**Notices for the week beginning 5 April 2015**

**Sunday 5 April 2015 Easter Sunday**

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

10.30 am Desmond Togher (Anniversary)

Monday *Easter Monday*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Tuesday*

No Mass

Wednesday *Easter Wednesday*

Mass: 10.00 am Friends and Family of the Hinds Family

Thursday *Easter Thursday*

Mass: 10.00 am Margaret Murphy RIP

Friday *Easter Friday*

Mass: 10.00 am Fr John Turner (Lately Dead)

Saturday *Easter Saturday*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

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

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

10.30 am Intentions of David Hinds

**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:** Fr John Turner and Patsy McCoy; **Anniversaries:** Bishop James O'Brien, Mary Patricia Abbotts, Patsy Abbotts, Gladys Barnsley, Sybil Clay, Lucia Foster- Welsh, Michael Geraghty, Margaret Harte, Philip Hills, Heinrich Kerstgens, Adrienne Lewis, Mildred McGrath, John Moran, Barbara Norton, Etta Scotland, Richard Thomas and Desmond Togher. 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	

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**PARISH NEWS**

**Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring**

**5 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

The Easter picture today shows Our Lord rising from the tomb. He has smashed the gates of Hell, under his feet. He is dragging Adam and Eve out of hell and the kings, prophets, and righteous men and women of the Old Testament stand around Christ, raising their hands in awe and worship. After he died on the cross Jesus went into the underworld to call those who had been resting awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Over the centuries artists have tried to picture what came to be called the harrowing of hell.

Our Anglo-Saxon forebears called the Sunday of the Resurrection Easter. They named it after the pagan goddess of spring. Many countries use a word based on the Hebrew word Pesach and the Greek and Latin word Pascha. In wishing each other a Happy Easter they use good or happy such as Buona Pasqua in Italian. The Greeks use the words Christos Anesti, meaning Christ is risen. We use the word paschal to describe events associated with Easter, such as the Paschal Candle which is lit at the Easter Vigil and at mass throughout Paschal Time until the fiftieth day, Pentecost which we call Whit Sunday. When I was in the Seminary my old parish priest wished me Gaudia Paschalia – Easter Joys.

Our mass this Easter morning begins with St Peter's first sermon. Just minutes after the Holy Spirit came on the apostles at Pentecost, Peter fearlessly began to tell the people about Jesus, how he went about doing good and healing people who were sick or possessed. He said: "We are witnesses to this." He went on to describe the encounters he and the disciples had experienced after the Resurrection. Our Lord was real, not a ghost. St Paul wrote to the Church of Corinth to stress the importance of the Resurrection when he said: "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith." Peter and Paul spoke as one.

It was not Peter or any of the apostles who were the first to see Jesus risen from the dead. It was a woman, Mary Magdalen. The ancient Fathers of the Church describe her as the First Witness of the Resurrection.

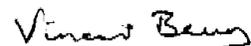
When St John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 he described the great problem confronting the world after almost two thousand years since the death and resurrection of Jesus: "Christ is ever resplendent as the centre of history and of life. Men are either with Him and His Church, and then they enjoy light, goodness, order, and peace. Or else they are without Him, or against Him, and deliberately opposed to His Church, and then they give rise to confusion, to bitterness in human relations, and to the constant danger of fratricidal wars." He spoke about certain people, full of zeal, who suggested that our present world was heading for disaster, unlike the great times of old, and that the Church was also heading for ruin. He spoke of these people as "prophets of doom." He wanted everyone to understand that the purpose of the Council was not to change past doctrine. He made the following important note: "The substance of the ancient doctrine of the deposit of faith is one thing, and the way in which it is presented is another."

I believe Pope Francis understands this very well. He said recently: "We are called to be people of joyful hope, not doomsday prophets!" There can be no change in what we believe the Church's teaching on marriage to be: a loving, life-long and life-giving bond. Pope Francis is concerned that some people are insisting that we can only proclaim our faith by sticking to ancient terminology which can lead to these becoming what he calls "cold

doctrine." He has said several times that the joy of faith, the joy of the Gospel is the touchstone of the faith of the individual person: "It is not "cold doctrine" that brings joy, but faith, and the hope of meeting Jesus. He who cannot rejoice is an unhappy believer"

When he was on a recent pastoral visit Pope Francis said this: "When hearts are open to the Gospel, the world begins to change and humanity is *resurrected*! If we welcome and live the word of Jesus every day, we are *resurrected* with Him." This is something we perhaps we should think about this Easter.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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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.

### 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 who feel they 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, Welwyn Garden City**. The church is only a few minutes' walk from Welwyn Garden City train station on the East Coast Mainline. 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

6 April Film Club 4.30 – 6.15 The title of the film is Paddington  
19 April Messy Church 3 -5 pm  
2 May Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul Church at 8.30 am