

Notices for the week beginning 18 October 2015

Sunday 18 October 2015 29 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 146

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Paul Mostyn, Stephen Lunn and Madeleine Smith (Sick); 10.30 am Nikki Gray RIP

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Andrew's Family

Thursday *St John Paul II*

Mass 10.00 am Kate Urbanski and Family

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Des Todd and Patrick Rooney (Anniversary)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 25 October 2015 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Thomas and Elizabeth McQuillan (Anniversary); 8.30 am Bridie Ward;

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Gray

PRAYERS

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

Lately Dead: Father Pat Lyons; **Anniversaries:** John Berdinner, Susan Caffrey, Masrgaret Eder, Michael Joseph Francis, Roseanne Garvey, Joseph Hill, Constance Kenny, Michael McDonnell, Elizabeth McQuillan, James Malone, Anne Neighbour, Eugene Opalack, Brian Raftery, Clement Stephens, Bill Sunderland, Lawrence Taaffe, Edward Wall, Mary Wall, Thomas Wallace, Bridie Ward and Ivy Wood. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
24/25 Oct	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	H Houston D Long
	R	M Miles M Sherratt	J Samuel C Pennicott	G Maloney A Waters
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

September Monthly Standing Orders: Offertories £2,163.00 Building Fund £129.00

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

18 October 2015



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Times of Services

Sunday
Holydays
Weekday
Saturday

Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am

Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am

5.15 - 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

The Synod of Bishops now enters its third week. Cardinal Nichols gave an important contribution to the discussions. He suggested that before the Synod could discuss the problems found in some marriages, we should devote our “first and consistently to the family not as a focus of problems but the first place in which the drama of the working of grace and nature is to be found.” He reminded the assembly of an old but important saying that “God is not bound by his sacraments” which he quoted from the Catechism. The Cardinal referred to the survey carried out in England and Wales where people spoke of the difficulties found in marriage but also spoke about the family as something that most people treasure most and care about passionately. He described how most families never withdraw a loving welcome home, even when dismayed by certain forms of behaviour. He said that we, the entire Church, must learn this pathway of “tough love”, a love that is compassionate, honest, and always seeking to find and nurture all that is good, as illuminated by the Gospel.

Married couples have also contributed to the discussions. A very moving contribution was made by Penelope Bajaj who has been married to a Hindu for thirty-nine years. She spoke about her experience of interreligious marriage as a couple, and in terms of faith and community, emphasising that the outcome of an interreligious marriage is mutual respect so that neither of the spouses feel obliged to renounce their faith. She said: “This religious freedom made the path of our marriage smooth and successful”. She also spoke about her experience as the mother of two children, who accompanied her to Church and attended Sunday school but were not baptised. “It was my husband's desire that both our children should be allowed the freedom of choosing their own religion and I accepted it with a very large lump in my throat”. She went on to explain that the differences of religion were never a deterrent to them and that little magic words like compromise, humility and sorry helped them to lose their ego and live for the other. She joked a little when she asked: “Is there someone out there who knows how a perfect marriage takes place?” She also remarked that she and her husband were still learning and understanding their marriage every day and that if it were not for her husband's tolerance and love of Christianity and her love and understanding of where he comes from, they would never have been able to celebrate their life and inter-community differences. She also said that she was deeply moved by the compassion and empathy of the Synod Fathers who understand the struggles of family life. She said that she saw their great love, concern and hope for families.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PREPARING FOR OUR JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

We are preparing for this year's Nativity Play. The Holy Family were displaced (having to go to Bethlehem to conform with Roman regulations) and later having to flee for their lives

(Herod's massacre) to become refugees in Egypt for several years. The world has not changed!

The Nativity Play will be part of our Christmas Eve Mass for families which will bring together the children who are part of SPOG, the Sunday Children's Liturgy Group and the First Communion Class. We hope other children will join in. We need to start planning for this as soon as possible.

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. This is heartening to see the generosity of people's responses to the migrant crisis, and we in the Diocese of Westminster must work together to create communities where all migrants find a warm welcome. Meanwhile, with winter on the way, our thoughts turn to people in the Middle East who have been displaced from their homes and are living on the frontline of the Syrian civil war. There are communities of nuns who have stayed to look after these traumatised people, especially little children. If the death and destruction of war is an example of the worst of mankind; the work of people like the sisters is a shining example of the love and compassion mankind is capable of. Aid to the Church in Need, whom we have helped several times, continues to give support on our behalf.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

We have 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. Registration will end this weekend.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Application forms are available at the back of church.

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We would like to start a friendship group within our Parish. The hope is that we meet every Monday at 10.30 am in Anusia's Coffee Shop in Tring High Street. Our aim is that we meet together and enjoy each other's company. We will be there anyway but would be delighted if you joined us. If you are interested, please phone Wendy on 01442 824369 or Simon on 01442 826681. Lifts can be provided if necessary.

VOCATIONS

The Vocation Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) meets on Friday 23 October, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room next to Westminster Cathedral. Sr Kasia Kowalska of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion: Reading the story of our lives through Scripture. For more info contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk. “Ministering Mercy” is the theme of a “Come and See” retreat day on Saturday 24 October at Allen Hall seminary for men (aged 18+) who are discerning a calling to the priesthood. It is essential to register in advance. For more info contact Fr Graham at GrahamStokes@rcdow.org.uk

BST

British Summer Time ends next Sunday morning. Spring Forward, Fall Back reminds us to put our clocks back one hour next Saturday evening.