

Notices for the week beginning 12 July 2015

Sunday 12 July 2015 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 106

6.00 pm (Vigil) Malcolm Shelley & Michael Hayes (Anniversary); 8.30 am ; Private Intention; 10.30 am Intentions of Norah Proctor.

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass.: 10.00 am Erica Hills (Sick)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Private Intention

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

12.00 noon Baptism of Lucia Lloyd

Sunday 19 July 2015 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Malcolm and Mary Brown RIP; 8.30 am ; People of the Parish; 10.30 am Intentions of Dan Marsh.

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, Charlie Rossley, Claire Sutton, Roy Underhill and Naomi Wadling.

Lately Dead: Michael Kelly. **Anniversaries:** Amy Adcock, Dymiter Balco, Mary Bergonzi, Elizabeth Branson, Bridget Carr, Edna Clare, Joan Egan, Bridget Furlong, Michael Hayes, Cecelia Hinds, Timothy O'Shaughnessy, Malcolm Shelley and Eric Tuft. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
18/19 July	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Long H Houston
	R	D Leadbeater M Sherratt	L Hutt K Masterson	P Apps G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £254.25

Loose: £254.23

Building Fund: £59.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

12 July 2015



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Times of Services

Sunday
Holydays
Weekday
Saturday

Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am
Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm
Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am
Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am
5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

Pope Francis has just returned from his apostolic journey to South America. At his first mass he used the story of the marriage feast of Cana to talk about the family: “The wedding at Cana is repeated in every generation, in every family, in every one of us and our efforts to let our hearts find rest in strong love, fruitful love and joyful love.” He described how attentive Our Lady was at the wedding when the supply of wine ran out. She tells Jesus what the problem is and expects him to do something about it. He tries to wriggle out of the situation but he knows he is beaten when she says to the servants: “Do whatever he tells you.”

Jesus came to serve and not to be served. Pope Francis says: “Service is the sign of true love. Those who love know how to serve others. We learn this especially in the family, where we become servants out of love for one another. In the heart of the family, no one is rejected; all have the same value. I remember once how my mother was asked which of her five children – we are five brothers – did she love the most. And she said: it is like the fingers on my hand, if I prick one of them, then it is as if the others are pricked also. A mother loves her children as they are. And in the family, children are loved as they are. None are rejected. In the family we learn how to ask without demanding, to say “thank you” as an expression of genuine gratitude for what we have been given, to control our aggressiveness and greed, and to ask forgiveness when we have caused harm, when we quarrel, because in all families there are quarrels. The challenge is to then ask for forgiveness. These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings'. The family is the nearest hospital; when a family member is ill, it is in the home that they are cared for as long as possible. The family is the first school for the young, the best home for the elderly. The family constitutes the best 'social capital'. It cannot be replaced by other institutions. It needs to be helped and strengthened, lest we lose our proper sense of the services which society as a whole provides. Those services which society offers to its citizens are not a type of alms, but rather a genuine 'social debt' with respect to the institution of the family, which is foundational and which contributes to the common good.”

Pope Francis reminds us that “the family is also a small Church, called a 'domestic Church' which, along with life, also mediates God’s tenderness and mercy. In the family, we imbibe faith with our mother’s milk. When we experience the love of our parents, we feel the closeness of God’s love. In the family, and we are all witnesses of this, miracles are performed with what little we have, with what we are, with what is at hand. Many times, it is not ideal, it is not what we dreamt of, nor what should have been.”

When the bishops meet in Rome later this year they will discuss family life. They will talk about what marriage should be, a union that is loving, life-long and life-giving. They will reaffirm the marriages where people marry and live happily ever after. They will also try to find answers for people whose marriages have been less than perfect.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PARISH MINISTRIES

Among the traditional ministries in the Church is that of acolyte. In modern terms this means altar servers. We are hoping to train young servers from among the children who recently made their First Holy Communion. We also need adult servers. Some of you have already volunteered. There will be a meeting for you next Friday at 8.00 pm. If anyone else would like to volunteer, please come along.

PARISH ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the first six months are now complete and a summary of the accounts is included with this newsletter. You can see that there has been a fall in the offertory collections since this time last year. Several parishioners have died or moved away from the parish. If anyone has recently moved into the parish and would like to contribute financially be weekly envelopes or monthly standing order, plus gift aid, please let Canon Berry know, preferably by email (tring@rcdow.org.uk) and we will arrange the details with you.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Today is Sea Sunday, 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 down river at Tilbury. There will be a special collection at mass today.

END OF YEAR BBQ

Please make a note of this in your diary, mobile or tablet. Next Sunday 19 July, after the 10.30 mass, Messy Church, SPOG and the Youth Club are having a combined celebration. All are welcome, children, young people and grown-ups. 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; Email : allenhall@rcdow.org.uk; Phone : 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

MARRIAGE CARE

Marriage Care (formerly Catholic Marriage Advisory Council) was founded from within the Catholic community in 1946 to offer support originally to ex-servicemen and their families in rebuilding relationships after the war. It is now available to all who seek the marriage preparation and support services which enable couples to build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy marriages, as it draws on Catholic Christian tradition and contemporary research to help couples focus on the quality of their relationship with each other. For more information about Marriage Care and its services please visit the web site www.marriagecare.org.uk/

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 July End of Year BBQ, after 10.30 mass
1 August Prayer Breakfast at St Martha’s Methodist Church at 8.30 am