

## Notices for the week beginning 28 June 2015

### Sunday 28 June 2015 St Peter and St Paul

Mass Book, pages 7 and 172

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

10.30 am Shirley and Dennis O'Connell (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Dedication of Westminster Cathedral*

Mass.: 10.00 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Ruvie

Friday *St Thomas the Apostle*

Mass: 12.00 noon **Funeral of Carole Gray**

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

### Sunday 5 July 2015 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am Private Intention

## 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, Adeline Lewis, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Gill Rollsprayer, Claire Sutton and Roy Underhill.

**Lately Dead:** Carole Gray and Michael Kelly

**Anniversaries:** Michael Conway, Alice Cooper, Patrick Corcoran, Elizabeth Cusack, Thomas Glencross, Sarah Grant, Alice Grob, Keith Howard, Elizabeth McDonough, Phyllis McGrath, Alexander Malone, Jan Mostyn, Frances Mary Powell, Ray Sutherland,

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
04/05 July	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
	R	G Booth		A De Cesco
		M Sherratt	P Milton	G Maloney
	W	D Leadbeater	C Pennicott	P Apps
			S Kerr	J Brown

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £287.00

Loose: £183.68

Building Fund: £60.00

## PARISH NEWS

### Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

28 June 2015



**Parish Priest: Canon Vincent Berry**

**Presbytery: 51 Langdon Street, Tring, Herts, HP23 6BA**  
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**Youth Worker: Dan Marsh 07776 124434 email: [danyouthwork@gmail.com](mailto:danyouthwork@gmail.com)**

**Local Catholic Schools: St Thomas More (Primary), Berkhamsted, phone 01442 385060 website: [www.stmore.herts.sch.uk](http://www.stmore.herts.sch.uk); Head teacher: Miss Isabel Cerasale**

**John F Kennedy (Secondary), Hemel Hempstead, phone 01442 266150**  
 website: [www.ifk.herts.sch.uk](http://www.ifk.herts.sch.uk); Head teacher: Mr Paul Neves.

## 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

Outside St Peter's Church in Rome there are two large statues of St Peter and St Paul, whose feast we are celebrating today. In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of them: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

Pope Francis keeps reminding us that the Church is not a community of the perfect, but a community of sinners, obliged to recognize their need for God's love, their need to be purified through the Cross of Jesus Christ. Neither Peter nor Paul was perfect. They were human, with human faults and failings. Peter denied three times that he knew Jesus. Paul was overwhelmed in his hatred for Jesus and his followers. Yet they both ended their days in Rome and are honoured as joint patrons and founders of Rome. They were humble enough, despite their weaknesses, to be filled with God's grace and to allow that grace to influence the lives of others.

Every five years each bishop throughout the world travels to Rome as a pilgrim to pray at the thresholds of the apostles, in Latin "ad limina apostolorum." St Peter was martyred by crucifixion near what is now St Peter's Square and the first basilica was eventually built over the site of his tomb. St Paul, a citizen of Rome was taken outside the city walls to be beheaded and a basilica was later built over the place of his execution. The bishops visit both shrines as part of their pilgrimage.

Peter and Paul were totally different personalities. Peter seems to have been a tall person, hence his nickname, the Big Fisherman. Saul of Tarsus changed his name to Paul which in Latin means small or humble. There is a tradition that Paul was small in stature. Peter comes across as being impetuous, even telling Jesus at the Last Supper that he was prepared to die with him. Hours later he would deny three times that he even knew him. What made him a suitable candidate to be leader of the apostles was his love for Jesus. The three denials were followed by the occasion when Peter told Jesus three times that he loved him. As a result Jesus told him to feed his lambs and to look after his sheep. Paul was a controversial character in his own way. He had a fiery personality. In his early life he channelled that fire towards persecuting the Christians in Jerusalem, even witnessing the death of Stephen, the first martyr. After his conversion Paul's preaching was fiery and he sometimes upset people, Jews, Christians and Pagans. He also comes across as someone who was kind and considerate. What struck Paul was that faith in Jesus demanded a totally new relationship with God. He had to help the Jews to understand that Jesus was the Saviour of all peoples and that here is no difference between Jew and pagan. Paul had the strong personality needed for that daring challenge and the insight to see that faith in Jesus as the fulfilment of the hopes of everyone.

St Peter and St Paul have a special significance for us in Tring. The parish church is dedicated to them. Tring is mentioned in the Domesday Book. For church purposes it came under the jurisdiction of Faversham Abbey in Kent. The first resident priest was recorded in

1214. In 1315 the Abbey obtained a charter from King Edward II to have a weekly market and an annual fair around the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. This year marks the 700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Charter. This weekend there is a series of event to mark this. I shall be in the Parish Church, dressed in my canonical robes, to join in a ceremony of thanksgiving. I hope you will come along too.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

There is a second collection today for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

It was originally an annual tribute of one penny from each householder owning a land of a certain value to the Pope and had been collected in England since the reign of King Alfred. It was later fixed as an annual gift of £200. Henry VIII abolished the gift of money to the Pope and gave the money instead to the Archbishop of Canterbury with the power to issue dispensations formerly given by the Pope. After the Restoration of the English Hierarchy in 1850 the practice of Peter's Pence was revived and formally approved by Pope Pius IX in 1871.

The collection will be taken after Holy Communion at mass today.

### **RED MISSION BOXES**

Boxes are now due for collection. Prompters 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.

### **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.

### **SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON**

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). Website: [www.allenhall.org.uk](http://www.allenhall.org.uk); Email : [allenhall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allenhall@rcdow.org.uk); Phone : 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

### **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        |

### **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP**

The Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 26 June, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Fr Matthew Power, SJ and Sr Lynne Baron, FCJ, on the Jesuit charism. For more info contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

### **THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?**

This is an evening for men discerning a call to the priesthood, Monday 22 June, 7pm at Centre for Youth Ministry, St Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Rd, Somers Town. For more info contact: [GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk)

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### **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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)

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- 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