

Notices for the week beginning 22 November 2015

Sunday 22 November 2015 Feast of Christ the King

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

10.30 am Ita Johnson (Anniversary)

Monday *St Clement*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Andrew Dung-Lac and the Martyrs of Viet Nam*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Holy Souls

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 9.30 am Friends of Mary Todd

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 29 November 2015 First Sunday of Advent

6.00 pm (Vigil) Dymphna O'Shea and Pauline Lynch; 8.30 am Holy Souls;

10.30 am People of the Parish

PRAYERS

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

Lately Dead: Keith Wadling; **Anniversaries:** Sister Françoise Marguerite, Jean Claude Barry, Nell Bell, Patricia Chambers, Maria De Marchi, Georgina Horlick, George Husfelt, Anthony Kowalewski, Kathleen MacPherson, Alexander Malone, Mary Singlehurst and all the Holy Souls. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015	6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
28/29 Nov	E F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Long W Hinds
	R M Sherratt D Leadbeater	W Winstone L Hutt	S Lewington H Houston
	W	D Kerr	

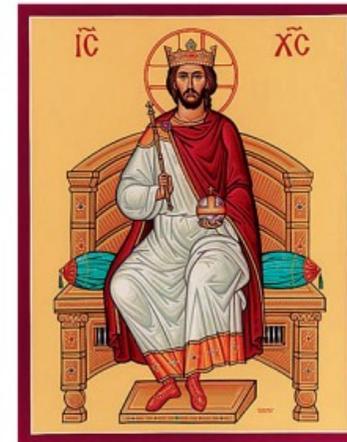
OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

22 November 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

Today is the feast of Christ the King. Standing before Pontius Pilate Jesus describes himself as king of a kingdom that is "not of this world" and as one sent to bear witness to the truth. He said: I was born for this, I came into the world for this." Pilate only understood power, authority and control. The Jewish leaders understood the same and saw Our Lord as a threat to all that they depended on to exert their authority. He, on the other hand, spoke about love – "Love one another as I have loved you" – about service – "The greatest among you must be your servant" – about total commitment – "Love your enemies and do good to those who persecute you."

In the midst of the horrors we have witnessed in Paris during the past week the voice of one man stands out. Antoine Leiris lost his wife Helene in the Bataclan theatre in Paris. His tribute to his wife and his challenge to her killers has since been shared thousands of times all over the world: "On Friday night you took an exceptional life - the love of my life, the mother of my son - but you will not have my hatred. I don't know who you are and I don't want to know, you are dead souls. If this God, for whom you kill blindly, made us in his image, every bullet in the body of my wife would have been one more wound in his heart. So, no, I will not grant you the gift of my hatred. You're asking for it, but responding to hatred with anger is falling victim to the same ignorance that has made you what you are. You want me to be scared, to view my countrymen with mistrust, to sacrifice my liberty for my security. You lost. I saw her this morning. Finally, after nights and days of waiting. She was just as beautiful as when she left on Friday night, just as beautiful as when I fell hopelessly in love over 12 years ago. Of course I am devastated by this pain, I give you this little victory, but the pain will be short-lived. I know that she will be with us every day and that we will find ourselves again in this paradise of free love to which you have no access. We are just two, my son and me, but we are stronger than all the armies in the world. I don't have any more time to devote to you, I have to join Melvil who is waking up from his nap. He is barely 17-months-old. He will eat his meals as usual, and then we are going to play as usual, and for his whole life this little boy will threaten you by being happy and free. Because no, you will not have his hatred either."

Antoine's moving and beautiful message helps us to understand what our Christian faith is all about, love and forgiveness. It is at the heart of why we honour Christ as our king. In the Preface to today's Eucharistic Prayer we hear: "Father, you anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal king. As priest he offered his life on the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this one perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all creation that he might present to you, his almighty Father, an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

In a few weeks, Pope Francis will invite us to join with him in celebrating a special Holy Year, the Year of Mercy. He speaks of mercy as "the bridge that connects God and human beings. His is a simple message of mercy, service, and renewal spread to every corner of the world. Pope Francis has captured the attention of a world longing for an authentic message of hope.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Berry

Parish Priest

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We have formed a friendship group in our Parish. It meets on Monday mornings 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. 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.

SWEET SINGING IN THE CHOIR

We would like to form a choir to sing the Christmas Midnight Mass. We already have a group of singers but we would like more members. If you would like to volunteer please send an email message to tring@rcdow.org.uk.

THE PLAYING OF THE MERRY ORGAN

It is sad to say farewell to Barrie Maloney who has played the organ at mass Sunday after Sunday for nearly eight years. He has recently moved to North Yorkshire and will be sadly missed. We need to find a replacement. Jane Bird and Chris Howlings continue to play but their work commitments mean that they are often away at weekends. If you play the piano or keyboard you will be able to canon play the organ. Please come and try. We have music at the Saturday 6 pm mass and at the Sunday 10.30 mass. If anyone has trained to play the organ, so much the better. Please contact Canon Berry at tring@rcdow.org.uk

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.

DENS

DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) is also the centre for an Emergency Food Centre for local people in crisis. We have a collecting basket at the back of church. There will be a three day collection at Tesco stores including Tesco Tring. It will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 3 to 5 December. Volunteers are needed to help at the store. This involves asking customers to buy extra items to donate to DENS. If you can spare a couple of hours please follow this link: <http://vols.pt/wDsjtK>. The owners of this link will not pass on your details to any other organisation.

TOWN FARM ART SHOW

Christine Bass invites you to this annual show at 6 Town Farm, Cheddington, LU7 0TT next weekend, Friday 27 to Sunday 29 November, 10 am to 4 pm. Full details can be found on www.townfarmartshow.blogspot.com. Mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas cake in aid of the Rennie Grove Hospice Care. Free Entry.