

Notices for the week beginning 14 June 2015

Sunday 14 June 2015 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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6.00 pm (Vigil) Anne Berry (Anniversary); 8.30 am Pat Sedgwick (Lately Dead);

10.30 am Sylvina Rodrigues (Lately Dead)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Richard of Chichester*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

No Mass.: Communion Service at 10.00 am

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Terry Andrew (Sick)

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Merridee Wadling (Lately

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Alban* Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 21 June 2015 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Gerry Moloney; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Bill Rickard (Anniversary)

PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Maria Breen, 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, Gill Rollsprayer, Claire Sutton and Roy Underhill

Lately Dead: Sylvina Rodrigues, Pat Sedgwick and Merridee Wadling ; *Anniversaries*: Cardinal Basil Hume, Paul Allen, Stanley Allen, John Anthony, Anne Berry, Anne and Thomas Farrington, Alderic Gagnon, Ken Gittens, Edmund Holden, Joseph Keeley, Paul Lindop, Alice Moffatt, Lorna Newton, Raymond Reed and Eugenie Szpiro. May they rest in peace.

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
20/21 June	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	D Long
	R	G Booth	K Masterson	H Houston
	W	M Miles	L Hutt	P Apps
		J Lee	S Kerr	G Maloney
				J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £201.00

Loose: £194.76

Building Fund: £53.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

14 June 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

For many years I have heard so many people saddened because their children or grandchildren no longer go to mass regularly. They feel guilty that it may be their fault. Could they have done something different? The reality is that none of us is perfect but this does not mean we are at fault. We live in a society where there are powerful influences which go against all that we consider important. The history of the Church shows us that it has always been so. What the Apostles and First Christians did long ago is what we are still doing today. They felt helpless, inadequate, imperfect, just as we do.

At mass today we are taken back into Old Testament times. The prophet Ezekiel lived at one of the most disastrous periods in Jewish history. The people, the priests, the rulers had been dragged into exile far away from their homeland. All the precious articles in the Temple were carried away to be part of the treasury of the King of Babylon. They felt that God had abandoned them. They were being punished for their behaviour, their lifestyle, their sinfulness. Despite all this Ezekiel was sent to support them in their distress and to assure them that despite everything God still loved them. He had not abandoned them. On the contrary he would never leave them. During the past few days a group of priests have been taking part in a retreat in Rome. Pope Francis spoke briefly to them about the love of God expressed in mercy and tenderness. Recalling words of the book of Deuteronomy, he said the tenderness of God is best expressed in His closeness. Without the Lord, we do not know how to walk in the Spirit. Speaking about the 23 Coptic Christian martyrs who were beheaded by Islamic militants in Libya in February, The Pope emphasized that these martyrs gave testimony to God's accompaniment even in times of trial. "They were certain that God did not abandon them," he said. He stressed that priests should be ministers of the tenderness of God, asking that they leave the whip behind in the sacristy. This ministry of tenderness, "is a divine grace," the Pope said.

After assuring the people of Israel that God had not abandoned them the prophet Ezekiel told the people in exile that God had a plan for them which would lead them back to their homeland. He would pluck them up, like taking a tiny twig from a branch. He would transplant them so that they would grow into a mighty tree. We have an English saying: From tiny acorns might oaks do grow. When people from Germany migrated to Australia in the nineteenth century they took with them tiny vine stocks which they planted in their new homeland and provided the foundation for a huge wine industry. Ezekiel's story is similar to the Gospel where Jesus talks about the tiny mustard which grew into a large bush, big enough for birds to shelter in its branches. Once again we are being told today about the Kingdom of God. Despite its early beginnings, from an unknown young man who died on a cross, it has not only survived over two thousand years of history chequered by good times and bad times, it has a membership of over two billion people, with 1.2 billion people belonging to the Catholic Church.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

THE MINISTRY OF READER IN OUR PARISH

Pope Francis often talks about the different ministries that lay people undertake, especially in their parishes. At Corpus Christi we have a variety of ministries. Some of you completed a survey carried out a few months ago. Canon Berry wants to meet you in special groups. The first meeting is next Friday, 19th June and is for all who hold the office of Reader It will be in church beginning at 7.30 pm and will last about an hour. If you have not yet signed up to be a reader but would like to be one, please come along.

OUR MINISTRY TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We have a number of activities for children and young people: The Youth club meets on Monday evenings from 7-9 pm; SPOG, (Small People of God) beginning on Friday evenings, from 4.30-6 pm. There is a monthly Film Club for children (School years 3+) from 4.30-6.30 pm and Messy Church is on the third Sunday of the month.

END OF YEAR BBQ

Please make a note of this in your diary, mobile or tablet. On Sunday 19 July after the 10.30 mass. Messy Church, SPOG and the Youth Club are having a combined celebration. All are welcome. We would be glad of help in preparing for this. Please get in touch with Dan.

RED MISSION BOXES

Boxes are now due for collection. Promoters are asked to give cheques and monies to Jenny Brown by the week beginning 22 June. Any boxes not collected can be left at Church for her attention. Tel. No: 01442 824627.

LORETO REUNION

Past pupils of Loreto School are invited to the 2015 reunion on Saturday 27 June, 2.30 to 5.30 pm. The head teacher, Mrs Maire Lynch would like to meet you and give you the opportunity to see how the school has changed and to look to the future. Please phone Eileen and Pat on 01727 863431 or email loretoreunion@outlook.com.

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 tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

WORKAID

Congratulations to WORKAID which is based at the Old Boot Factory, 71 Townsend Road, Chesham, Bucks, HP5 2AA. This local charity provides work training at home and abroad and also tools for the many trades being taught. They rely completely on voluntary donations and have recently been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 July	Prayer Breakfast at High Street Baptist Church at 8.30 am
19 July	End of Year BBQ, after 10.30 mass
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