

## Notices for the week beginning 5 July 2015

### Sunday 5 July 2015 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 103

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 *Feria*

Mass.: 10.00 am Erica Hills (Sick)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am

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

### Sunday 12 July 2015 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Malcolm Shelley & Michael Hayes (Anniversary); 8.30 am ; Private

Intention; 10.30 am Intentions of Norah Proctor.

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Maria Breen, Georgina Butcher, 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 and Roy Underhill.

**Latently Dead:** Carole Gray and Michael Kelly. **Anniversaries:** Jonas Chime, Edith Clark, Frederick Copcutt, Agnes Corcoran, Debbie Foster, Stanley Gillon, George Greener, Clifford Grous, Tom Hanson, Brian Jackson, Oliver McKenna, John Shryane, James Tucker and Gerald Wall. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm Vigil	8.30 am	10.30 am
11/12 July	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Long W Hinds
	R	J Lee M Valentine	W Winstone M Hart	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £242.00

Loose: £175.48

Building Fund: £37.50

Standing Orders for June: Offertories: £ 2,542.00 Building Fund: £129.00

## PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

5 July 2015



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**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.jfk.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jfk.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

A few days ago I was reading about a priest in Sicily called Giuseppe Puglisi. He was born in the same year as me. He grew up in modest circumstances. His father was a shoemaker and his mother was a dressmaker. He entered the seminary and was ordained a priest in 1960. After serving as a curate in several parishes he was made parish priest of the district where he had grown up. He upset some of the local people. He knew the place had serious social and spiritual problems and that the local authorities and police were dominated by the power of the local Mafia. He set about teaching the street children, he refused to allow the Mafia to take places of honour in the processions and mobilised parishioners to fight against the corruption that the authorities were turning a blind eye to. It was easy for people to turn a blind eye and excuse themselves by saying that nothing can be done. One of his favourite sayings was: "If everyone does something, then we can do a lot." On his fifty-sixth birthday he was shot dead by a hired gunman. Twenty years later fifty thousand people gathered in Palermo to celebrate his beatification.

When Our Lord returned to his home town of Nazareth he upset some of the local people. He had grown up in the village but did not stand out as someone special. For them his father was just the local carpenter. His return is described in today's Gospel. He challenged the people and upset them so much that they drove him out of town and tried to kill him.


Like Father Puglisi Our Lord put himself in danger not just in Nazareth but also in Jerusalem and other places too. He was doing what other prophets had done before him. Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Elijah and others right down to John the Baptist all put their lives at risk. That's what prophets have to do. It is part of their job description. Our Lord described his own circumstances when he said that a prophet is never recognised in his own country.

In today's mass we are reminded that the prophetic vocation is an integral part of our Christian faith. It speaks God's truth to us. We may not be happy about this. It may disturb us. We may prefer a problem to go away. I can remember Bishop O'Brien talking about a journey he made to San Salvador after Archbishop Oscar Romero was assassinated while saying mass. He and other bishops had to take refuge behind the altar when shots were fired during the Archbishop's funeral mass. The Archbishop was recently beatified, a martyr who had spoken out on behalf of the poor people of his diocese.

The prophet Ezekiel spoke about his critics: "Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them." There are bishops, priests and laypeople in Iraq, Syria, Libya and elsewhere who are speaking out as prophets in our own time, facing injury and death by people who are distorting their own faith to justify what they are doing. Despite

the plight of our fellow Catholics who are suffering so this "set of rebels" seem to be killing more of their own people and there appears to be no one able to speak out against them

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

**PETER'S PENCE**

Many thanks for your response to the annual appeal for Peter's Pence. The collection last Sunday came to £208.05

### **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.

### **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)

### **MARRIAGE CARE**

Marriage Care (formerly Catholic Marriage Advisory Council) was founded from within the Catholic community in 1946 to offer support to ex-servicemen and their families in rebuilding relationships after the war. Its marriage preparation and support service enables 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. Through its relationship counselling service it accompanies, with compassion and practical wisdom, couples who find themselves in need of support on their journey. For more information about Marriage Care and its services please visit the web site [www.marriagecare.org.uk/](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/)

### **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)

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 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
- 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