

## Notices for the week beginning 21 February 2016

Sunday 21 February 2016 Second Sunday of Lent

Mass Book, pages 7 and 156

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Private Intention;

10.30 am Intentions of Thomas Apps

Monday *The Chair of St Peter*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Polycarp of Smyrna*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Sheila McGrath (Lately Dead)

Stations of the Cross 10.30 am and 7.30 pm

Saturday *Lent Feria*

Confessions 10.00-10.30 am; 5.15-5.45 pm

Sunday 28 February 2016 Third Sunday of Lent

6.00 pm (Vigil) Private Intention; 8.30 am Private Intention; 10.30 am People of the Parish

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Terry Andrew, Bettine Byrd, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Sam Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Mary and Michael Howlings, Adeline Lewis, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Warren Ward, Naomi Wadling and Anne Wilkinson; *Lately Dead*: Thomas Prior and Cheralann Visel. *Anniversaries*: Kelly Balco, Mary Barber, Patricia Calladine, Susan Clifford, Brian Cusack, Richard Fisher, Brian Fitzgerald, Eddie Goodwin, John Henry, John Ireton, Billie Kehoe, Mary McDonnell, Julie O'Mahoney, Daniel Renihan, Agnes Valentine, Ken Valentine, Jack Webster, Lily Weeks and Maria Wylde, May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015	6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
27/28 Feb	E F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday	P Apps W Hinds
	R M Sherratt M Hart	W Winstone J Samuel	H Houston S Lewington
	W	S Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £235.71

Loose: £169.38

Building Fund: £52.50

## PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

21 February 2016



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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

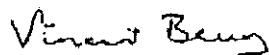
In today's gospel we are told of a special moment in the lives of Peter, James and John. Our Lord takes them up a high mountain, traditionally called Mount Tabor. There Jesus begins to pray. While he is at prayer he is visited by two Old Testament characters, Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets. The apostles are startled by this appearance. It provokes Peter to say that it was good for them to be there and that he wanted them to remain there, so much so that he offered to build three shrines or tents. That was not part of Our Lord's plan. He wanted them to come down from the mountain, to continue their journey of faith and accompany him on his journey to Jerusalem, a journey that would lead not just to his crucifixion and death but then on to his resurrection.

Today we hear about how God calls certain people to have a role in a great drama: his plan of salvation. The Book of Genesis describes how God chose Abram - better known now as Abraham. He brought him out of a place called Ur (in modern Iraq) and guided him to a new land. There he told Abraham that his descendants would be numerous - like the stars in the night sky. Abraham offered a sacrifice to God but afterwards, while he slept, a deep, terrifying darkness overwhelmed him. In that dark night God spoke to the patriarch, telling him what lay in his future. The apostles were terrified on the mountain when they were suddenly enveloped in a cloud but then they heard God speaking to them: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Like Abraham their fears were overcome.

It's interesting to consider the main characters in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration. Moses' life was engaged in a tremendous struggle to free God's people who were not always grateful for what he had done. He brought them out of slavery in Egypt and gave them freedom. But they didn't want to carry the weight of freedom with all the burdensome moral choices that had to be made. Once they even asked to return to the fleshpots of Egypt. They would have to live in slavery but at least they would be comfortable. The prophet Elijah struggled against a corrupt Jewish king who was married to a woman named Jezebel, someone who promoted promiscuity not only as a way of life but as a part of pagan temple worship. The mission given to Moses and Elijah was not easy but they did what God asked them to do.

God had a role for Abraham and the apostles. He also has a role for each one of us. St Paul talks about this when he wrote to the Church in Philippi. We have to live by certain standards. We will be measured by the standards of heaven, our true home, not by the standards of the earth. These standards are also called the gospel values. The season of Lent is a good time to take the time to glimpse the glory, to remind ourselves of our real home in heaven and the future that awaits us. Lent provides us an opportunity to redefine our values, to readjust priorities and to unpack all the extra baggage that slows us down on our journey towards eternal life.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

## CAFOD LENT FAST DAY

This year CAFOD is working to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day, now have time for school, study and to play with their friends.

Today there will be a second collection, after Holy Communion, to support the work of CAFOD. Special envelopes were distributed at mass last Sunday. Please use them for your offerings, especially if you are able to Gift Aid your offering. Extra envelopes are available at the back of church.

## LENTEN ALMS

Each year the Cardinal designates a charity for what is traditionally called Lenten Alms. The money you save by fasting and abstinence during Lent is put to good use. So as not to clash with the CAFOD appeal, the Lenten Alms appeal will take place later in Lent. The Cardinal has designated Caritas Westminster this year. In two weeks' time special envelopes will be given out to receive your offerings.

## LENT LUNCHES

We have a custom for people from the different churches in Tring and the surrounding villages to meet each Wednesday during Lent for a simple lunch, between 12 noon and 1 pm. We at Corpus Christi will act as host next Wednesday 24 February. We need some helpers to prepare the parish hall, to serve the food and to tidy up afterwards. There is a list at the back of church this weekend. Please help us if you can. You can also phone Wendy on 01442 824369.

## MESSY CHURCH

This month's Messy Church is next Sunday, 28 February, from 3 to 5 pm, in the hall and church.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ON FRIDAY 4 MARCH

Each year women all over the world meet to pray on the first Friday in March. Here in Tring we shall gather at St Martha's Methodist Church in Chapel Lane. The theme this year, prepared by the women of Cuba, is on the theme of "Receive children, receive me." There are two services, 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. We are asked to do one of the readings. Please phone Wendy on 01442 824369.

## 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 February Lent Fast Day (for CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development)  
24 February Lent Lunch at Corpus Christi, 12.00 noon  
28 February Messy Church, 3 to 5 pm  
25 March Good Friday  
27 March Easter Sunday