

Notices for the week beginning 9 August 2015

Sunday 9 August 2015 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 117

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

10.30 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

Monday *St Lawrence*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Clare*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

No Mass

Thursday *St Pontian and St Hippolytus*

No Mass

Friday *St Maximilian Kolbe*

Mass: 10.00 am Mary Sanger (Anniversary)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 16 August 2015 The Assumption of Our Blessed Lady

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

10.30 am Intentions of Nina Dorass and Family

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 Agnes de Chantel David, Sheila Pinot de Moira, Archibald Frost, Thomas Furlong, Alan Gray, Valentine Humphreys, Theresa Kimuru, Joyce Jackson, Roger Lewis, Paula Medlicott, Enrico Messeri, Neil Moore, Mark Pomichalek and Mary Sanger. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
15/16 August	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	H Houston D Long
	R	M Valentine D Leadbeater	K Marsterson D Crauford	G Maloney P Apps
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £167.05 Loose: £131.55 Building Fund: £44.00
Standing Orders for July: Offertories £1,893.00 Building Fund: £129.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

9 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

At mass today all three readings tell us to stop grumbling. First of all we hear the prophet Elijah complaining to God that everything was just too much for him. He just wanted to lie down and die. He had done everything he could to call the people back to God but it had all been in vain. God did something special. He gave him enough food and drink to strengthen him for the long journey to Mount Horeb. St Paul in today's epistle encourages to avoid bad behaviour and also to stop grumbling. Finally, Our Lord tells the people to stop complaining and to look for real food which he describes as the living bread that guarantees eternal life.

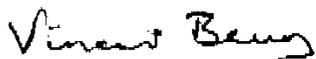
The background to the first reading today is that Elijah has just slain all the prophets of Baal, a false god, and now is running away from the fury of Jezebel, the notorious wife of Ahab, the king of northern Israel. Ahab was weak and Jezebel strong. Elijah knows that he is in trouble! No wonder he was in despair. Yet he did what he was told and after being fed was able to walk to Mount Horeb. Jezebel would soon get her comeuppance and Elijah would pass on his mission to his disciple Elisha and disappear in a fiery chariot.

In the Gospel today Our Lord invites us to believe in him so that we may enjoy life forever with him at the heavenly banquet where we will be free from worries, disappointments, tribulations and all the sorrows we experience in this life. Elijah was fortified by what God offered him and this enabled him to complete his journey. Our Lord fortifies us with what Our Lord offers us which sustains us on our journey through this life. We are pilgrims on earth and the journey is sometimes long.

At mass the reading from the Old Testament is often a backdrop to the Gospel. This is certainly so today. The middle reading, usual from one of St Paul's epistles is often ignored. Most of the speeches recorded in the Acts of the Apostles are actually sermons that he preached when he was celebrating mass with a local community. Those sermons often came down to a final message telling the people how to live their daily lives fortified by what they have received. Today's epistle is the same. St Paul tells us not to grieve the Holy Spirit by our bad behaviour. We have been sealed with the Holy Spirit, sealed for the day of redemption. It is no use being filled with the grace of the Eucharist if we then go home to be bitter, unpleasant and malicious. St Paul tells us to be "kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma."

The consequence of being "sealed with the Holy Spirit" is that we are marked out as totally belonging to Our Lord. We are enrolled in his service. We are called to be holy as God is Holy. We must put aside worldly ways. We are called to a better life, to be gentle and kind to one another, affectionate, tender-hearted, and forgiving as God has forgiven us. These are the qualities of the children of God.

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.

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. You are also invited to visit the Catholic Singles website at 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; Email : 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