

Notices for the week beginning 19 July 2015

Sunday 19 July 2015 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 109

6. 00 pm (Vigil) Malcolm and Mary Brown RIP; People of the Parish;

Intentions of Dan Marsh

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Mary Magdalen*

Mass: 10.00 am (Private Intention)

Thursday *St Bridget of Sweden*

Mass: 10.00 am (Private Intention)

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am (Private Intention)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St James*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 26 July 2015 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6. 00 pm (Vigil) Lilian Humphreys; 8.30 am ; People of the Parish;

10.30 am Mary Kerwock RIP

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 Underill and Naomi Wadling.

Anniversaries: Frederick Abbotts, John Byrd, Susan Cooper, Jason Fahey, Gwendoline Hewson, Margaret Leadbeater, Mary McArdle, Robert Matthews, Carol Mora, Eli Ostmann, John Ralph, Frances Sobacinski and Kay Whitmarsh. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		8. 30 am	10.30 am
25/26 July	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday
	R	M Valentine	P Apps
	W	M Miles	W Hinds
			S Lewington
			H Houston
			J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £261.40

Loose: £232.07

Building Fund: £59.30.89

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

19 July 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

Fifty years ago the Second Vatican Council came to an end. One of its messages to us was to remind us of Our Lord's command to go out and make disciples of all nations. The Council put the whole Church onto a missionary footing. A few years ago Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of this when he set up a new office in Rome for what he called the New Evangelisation. Pope Francis grasped this with both hands when he was an archbishop in Argentina. One of his first messages as pope, known in Latin as *Evangelii Gaudium*, spoke even more strongly than Pope Benedict that the call to mission is 'central' to 'all that we are and all that we want to do.' The Vatican Council said this. Blessed Paul VI said this. Saint John Paul II said this. Pope Benedict said this. Pope Francis is saying this. Last weekend there was a conference in Birmingham entitled ***Proclaim 15***. Cardinal Nichols gave the same Message. The apostles were given a mandate to preach the Gospel. We have been given the same mandate to carry out the same mission. We received it when we were baptised. Pope Francis calls us missionary disciples.

How do we carry out this mission? We first have to reaffirm our place in the Church which is a community. Vatican II introduced us to the word "communio" which means communion or fellowship as well as community. It is used to describe the relationship in the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is used to describe the Church as a community of believers who share the life of the Holy Trinity. Our Lord told us that he came into our world that we might have life to the full. This is the life we call grace, the life of God himself. Through this we are drawn together as God's family, the Church. We are more than a group of like-minded people who have agreed a programme of action. We are participants in the mystery of the Godhead. Everything about the Church flows from this union. Everything about our parish flows from it too. It is what come from God that holds us together. Cardinal Nichols tells us: "Our striving after that sharing of life, of love, of truth, of goodness, of beauty which flows from God is the only thing that makes sense of parish life. That is why the celebration of Mass is our central act; why we say that the Eucharist makes the Church. This is why our life of prayer is essential; why our pondering of the Scriptures is crucial; why our gazing on Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament is our silent centre.

As we gather at mass today we are in the presence of the Lord. We are here to listen to his word in the Scriptures. We are drawn into the ministry of Jesus, the true shepherd of God's people. Jesus saw the multitudes as like sheep without a shepherd. His mission was to bring them to fresh pastures near restful waters. He sent the apostles to find the lost sheep. In our day we are being sent to do the same. First to those who are no longer with us, the so-called "resting Catholics" who come occasionally or have given up on us altogether. We have to welcome them back. We must also reach out to those who belong to no church community. We must tell them the good news about Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

END OF YEAR BBQ

After today's 10.30 mass you are invited to stay on for our parish BBQ. Messy Church, SPOG and the Youth Club are having a combined celebration. All are welcome, children, young people and grown-ups.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Many thanks for your donations last weekend which came to £295.61

ASSISTED SUICIDE

On Friday 11th September the House of Commons will debate and vote on a Bill to legalise assisted suicide. This will put the most vulnerable people in our society at risk. Please contact your MP, urging them to attend the debate and vote against the Bill. You can send an e-mail to your MP via the Catholic Bishops' Conference website (www.catholicnews.org.uk/assisted-suicide) or send a letter by post, a draft of which can be found at the back of the Church. Even better, you could ask to see your MP and express your concerns directly.

This coincides with the Annual Day for Life appeal by our bishops. This year the Day for Life focuses on cherishing life and accepting death. There will be a leaflet about this next Sunday but you can read more about it on www.dayforlife.org. There will be a special collection next Sunday.

PERFORMING ARTS WEEKEND

Want to know more about performing arts and have some fun along the way? Why not join Westminster Youth Ministry and Gen Verde at their Performing Arts Weekend from 16 to 18 October. A full programme is planned for those aged 14 to 25, and the cost of £80 for over 18s (waged) and £60 for students includes all food and accommodation. More details at dowym.com or call the youth ministry team on 0207 387 1971

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 to enable couples to build and sustain strong, fulfilling, healthy marriages and 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/

PRAY AND FAST FOR THE CLIMATE IN TRING

Saturday 1 August, 1.30 pm, St Peter and St Paul

Tuesday 1 September, 7.30 pm, New Mill Baptist Church

Thursday 1 October, 12.30 pm, High Street Baptist Church

Sunday 1 November, 10 am, St Martha's Methodist Church

Tuesday 1 December, 7.30 pm, New Mill Baptist Church

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