

## Notices for the week beginning 27 September 2015

### Sunday 27 September 2015 26 Sunday in Ordinary Time

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6.00 pm (Vigil) Special Intention (Julia); 8.30 am ; Intentions of Lucy Hutt;

10.30 am Bridie O'Neill (Anniversary)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Jerome*

Mass 10.00 am Hannah and Harold Foster RIP

Thursday *St Therese of Lisieux*

Mass 10.00 am Thanksgiving

Friday *Our Holy Guardian Angels*

Mass 10.00 am Sheila McGrath (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

### Sunday 4 October 2015 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Jenny Brown; 8.30 am ; Special Intention;

10.30 am Ellen Gilvarny (Lately Dead)

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Rose Beck, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Frank Dalton, Melanie Edwards, Claire Garlick, Gwen Herbert, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Charlie Lynch, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Charlie Rossley, Claire Sutton, Roy Underhill and Naomi Wadling.

**Lately Dead:** Father Pat Lyons; **Anniversaries:** Canon Desmond Sheehan, Mary Beers, Eric Berry, Franco Besanelli, Mae Bilbey, Edwina Turner Boru, Frank Doria-Pamphilli, Helen Geraghty, Katie Harrison, Ivy Hornsby, John Kenny, Anna Maria Messeri, Harry Morley, Angela Murray, Lilian Obee, Mary Anne O'Shaughnessy, Thomas Mackie, James Price, Ted Rainbow, Norman Reeves, Walter Rodrigues, Laura Scarborough, Mary Sharpe, Breda Stevens, Rachel Sulch and Michael Whitehouse. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
3/4 October	E	F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	M Miles M Valentine	D Crauford P Milton	A Waters H Houston
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £265.62      Loose: £184.36      Building Fund: £28.15  
August Standing Orders: Offertories £2393.00 Building Fund: £129.00

## PARISH NEWS

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27 September 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

On 9 September, Queen Elizabeth became the longest reigning monarch in British history, with her reign surpassing that of Queen Victoria. To mark the occasion Cardinal Nichols sent a Loyal Address on behalf of Catholics in England and Wales. A copy of that address is attached to this newsletter. The Cardinal recently visited the Holy Land in the company of Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and the Presidents of the other Bishops Conferences in Europe. I have attached a copy of the joint letter of the Cardinal and Archbishop Martin and the homily preached by the Cardinal on the Feast of Holy Cross. Finally I have also attached a copy of the Pastoral Letter issued by the Cardinal and Archbishop Smith of Southwark to mark Home Mission Sunday which took place last Sunday.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees have arrived in Europe this year, escaping war, oppression and poverty. Many come from Syria, where more than 11 million people have been forced to flee their homes. CAFOD has worked for years with Syrians whose lives have been torn apart by the war, providing food, shelter and healthcare. And with your support, CAFOD's Church partners are now also helping refugees as they arrive in Europe, ensuring that they have food, vital supplies like clothes and sleeping bags, and safe places to stay. But no-one wants to be a refugee. People want to live with dignity, in their own communities, watching their children and grandchildren grow and flourish.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that the one who serves a cup of water in good faith will be rewarded in heaven. A cup of water which refreshes and restores us to life. Jesus warns us not to hold back our neighbour from living life to the full. Let us open our eyes to situations where our sisters and brothers are struggling to make ends meet, where they are struggling to survive. We are all called to share in the overflowing blessings of love and joy which God brings. We hope that by sharing what we can with our global family, all may flourish.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is Friday, 2 October. Your support and donations to CAFOD this Harvest Fast Day will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Additionally, your donations this Fast Day will be used to fund our partners work in Europe and the Middle East to support those affected by the refugee crisis. A CAFOD envelope is included with this newsletter.

Next Sunday, Pope Francis opens the latest meeting of the Synod of Bishops which will discuss the vocation of marriage in the life of the Church today. During the Second Vatican Council, one of the commentators spoke about "non-historical orthodoxy." This was an assumption by some people that things we are familiar with now have always been the same. For example, according to present church law a wedding must take in church in the presence a priest two witnesses. This law dates back only to the Council of Trent in 1545-63. Before then it was only the rich and powerful, the nobility and the clergy who got married in church. In most countries ordinary people got married at home.

In England there was a custom before Reformation that people got married in the church porch. After they had exchanged their marriage vows, they went into church for a blessing or a nuptial mass. In Geoffrey Chaucer's poem, the Canterbury Tales, the Good Wife of Bath, a much married and widowed woman, brought five husbands to the Church door.

When the bishops discuss the orthodoxy of marriage and the rules of marriage they will have to separate what is historical and what is non-historical. One issue that was considered a year ago was legislation concerning the annulment of invalid marriages. Pope Francis has just introduced new legislation about marriage tribunals which means that the Synod does not have to discuss the issue again.

The Synod may also take into account the tradition of the Greek Orthodox Church and other Churches that permit a second marriage if after a time of reflection and penance a person is reunited with the local Church and allowed to receive Holy Communion. This is a possible, not a definite, solution to a pastoral solution to many good people who seek to lead good lives after the failure of a first marriage. Whatever decision is reached, won't be easy.

A few days ago Cardinal Nichols gave a press conference which summarised the survey that many people responded to a few months ago. The laity spoke of marriage as a lifelong vocation but urged that a pastoral approach be given to those whose marriage had failed but who should not be excluded from the life of the Church.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL**

On 11 September, Members of Parliament debated a Private Member's Bill to legalise assisted suicide. In the vote that followed, MPs soundly defeated the bill, with 118 voting in favour and 330 voting against it. This was a majority of 72 per cent voting against the bill. Cardinal Nichols expressed his thanks to us in the following statement: 'I thank all Catholics in our parishes who took the time to write to or visit their Member of Parliament to express their concern about the Bill. It was an important moment of witness to our Christian faith and the value it places on each and every human life. Now let's strengthen personal palliative care and see it developed in all our hospitals!'

### **APPLE FAYRE**

The annual Tring Apple Fayre will take place on Saturday 10 October. The Justice and Peace Group will have a stall in the Farmers Market in Brook Street. The Mayor will receive the Fairtrade renewal certificate at 9.45am. The procession will arrive at about 10.15am and the market will end I understand at 1pm. Your help would be appreciated if you can help at the J&P stall.

### **FUN IN BERKHAMSTED**

Our neighbours at the Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted are holding a food & wine tasting event with an Italian theme. We invited to join them for eight tasting courses with a different wine to match. Friday 16th October 8 pm in their parish hall. The profits will go to Aid to the church in need with an additional donation to CAFOD. For further information, contact David Contact Brinsden on 851407.