

## Notices for the week beginning 25 October 2015

### Sunday 25 October 2015 30 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 149

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

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Gray

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Simon and St Jude*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Paula and Family

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Simon Whitehead followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

### Sunday 1 November 2015 All Saints Day

6.00 pm (Vigil) Bob Hart (Anniversary); 8.30 am Harold and Hannah Foster RIP;

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.

### Anniversaries:

Jeannie Barker, Jane Barret, John Biggs, Anthony Carbona, Sue Crowhurst, Freda Davies, Teresa Gannon, Clare Graf, George Hudson, Harold Judd, John Kowalewski, Cathie Lawrie, Felicia Moderski, Lorraine Pennock, Hannah Quinn, Gwen Shadwell, Joseph Stanworth, Sutton Thorpe, Olga van Stokem, Mary van Geghen, Bridie Ward and Elwyn Wilson. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
31Oct/1 Nov	E	F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R	M Valentine J Lee	M Hart W Winstone	S Lewington H Houston
	W		D Kerr	

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £315.27      Loose: £132.88      Building Fund: £79.00

## PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

25 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

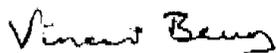
John Newton was an English sailor, born in 1725. He was only a boy when he became a sailor but eventually he was a sea captain of slave ships. He earned a lot of money. One day he had a religious experience which helped him renounce his trade and he became a prominent supporter of people like William Wilberforce who opposed the slave trade. He lived to see Britain abolish the slavery in 1807. After his conversion he became an Anglican priest and for twenty years ministered to the people of Olney in Buckinghamshire. He wrote several hymns, the most well know being Amazing Grace.

The words of the hymn, talking about blindness, provides a backdrop to the story in today's Gospel. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, to face his passion. On the way into the city he encounters a blind beggar. He was the son of a man called Timaeus, in Hebrew Bartimaeus. When he hears that Jesus is passing by he cries out for help. Friends bring him to Jesus who asks him what he wants. He wants to see again. Once he had been able to see but at some time in the past he had gone blind. He knew what he was missing. In John Newton's hymn we sing: "I once was lost but now I am found; was blind, but now I see." Bartimaeus wanted so much to be able to see again. For years he had been blind, depending on the charity of strangers passing by as they travelled into Jerusalem. Many people perhaps did not even see him as they walked past.

The story tells us so much. The blind beggar knew what he was missing. He had heard so much about Jesus, the miracle worker from Galilee. When he shouted out to Jesus he disregarded the attempt of bystanders to make him keep quiet. Above all the noise Jesus heard him. He waited for the beggar to be brought to him. He recognised the man's faith and healed him. The man himself could have gone off, as Jesus told him to. Instead he followed Jesus, wanting to be with him, the way, the truth and the life. The miracle is also special for us. St Mark tells us it was the last miracle that Jesus worked before the Last Supper.

We live in a world which is full of images of glitter and bling, of people with political and corporate power, of superstars in the sporting and entertainment industries, some of whom are indifferent and apathetic, selfish and arrogant. They are blind to the world Mother Teresa saw and Pope Francis continues to see. Mother Teresa and Pope Francis invite us to see people, not just ourselves but those around us. Do we see them and really look at them, or do we ignore them? What about the little people, those hurt by tragedy that is of no interest to some but not all television and newspaper reporters? Pope Francis bids us pay attention to those who are marginalized, those whom this world holds in little regard, those whom this world would have us overlook, those whom this world condemns to be of little value. This blindness needs to be cured. Christ left behind a vision for us. We find it especially in the Gospel values and in the writings of St Paul. These are what the Church brings out of its treasure house for us to use as channels of peace, love and grace for all the peoples of the world.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES**

Registration has now closed. The classes will resume after the school half-term holiday.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Application forms are available at the back of church.

### **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.

If you can give financial help, there will be a second collection at mass today. We shall send your gifts to Caritas especially for the people of Syria where there are so many Catholic, Orthodox and Eastern Orthodox Christians. Some are still in Syria but many have fled to neighbouring countries. Those who are staying in tents face a cold winter.

### **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.

### **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.

### **THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

This will take place on Saturday 12 December, from 7 to 10 pm. This is an opportunity to prepare for Christmas with various local bands singing acoustic blues and jazzy music. Tickets cost £2. All are welcome. A tuck shop will be available. Please contact Dan for tickets.

### **SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND**

Next Sunday the annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund will take place. Your generous donation will help ensure that priests in the Westminster Diocese who have devoted many years of service to this and all the other parishes in the diocese will be provided for in their elderly and infirm years. The Fund helps cover medical, housing, convalescence and personal needs. Gift envelopes are available with this newsletter.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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