

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

27 March 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 October 1979 St John Paul II visited the United States and one of his visits was to the people of Harlem in New York. In the course of his address to the African Americans he quoted words from St Augustine about us being an "Easter People." This is part of what he said:

I come to you as a servant of Jesus Christ, and I want to speak to you about him. Christ came to bring joy: joy to children, joy to parents, joy to families and to friends, joy to workers and to scholars, joy to the sick and to the elderly, joy to all humanity.

In a true sense, joy is the keynote of the Christian message and the recurring motif of the Gospels. Recall the first words of the angel to Mary: "Rejoice, O full of grace, the Lord is with you" (*Lk* 1: 28). And at the birth of Jesus, the angels announced to the shepherds: "Listen, I bring you news of great joy, joy to be shared by all people" (*Lk* 2: 10). Years later as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a colt, "the whole group of disciples joyfully began to praise God at the top of their voices: 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord' !" (*Lk* 19: 37-38) . We are told that some Pharisees in the crowd complained, saying: "Master, stop your disciples". But Jesus answered: "I tell you, if they were silent, the very stones would cry out" (*Lk* 19 :39-40).

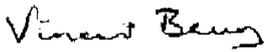
Are not those words of Jesus still true today? If we are silent about the joy that comes from knowing Jesus, the very stones of our cities will cry out ! For we are an Easter people and "Alleluia" is our song. With Saint Paul I exhort you: "Rejoice in the Lord always, I say it again, rejoice" (*Phil* 4:4). Rejoice because Jesus has come into the world!

Rejoice because Jesus has died upon the Cross! Rejoice because he rose again from the dead! Rejoice because in baptism, he washed away our sins! Rejoice because Jesus has come to set us free! And rejoice because he is the . master of our life!

These words provide a good foundation for us as we come together to celebrate Our Lord's resurrection. The life of our risen Lord is for everyone. St Peter tells us in our first reading that God does not have favourites. St Paul's Epistle tells us that through baptism we have died with Christ and entered into the life of the resurrection.

Good Friday had ended in terrible darkness for the apostles and for Our Lady. During Holy Saturday St Peter went around Jerusalem rounding up the apostles so that they were together in the early hours of Easter Sunday. Before dawn Mary Magdalen and a few of the women set off for the tomb and found it empty. We can imagine her distress when she ran to tell the apostles of what she had found. St John in his gospel tells us how he and St Peter had run to the tomb. It was when they entered the tomb that the words of Jesus came back to them that the Lord had indeed risen from the dead. The resurrection is at the heart of our beliefs, that Jesus had suffered and died but was now risen from the dead. Years later St Paul, who never met Our Lord, became aware that if Christ has not been raised from the dead, his preaching was useless and so was the faith of those who listened to him or read his epistles.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you for your generous contributions to last Sunday's appeal to decorate the Church with flowers for Easter. The collection raised £222.10.

PETE EMMOTT

Pete was our parish youth worker before Dan was appointed three years ago. He continues to be the youth worker at the Sacred Heart Church in Berkhamsted. He is looking for somewhere to rent for himself, his wife Cassie and growing family. He would like to live in and around Berkhamsted and Tring. The lease on their present accommodation ends at the end of April. If anyone knows of anything that would be suitable for them, please contact Pete either on on 07541 412 128, or pete.emmott@gmail.com

RED BOXES

Sheila McGrath was the local co-ordinator for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) and the St Joseph's Missionary Society (Mill Hill Fathers). Jenny Brown has kindly agreed to take over this important role. She can be contacted on 01442 824627. The principal source of income is from what we call the Red Boxes.

Red Boxes are now due for collection. Money or cheques should be given to Jenny Brown (01442 824627). If anyone has a box that has not been emptied, please return it to the church ASAP.

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. The Group will not meet tomorrow, Easter Monday, but on the following Monday, 4 April, at 10.30 am.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

As part of the Year of Mercy celebrations Cardinal Nichols has invited people throughout the diocese to join him on the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 9 July. Walsingham is known as England's Nazareth. The theme of the pilgrimage is "Mary, the Mother of Mercy." The day will include an outdoor Mass, procession with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham and banners along the Holy Mile, prayers and Benediction in the Priory grounds, and free time to visit the Basilica, the Slipper Chapel and the Holy Door. Bring a picnic lunch. The Cardinal is also asking priests to consider cancelling the Saturday evening mass on 9 July to enable them to travel with their parishioners. If you would like to express an interest, please put your name on the list at the back of church. At the moment this is not a firm commitment by you. It is just to see if there are sufficient numbers.

REFUGEES

Have you been thinking you would like to do something practical to help refugees? Could you donate clean shoes, clothing, blankets or toiletries? There is to be a collection of such items at Kings Road Evangelical Church, Kings Road, Berkhamsted HP4 3BD on the first Sunday in April (and every month) 1.00pm -3.00pm. The Justice & Peace Group will be collating items to go to Berkhamsted at their next meeting on Wednesday 30th March. Please contact Anne Nobbs (823971) before that date if you would like her to collect items from you. Otherwise please take them direct to Kings Road Church.

Notices for the week beginning 27 March 2016

Sunday 27 March 2016 Easter Sunday

Mass Book, pages 7 and 176

8. 00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Sam Borjowski

Monday *Easter Monday*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Tuesday*

No Mass

Wednesday *Easter Wednesday*

Mass 10.00 am Bridie Ward RIP

Thursday *Easter Thursday*

Mass 10.00 am Flynn Parry (Sick)

Friday *Easter Friday*

Mass 10.00 am Mr Heyes (Lately Dead)

Saturday *Easter Saturday*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 3 April 2016 Low Sunday

6.00 pm (Vigil) Libby Shaw RIP; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Fizah, Issy and the other altar servers

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Nina & Erica De Cesco, Sam Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Mary and Michael Howlings, Adeline Lewis, Bob Masini, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Naomi Wadling, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Mr Heyes. **Anniversaries:** Elizabeth Axe, Joseph Betts, Sinéad Butler, Juliette Cooke, Ernest Couchman, John Cronin, Liam Donovan, Verna Evans, John Fraser, Giles Harwood, Kathleen Hill, Rose Hollis, Lozia Jabs, David Lawless, Jack Lyons, Thomas McQuillan, Johann Manzenreiter, Maria Messeri, William Orłowski, Annette Packer, Leonor Palomares, Rose Rogers, Helen Swan, Ernest Taylor, Douglas Valentine, Paul Whitton and Emilia Zerafa.
May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
02/03/April	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday	D Long H Houston
	R	M Miles M Sherratt	P Milton L Hutt	P Apps G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £293.00

Loose: £179.13

Building Fund: £53.50