

Notices for the week beginning 11 October 2015

Sunday 4 October 2015 27 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 140

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

10.30 am Ellen Gilvarny (Lately Dead)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Saint Bruno*

No Mass

Wednesday *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of David Boulton

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Canon Berry

Friday *Blessed John Henry Newman*

Mass 10.00 am Intention of Lucy Hutt

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Paulinus of York*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 11 October 2015 28 Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am Intentions of Fr John Zampese

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 Peter Phillips, Doris Baker, Annie Clarke, Dorothy Deeds, Patricia Duffy, Albert Ferschke, Gweneth Fitzpatrick, Kitty Grob, Nickie Halliday, Jimmy McAuley, Kate McDonnell, Clarence Murray, Edward Rodrigues, William Sullivan, Derwent Wall and Mary Whitmarsh. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
10/11 Oct	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Marsh H Houston
	R	J Lee M Sherratt	C Pennicott M Hart	W Hinds G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £261.67 Loose: £189.92 Building Fund: £53.10

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

11 October 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

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks to us of the goodness of the human family. We are called to see one another as part of one family, one Body. Our Lord's loving welcome of the children reminds us to reach out to our sisters and brothers, especially to those who are vulnerable. Only when we see one another as part of one family can we appreciate the richness of the gifts given to all, for the glory of God. Together, in solidarity with our global family, we can share the fruits of creation, giving thanks for God's abundant kindness. Today's mass reflects the start of the Synod of Bishops which takes place in Rome.

Cardinal Nichols and Bishop Doyle of Northampton represent us at the Synod. The Cardinal spoke about the Synod a week ago and spoke about the family as the key to the relationship between the work of graced our daily experience of faith. He said that for of us the family is where we first learn about relationships and working out the great venture of being fully human which is fundamentally at the heart of our human experiences. The Cardinal wants us to pray for the success of the Synod.

We have seen pictures on television of hundreds of thousands of refugees arriving in Europe this year, escaping war, oppression and poverty. Many have 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. Other refugees are coming from African countries and from parts of Asia.

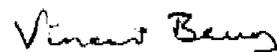
No-one wants to be a refugee. People want to live with dignity, in their own communities, watching their children and grandchildren grow and flourish. That's why, as well as responding with compassion to emergencies, we need to think of people like Hamani. He is a man in his 70s who lives in a remote village in Niger, one of the poorest countries in the world. Each year at Harvest time – about a month from now – Hamani looks forward to a crop that will feed him and his family throughout the year. And each year, as Hamani gets older, he hopes and prays that the harvest comes on time, that the rains come when they should, that they will bring enough life-giving water to feed the earth and the people, that the crop is enough to see him through to the next harvest and that his children and grandchildren won't starve. This is because in recent times, the harvest has got smaller because of longer and hotter dry seasons. This is a dry, punishing heat - strong enough to boil water if it's left outside for too long. strong enough to burn crops as they grow in the fields.

On our behalf, CAFOD has been working with a Catholic Partner – Caritas Niger – to ensure that Hamani and his family can survive if his crop is destroyed. Following a disastrous harvest in 2011, our support ensured he was able to eat and to have enough seeds to plant for the next harvest. Perhaps more importantly, we are enabling work not just in one village, but in larger areas of Niger to ensure people don't have to live hand-to-mouth if a harvest fails. With our support, and through our local Church partner, entire communities are being trained to grow different crops that can still be eaten, even if the burning sun cooks them on the stalk. People have been given livestock and ploughs so that they can farm land. And have been supported to grow a natural protection for their land – one that will prevent the earth

from being scorched. This work is so vital because it means more and more people throughout Niger have the dignity of not relying on handouts. The dignity of being able to feed their family and the joy of sharing their abundance with others. We have a special collection today to support the work of CAFOD. It will take place after Holy Communion. Please be as generous as you can.

Our Lord understood the complexities of marriage and family life when was in conflict with the scribes and Pharisees. They lived in a different world, remote from the people who turned to Our Lord their need. We are being urged by Pope Francis to reach out especially to people like Hamani in Niger, to the people who risking their lives seeking refuge in Italy, Greece and elsewhere. For the next few weeks he and the bishops will be seeking ways to help many people whose lives been damaged by broken marriages. Not easy task. Our prayerful support is needed.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

HELP FOR REFUGEES

The bishops of England and Wales have asked their local Caritas group to co-ordinate efforts to help the refugees who are escaping persecution. Caritas Westminster has already received spontaneous offers of help. First of all I would like to thank all those who have got in touch with us with offers of support for refugees arriving in the UK. It has been heartening to see the generosity of people's responses to the migrant crisis, and I hope that we in the Diocese of Westminster can work together to create communities where all migrants find a warm welcome.

The British Government has offered to take in 20,000 of the most vulnerable displaced Syrians over the next five years. Caritas is waiting to see what this will mean for Catholic communities in the Diocese of Westminster. They have written to local authorities to determine how best we in Diocese of Westminster can work together to address local needs. Already certain areas have been highlighted: help with languages, including interpreting and ESOL (English as a Second Language teaching); accommodation; legal advice; medical services; befriending; basic necessities, such as clothing, shoes, toiletries, food parcels, toys etc.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We have now begun our weekly classes for children who will prepare make their First Holy Communion next spring. If any parent has not yet registered, there are forms at the back of church.

APPLE FAYRE

The annual Tring Apple Fayre will take place next 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5 December Prayer Breakfast at New Mill Baptist Church at 8.30 am