

Notices for the week beginning 17 January 2016

Sunday 17 January 2016 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 127

6.00 pm (Vigil) Mary Gray (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Kate Andrew and Family;

10.30 am Intentions of Lana Ridley

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

12 noon Prayers for Christian Unity

Tuesday *St Wulstan*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Fabian and St Sebastian*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Mary Todd

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Mary Gray (Lately Dead)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 24 January 2016 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Helen Sherratt ; 8.30 am Kate Andrew and Family;

10.30 am Inten

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Terry Andrew, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Michael Hornsby, Mary and Michael Howlings, Adeline Lewis, Sheila McGrath, Colin McHugh, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Michael Rogers, Claire Sutton, Warren Ward, Naomi Wadling, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Mary Gray, Rita Lonsdale and Betty O'Connolly; **Anniversaries:** Father Henry Hardy (Founder of our Parish), Liz Atthews, John Bass, Norman Cole, John Cook, Sydney Cooper, Kathy Copcutt, Olive Crisp, Alice Durkin, Maude Grant-Scarf, Josephine Grous, Anne Herring, Anne Jacobs, Violet Kenny, Henry Lee, Margaret McCarthy, Cait McDonnell, Leo Maloney, Edward Michaels, Peter Miles, Patrick Murphy, Roger O'Donnell, Philip O'Donohue, John Piggott, Joseph Saucerman, Annie Slack, Hazel Stokes, Andy Swan, Adeline Vilani and Howard Whitmarsh. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015	6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
23/24 Jan	E G Booth O Conway	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R J Lee M Miles	C Pennicott S Wright	H Houston S Lewington
	W	D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £270.87

Loose: £139.83

Building Fund: £54.50

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

17 January 2016



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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

We have celebrated the season of Christmas and now move into a period that the Church calls Ordinary Time. The priest wears green coloured vestments. Green is the colour of home. This period in the Church's calendar will end at the beginning of Lent and resume after Easter. During Ordinary Time we continue to contemplate the mystery of why God sent his Son into our world who would be like us in all things, except sin. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy we think particularly of God's loving mercy towards us and his invitation to us to show love and mercy to our fellow human beings.

The tradition of Jubilee is of Jewish origin. In the Book of Leviticus instructions are given for a jubilee to take place every fifty years. The number seven occurs frequently in Jewish Law. There are seven days in each week. Seven weeks after Passover the feast of Shavuot (a week of weeks) is celebrated. We know this as Pentecost which means the fiftieth day. This leads us to the Jubilee Year. After seven periods of seven years the fiftieth year is proclaimed as a special year but the sounding of the ram's horn. The word jubilee comes from the Hebrew word "yobel" meaning "ram." It is a time when all debts are cancelled and slaves are released from service. In 1300 AD Pope Boniface VIII introduced a Jubilee Year, following the tradition of Israel. He wanted it to be a special time for the remission of sins and universal pardon. The fifty year period was later reduced to twenty-five years. In 1933 Pope Pius XI has a special year to mark 1933 years since the death and resurrection of Our Lord. Pope Francis has made 2015-16 a special year to proclaim the virtue of mercy and this takes us back to the original Jewish Jubilee as a time for forgiveness and reconciliation.

Pope Francis in a recent sermon said: "When we have something on our mind and we want to ask God to forgive us, it's He who is waiting for us – to forgive us. This Jubilee Year of Mercy, to some extent, is also this: that we may know that our Lord is waiting for us, each one of us. Why? To embrace us. Nothing more. To say to us: son, daughter, I love you. I let my Son be crucified for you: this is the price of my love, this is the gift of my love." He went on to stress how "the Lord is waiting for me, the Lord wants me to open the door of my heart" and we must have this certainty that He will wait for us just as we are and not as we are told to be. We must go to the Lord and say: 'You know Lord how much I love you.' Or, if you don't feel able to say it in that way: 'You know Lord that I would like to love you but I am such a bad sinner.' And He will do the same as he did with the prodigal son who squandered all his money on vices: he won't let you finish your speech and with an embrace will silence you. The embrace of God's love."

There is a poem by George Herbert, an Anglican priest of the seventeenth century, which is called Love. This is what the poem tells us:

**LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lack'd anything.**

**'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'
Love said, 'You shall be he.'
'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on Thee.'
Love took my hand and smiling did reply,
'Who made the eyes but I?'**

**'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame
Go where it doth deserve.'
'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'
'My dear, then I will serve.'
'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'
So I did sit and eat.**

Liz & David Long and family would like to thank everyone who has supported them in their recent bereavement. They are most grateful for all the messages of condolence and especially for the prayers which have sustained them through this most difficult time.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We have formed a friendship group in our Parish. It meets on Monday mornings at 10.30 am. For the time being it will meet in the Akeman, Akeman 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This takes place each year from 18 to 25 January, finishing on the feast of the Conversion of St Paul. During this week there will be prayers each day at 12 noon in one of the Tring Churches. We shall lead the prayers on Tuesday. Please come along for fifteen minutes. We would like to offer tea and coffee at 12.15 pm. Please come along in you can. The full list of daily prayers is as follows: Monday 18 Jan St Peter & St Pauls Parish Church; Tuesday 19 Jan Corpus Christi Catholic Church; Wednesday 20 Jan St Martha's Methodist Church; Thursday 21 January New Mill Baptist Church; Friday 22 January High St Baptist Church.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

It has been the custom for many years for people from the different churches in Tring to meet once a month, on the first Saturday of each month, for a prayer breakfast. We gather by rota in one of the churches for a simple breakfast at 8.30 am followed at 9.00 am with time for prayer. We shall be acting as host church on Saturday 6 February. Please come along and join in. We also need a few people from 8 o'clock onwards to prepare the hall for breakfast.