

Notices for the week beginning 21 June 2015

Sunday 21 June 2015 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 98

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

10.30 am Bill Rickard (Anniversary)

Monday *St John Fisher and St Thomas More*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Etheldreda*

No Mass

Wednesday *Birthday of St John the Baptist*

Mass.: 11.00 am Funeral of Sylvina Rodrigues

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 John Southworth* Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 28 June 2015 St Peter and St Paul

6.00 pm (Vigil) Thomas Glencross (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Shirley and Dennis O'Connell (60th Wedding 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: Carole Gray, Lilian Humphrys, Sylvina Rodrigues and Angelo Secchi

Anniversaries: Erin Allen, Hans Close, Anthea Doughty, Nora Griffin, Mary Ingram, Maeve Keane, Kay Lindsay, Irene Pratt and John Talarowski.

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
		G Booth		H Houston
	R	M Miles	K Masterson	P Apps
		J Lee	L Hutt	G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £242.32

Loose: £215.88

Building Fund: £51.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

21 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

Last Thursday morning Pope Francis issued an encyclical (circular) letter in which he challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. It's not just an 'environment encyclical', it leads us to ask ourselves about the meaning of existence and the values at the heart of social life: "What is the purpose of our life in this world? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us?" Pope Francis, quoting Pope Saint John Paul II, reminds us that, as Christians, we are called to be responsible custodians of creation: "Christians in their turn 'realise that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith'".

The Encyclical is divided into six chapters.

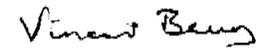
It starts by presenting the current situation based on the best scientific findings available today (Chapter one), followed by a review of the Bible and Judeo-Christian tradition (Chapter 2). The root of the problems in technocracy and in an excessive self-centeredness of human being are analysed in Chapter 3. In Chapter 4, the Encyclical then proposes an "integral ecology, which clearly respects its human and social dimensions", inextricably linked to the environmental question. With this in mind, Pope Francis proposes to initiate an honest dialogue at every level of social, economic and political life, that builds transparent decision-making processes (Chapter 5). In the final chapter, recalling that no project can be effective if it is not animated by a formed and responsible conscience, ideas are put forth to aid growth in this direction at the educational, spiritual, ecclesial, political and theological levels.

Encyclical letters are usually known by the opening words in Latin. This one uses words in Italian taken from The Canticle of the Sun composed by St Francis of Assisi. It begins with the words Laudato sii, o mi Signore – Praise to you, O my Lord. The full canticle is as follows: Most high, all powerful, all good Lord! All praise is yours, all glory, all honour, and all blessing. To you, alone, Most High, do they belong. No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name. Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness. Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, precious and beautiful. Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather, through which you give your creatures sustenance. Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water; she is very useful, and humble, and precious, and pure. Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten the night. He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and strong. Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs. Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, for by you, Most High, they will be crowned. Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whose embrace no living person can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those she finds doing your most holy will. The second death can do no harm to them. Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility.

Pope Francis challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to those who come after us. He challenges us through the words of St Francis and in the writings of his

predecessors, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul II and Benedict XVI. He links them all to what he is saying to show the Church's continuity in speaking about our world. He also pays tribute to the Patriarch of Constantinople, Patriarch Bartholomew, who for over twenty years has been speaking regularly about the same subject, earning the title of The Green Patriarch.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

CHARTER CELEBRATIONS

Seven hundred years ago King Edward II granted a charter to the people of Tring permitting them to hold an annual fair and a weekly market. A number of events are taking place. Next Saturday the Tring Carnival starts with a parade down the High Street at 11.30 am. There are lots of activities in Pound Meadow. The climax is on Monday 29 June. From 7 pm the Town Crier will welcome people into St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church with a thanksgiving service at 7.30 pm. At 8.30 pm there will be a BBQ, bar and music in the churchyard. A beacon will be lit on the church tower at 9.30 pm followed by a fireworks display. Medieval costume is encouraged but not essential. To ensure a place in the church please reply to info@tringtogether.org.uk.

THE MINISTRY OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTER 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. There is a meeting of present and future Eucharistic Ministers next Friday, 26 June. 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 Eucharistic minister but would like to be one, please come along.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Next Sunday is the annual day of prayer for seafarers. Last week Cardinal Nichols blessed the new headquarters of the Apostleship of the Sea at Tilbury. The chaplains used to minister to ships in the Pool of London, near Tower Bridge. When Mgr Denis McGuinness was in charge, he built Anchor House in Canning Town. All the old docks are now closed and have been replaced by the tower blocks at Canary Wharf. The new docks are at Tilbury. There will be a special collection at mass next Sunday.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 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 |