

## Notices for the week beginning 16 August 2015

**Sunday 16 August 2015** The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

Mass Book, pages 7 and 180

6.00 pm (Vigil) Lilian Humphreys (Lately Dead); 8.30 am ; Winnie Moloney RIP;

10.30 am Intentions of Nina Dorass and Family

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Mary Sanger (Anniversary)

Thursday *St Bernard*

Mass: 10.00 am Evie Hutt (Thanksgiving)

Friday *St Pius X*

Mass: 10.00 am Tim Hynds (Anniversary)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *The Queenship of Our Lady*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

**Sunday 23 August 2015** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Terry Lynch (Anniversary); 8.30 am ; Private Intention;

10.30 am Mary Sanger (Anniversary)

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Maria Breen, Rob Court, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Frank Dalton, Melanie Edwards, Jenny Fulcher, Gwen Herbert, 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*: Father Anthony Sacré; *Anniversaries*: Sr Bertha Gonzaga, Sr Mary Bernadetta, Eileen Brady, John Keane, Peter Keough, Edwina Johnson, John Keane, Eleanor Lettin, John Malone, Micada Matejak, Hermann Ostman, Harry Rogers, Henrietta Thorpe, Peter Wallen and Mary Watts. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
22/23 August	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	M Sherratt M Miles	S Wright L Hutt	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £238.70

Loose: £153.84

Building Fund: £53.00

## PARISH NEWS

**Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring**

**16 August 2015**



**Parish Priest: Canon Vincent Berry**

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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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We believe that at the moment of her death she was taken body and soul into Heaven. Unlike other saints she is in Heaven not only with her soul but also with her glorified body. Pope Pius XII defined this doctrine as a "divinely revealed dogma" on November 1, 1950. The Mother of God was conceived without original sin. Consequently, she did not have to wait, like the rest of us, for the resurrection on the last day.

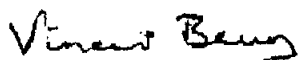
All over England today churches dedicated to Our Lady or St Mary celebrate the feast of the Assumption as their patronal feast day. The gospel reading today tells us the story of Our Lady visiting her cousin Elizabeth. Most pictures show her as a quiet gentle person but today we are told how she travelled in haste. We are given a new side of her character, a woman of action, someone on the move. In fact we see many occasions how a quiet serene even serene person becomes a woman who is going places. After the journey to see Elizabeth, we next find Mary embarking on an arduous trip, while pregnant, to Bethlehem. Then, she is on the move again, fleeing to Egypt, to escape death. We meet her again, journeying to Jerusalem, where her son goes missing – and we follow her as she goes in search of him. That whole episode ends with yet another journey, back to Nazareth.

Mary is also a woman on a mission—you could call her the first missionary, one who literally carried Christ to the world. During her visit to Elizabeth, we see her bringing Jesus to another, as she carries him in her womb and speaks a missionary's words— words which are very the beginning of all belief: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." These are the opening words to the beautiful song we call the Magnificat.

Our Lady must have made other journeys but they are not recorded in the New Testament. In the Lebanon there is a tradition that she travelled with Our Lord and the apostles to Tyre. She was not allowed to visit Tyre, a pagan town, but there is a shrine where she rested, waiting for her son to return. I have seen the statue of her looking down towards the sea. We can only imagine the sad journey to Mount Calvary. Today, on this feast, we celebrate her ultimate journey – her Assumption into heaven. The woman who spent so much of her life in motion — setting out in haste, searching, fleeing – finally is given a place of rest, a place "prepared by God," as Revelation puts it. Today, we honour that, and honour how God has "looked with favour on his lowly servant."

Although Our Lady has left this world to live with her son in heaven, she is never completely removed from it. We have records of apparitions not just in Lourdes and Fatima, but in other places too. All of us, like Mary, are on a journey. We speak of parts of this journey as our exile and our vale of tears. The Second Vatican Council tells us that Mary: "by her constant intercession continued to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation. By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth"

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### ASSISTED SUICIDE

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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. There are cards available in church today.

### 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.

### PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

### FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2016

In September we shall be preparing children in the parish for their First Holy Communion next spring. Application forms are available at the back of church.

### 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 telephone 0161 941 3498, send an email to [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk). You are also invited to visit the Catholic Singles website at [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk). The organisation includes separated and divorced people and has A.S.D.C (Association of Separated and Divorced Catholics.)

### 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)

### NEW MILL BAPTIST CHURCH

It is 360 years since a Baptist Chapel was opened for the people of New Mill. All are invited to join them on Saturday 26 September, between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm to celebrate the opening of their new church hall. Full details are on the notice at the back of our church.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 1 September, 7.30 pm, Pray and Fast at New Mill Baptist Church  
Saturday 5 September Prayer Breakfast at Corpus Christi Church at 8.30 am  
Thursday 1 October, 12.30 pm, Pray and Fast at High Street Baptist Church  
Saturday 3 October, Prayer Breakfast at St Peter & St Paul Church at 8.30 am  
Sunday 1 November, 10 am, Pray and Fast at St Martha's Methodist Church  
Saturday 7 November, 8.30 am, Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church