

Notices for the week beginning 2 August 2015

Sunday 2 August 2015 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 114

6.00 pm (Vigil) Deceased Members of the Demidecki Family;

8.30 am Judy Fernandes (Lately Dead); 10.30 am Emily and Dennis Cornell (Anniversaries)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St John Vianney*

No Mass

Wednesday *Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major*

Mass: 10.00 am Intentions of Mary Todd

Thursday *Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Mass: 10.00 am Michael Kelly (Lately Dead)

Friday *Feria*

Mass: 10.00 am Michael Kelly (Lately Dead)

Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Dominic*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 9 August 2015 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Private Intention; 8.30 am ; People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Gaby Boccino, Maria Breen, Rob Court, Nina & Erica De Cesco, 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: Judy Fernandes; **Anniversaries:** Sister Anne-Marie Genoud, Sister Marie-Madeleine Troendle, Emmanuel Adjei, Peggy Abbotts, Ellen Dorothy Arthur, Tony Bambridge, Leslie Bell, Margaret Brennan, John Joseph Carr, Clementine D'Armena, Rodney Dentith, Trude Eisgruber, Ines Forcardi, Michael Gannon, Lloyd Groves, Michael Hurley, Oliveira Jennings, Joseph and Mary Kennedy, George Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Lil McHugh, Max Regensteiner, Valerie Savage, Ralph Warrington, Annie Elizabeth Webb. May they rest in peace

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
8/9 August	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	M Miles M Sherratt	M Hart W Winstone	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £167.05

Loose: £131.55

Building Fund: £44.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

2 August 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

I like the story of a little girl at a school in Florida who paused to say Grace before her lunch in the school canteen. She was reprimanded by the school meal supervisor who was told to get in with eating her meal. She replied by saying: "It is good to pray" but the supervisor rejected this and told her to eat her meal. The parents were outraged because they had school. They felt that in offering thanks to God before meals they were showing that they did not take their food and their lives for granted. They were also teaching their daughter to develop an understanding of herself as a human being placed in a world of gifts from God.

The school meal supervisor wanted to get all the children fed and out of the canteen as soon as possible. Maybe there was a second sitting with another group of children waiting for lunch. That was her priority. The parents and their daughter had different priorities. In the midst of the whirl and speed of life today they saw the importance of the short pause in life to say the Grace helped them to focus on what really matters. Eating is not simply a physical act. It is also a spiritual occasion whereby the deep and sacramental significance of life is learnt daily.

In today's Gospel Our Lord uses the staple food of bread to point his followers, and us, to do something important. He was not just giving the crowd a free lunch. He was offering them not just the bread, which was a staple food for them, but something more important, himself. He tells them that he is the "bread of life" and this was essential for them not just in this life but in the life to come. He is not just proving them with food for their bodies but also food that feeds them spiritually with love, hope, forgiveness and the life of grace.

God is the source of all life. In the desert he gave the people manna, food from heaven. George Herbert, one of the great poets of the 17th century wrote the following:

**Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back, guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack from my first entrance in,
Drew near to me, sweetly questioning if I lack'd anything.**

**"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here." Love said, "you shall be he."
"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? Ah, my dear, I cannot look on thee."
Love took my hand and smiling did reply, "Who made the eyes but I?"**

**"Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them; let my shame go where it doth deserve."
"And know you not," says Love, "Who bore blame?" "My dear, then I will serve."
"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat." So I did sit and eat."**

I never cease to be amazed at the number of cookery programmes that we can see on television. The great recipes that are offered to us are nothing like what Our Lord offers us. He says to us: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." St Paul today explains that the Christian way of life is a fundamentally changed life requiring a change of lifestyle.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

DAY FOR LIFE

Many thanks for your donations to the Day for Life appeal last Sunday which raised £173.64.

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.

THE GRAND PUDDING QUIZ

The Justice & Peace Group would like to thank all those who attended the Grand Pudding Quiz or sent donations. The Quiz was a fantastic fun night and raised £286 which will enable the Justice & Peace Group to continue its work helping the needy at home and abroad.

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/

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
Tuesday 1 December, 7.30 pm, New Mill Baptist Church