

Notices for the week beginning 26 July 2015

Sunday 26 July 2015 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 112

6.00 pm (Vigil) Lilian Humphreys; 8.30 am; People of the Parish;

10.30 am Mary Kerwick (Lately Dead)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Martha*

Mass.: 10.00 am Marian Demidecki (Anniversary)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Lucy Hutt and Family

Friday *St Ignatius of Loyola*

Mass: 10.00 am Margaret and Harold Leadbeater (Anniversaries)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Alphonsus Liguori*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 2 August 2015 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Deceased Members of the Demidecki Family; 8.30 am ; People of the Parish;

10.30 am Emily and Dennis Cornell (Anniversaries)

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, Jenny Fulcher, Gwen Herbert, Bill Holliday, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Charlie Lynch, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Gill Rollsprayer, Charlie Rossley, Claire Sutton, Roy Underill and Naomi Wadling.

Lately Dead: Mary Kerwick; **Anniversaries:** Father Calum MacLean, Sister Agnes Elizabeth, Joe Adams, George Burmaster, Patrick Carey, Ron Cridland, Stephane D'Rosario, Edward Domkowski, Margaret Fell, Klara Fenerstein, Raphael Gordon, Alfred Grabowski, Antonia Jacometti, Theresa Jones, Molly Kerry, Vincent Kowalewski, Teddy Palczewski, Keith Pearce and Isabella Taylor. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
1/2 August	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	D Marsh
	R	D Leadbeater	D Crauford	H Houston
	W	J Lee	P Milton	W Hinds
			S Kerr	G Maloney

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £261.40

Loose: £232.07

Building Fund: £59.30.89

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

26 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

On a hillside by the Sea of Galilee a young boy offers five barley loaves and two fish to Our Lord. We do not know his name but the full story is in today's Gospel. Barley was the food of poor people and Jesus used the loaves to feed five thousand poor people. There was even food left over. In our reading from the Old Testament we are told how the prophet Elisha was able to feed people with a small amount of food. Two stories where something ordinary is used to do something extraordinary. The action of Our Lord is misunderstood by the people who decide to make him their king. This was not something he wanted and so he escaped to the hills.

Hills have often been seen as a meeting point between heaven and earth. Centuries before Our Lord people set up shrines to their local gods on hill tops. Moses climbed a mountain to see the burning bush and received his command to go back to Egypt to liberate God's people. He later received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The Prophet Elijah walked for forty days and nights to speak to God whom he heard not in a mighty wind, or in an earthquake or in a fire but in a gentle breeze. Our Lord used to go up into the hills to pray. St Patrick set up a shrine on the Hill of Slane in competition with the High King of Ireland on the nearby Hill of Tara. William Wordsworth, the poet normally associated with the daffodils beside a lake also spoke of a mountain as "part of God's vision." To gaze upon the grandeur of hills or mountains at sunset is a sight to behold. One of the psalms begins with the words: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where will come my help." The whole of mankind seems to find something special about mountains. We seem able to catch a glimpse of the mystery of God.

The Gospel assigned for this year is St Mark's. It is shorter than the others. For the next few weeks we listen to St John's Gospel. When we hear the Gospels being read we need to ask ourselves why they are different. The first three were written to convert people to the Christian faith. St John was writing at the end of the first century to a group that already has faith in Jesus so he isn't trying to convert them. Instead, he is looking deeper at some of the teachings of Jesus and is especially dealing with the issue of Jesus as God. The other evangelists tell us about how Jesus blessed the bread and wine at the Last Supper. St John does not. He spoke about the Eucharist elsewhere and we shall be hearing all about it during the next few weeks. He helps us to understand how important the Eucharist is to us. Today he uses the story of feeding the five thousand to help us how we need the life of Jesus offered to us, to feed our bodies and our souls. He can give us earthly bread, but he is also the bread of heaven. The story is also 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.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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 at mass today.

Pope Francis has sent his blessing and good wishes to this Day for Life Programme and "for all who are working in any way for the promotion of the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death."

HOLIDAY BREAK

The Children's Liturgy, SPOG and Youth Club have all closed down for the summer holidays. They will resume after schools re-open in September.

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 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
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