

## Notices for the week beginning 1 November 2015

### Sunday 1 November 2015 All Saints Day

Mass Book, pages 7 and 186

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

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Gray

### Monday All Souls' Day

Mass 10.00 am and 7.30 pm Both Masses for the Holy Souls

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Charles Borromeo*

Mass 10.00 am Holy Souls

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Holy Souls

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Holy Souls

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

### Sunday 8 November 2015 32 Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am Thanksgiving (Lana Ridley)

### PRAYERS

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

**Anniversaries:** Michael John Blood, Aida Rose Cavall, Mary Dentith, James Eder, Harold and Hannah Foster, Nancy Fullicks, Walter Grabowski, Esther Grant, Zygmunt Grochala, Bob Hart, Elizabeth Harte, Andrew Holmes, Rose Hunt, Margaret Kay, Patrick Long, Mary McGovern, Eileen McNamara, Mary Morley, Michael O'Donovan, Margaret and Robert Pennicott, Norah Raftery, Anastasia Reeves, Daniel Smyth, Margaret Smyth, Shawn Waldrige and all the Holy Souls. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
7/8 Nov	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Long H Houston
	R	D Leadbeater M Miles	P Milton D Crauford	P Apps G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

## PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

1 November 2015



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**website: [www.jfk.herts.sch.uk](http://www.jfk.herts.sch.uk); Head teacher: Mr Paul Neves.**

### 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 closed last weekend. These are extracts from the closing speech of Pope Francis:

**The Synod was not about settling all the issues having to do with the family, but rather attempting to see them in the light of the Gospel and the Church's tradition and two-thousand-year history, bringing the joy of hope without falling into a facile repetition of what is obvious or has already been said. It was about urging everyone to appreciate the importance of the institution of the family and of marriage between a man and a woman, based on unity and indissolubility, and valuing it as the fundamental basis of society and human life. It was about listening to and making heard the voices of the families and the Church's pastors, who came to Rome bearing on their shoulders the burdens and the hopes, the riches and the challenges of families throughout the world.**

**It was also about laying bare the closed hearts which frequently hide even behind the Church's teachings or good intentions, in order to sit in the chair of Moses and judge, sometimes with superiority and superficiality, difficult cases and wounded families. It was about making clear that the Church is a Church of the poor in spirit and of sinners seeking forgiveness, not simply of the righteous and the holy, but rather of those who are righteous and holy precisely when they feel themselves poor sinners. It was about trying to open up broader horizons, rising above conspiracy theories and blinkered viewpoints, so as to defend and spread the freedom of the children of God, and to transmit the beauty of Christian Newness, at times encrusted in a language which is archaic or simply incomprehensible.**

**Apart from dogmatic questions clearly defined by the Church's Magisterium, we have also seen that what seems normal for a bishop on one continent, is considered strange and almost scandalous – almost! – for a bishop from another; what is considered a violation of a right in one society is an evident and inviolable rule in another; what for some is freedom of conscience is for others simply confusion. We have seen that the same challenge is ever before us: that of proclaiming the Gospel to the men and women of today, and defending the family from all ideological and individualistic assaults.**

**The Synod experience also made us better realise that the true defenders of doctrine are not those who uphold its letter, but its spirit; not ideas but people; not formulae but the gratuitousness of God's love and forgiveness. This is in no way to detract from the importance of formulae – they are necessary – or from the importance of laws and divine commandments, but rather to exalt the greatness of the true God, Who does not treat us according to our merits or even according to our works but solely according to the boundless generosity of His Mercy. It does have to do with overcoming the recurring temptations of the elder brother and the jealous labourers. Indeed, it means upholding all the more the laws and commandments which were made for man and not vice versa.**

**The Church's first duty is not to hand down condemnations or anathemas, but to proclaim God's mercy, to call to conversion, and to lead all men and women to salvation in the Lord.**

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.

### **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**

The annual collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund will take place today, after Holy Communion. Your generous donations 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 were distributed last week. There are extra supplies of envelopes at the back of church.

### **ART AT THE HEART**

Local parishioner Sheila de Rosa invites you to this Autumn Art Fayre at the Wellbeing Spring Centre of the Hospice of St. Francis, off Shootersway, Berkhamsted, HP4 3TX on Sunday 15th November, 10am - 4pm. Sheila will have some of her work exhibited together with an "inspiring selection of original art and gifts by local artists at prices to suit every pocket, with a percentage going to the Hospice of St. Francis." Tea and coffee will be served with music throughout the afternoon.

### **TOWN FARM ART SHOW**

Christine Bass invites you to the annual art show at 6 Town Farm Cheddington from 27 to 29 November. Full details on [www.townfarmartshow.blogspot.com](http://www.townfarmartshow.blogspot.com) and o leaflets at the bach of church.