

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

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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

During this holy year, the Jubilee of Mercy, whenever Pope Francis speaks to people, he will include reference to the Lord's love, compassion and mercy and the mission that he gave to the disciples. Last Wednesday he spoke to a vast crowd in St Peter's Square and this was his message to all of us: Dear Brothers and Sisters: today I wish to reflect on God's mercy fulfilled in Jesus, who is mercy incarnate. In every moment of his earthly life, Jesus made mercy visible: meeting the crowds, announcing the Gospel, healing the sick, drawing close to the forgotten, pardoning sinners. He showed a love open to all, a love which was fulfilled on the cross.

His mission of mercy began in humble surroundings at the Jordan, where he stood in line with sinners to be baptized by John. The Father confirmed this mission at Jesus' Baptism when he sent the Holy Spirit upon him and said: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased" (*Mk* 1:11). We can contemplate this mystery by gazing upon the cross, for there Jesus offered to the Father the sin of the world, our sins. From the cross, Jesus shows us that no one is excluded from God's merciful love: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (*Lk* 23:34). We should, therefore, never fear to acknowledge and confess our sins, for the sacrament of Reconciliation offers us the forgiveness which flows from the cross and which renews us in his grace. In this Jubilee Year, let us embrace the Gospel with greater vigour and be heralds of the Father's mercy and forgiveness.

Pope Francis concluded his message by saying: As we celebrate the Easter season, may our hearts be open to the Risen Lord so that, strengthened by his grace, we may share with our families and communities the Gospel of Mercy. God bless you all!

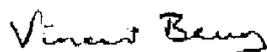
Last Sunday I referred to my remuneration as parish priest. It is not a matter that I and most priests like to raise. There is a minimum "standard" salary of £9,100 per year plus board and lodging. If a priest's income is less than the "standard" salary the shortfall is made

up from parish funds. We are a small parish and we have very few baptisms, marriages and funerals. Some London parishes have many baptisms, weddings and funerals and a priest's income is much more than the "standard" salary.

The Tring parish accounts for 2015 were published in the newsletter last January and are still available on the parish web site: parish.rcdow.org.uk/tring. You can find details under Parish Accounts. This shows that my income (under stipends) was £4,164. The shortfall was made up from the parish.

Last Sunday I listed the amount of stole fees for the sacraments and for mass stipends. I would like to repeat what I wrote last week that has always been at the discretion of a priest to receive a smaller stipend or no stipend at all. I will continue to accept five pounds from those who cannot afford the new stipend.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a special collection for the Priest Training Fund. There are 29 men in formation for priesthood in the Diocese of Westminster. It costs £25,000 per student at the Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea. At the end of the six-year formation programme £125,000 will be spent on each student. This is quite an investment and Cardinal Nichols relies on our generosity to provide for the training and formation of our future priests. Our students are in training in Allen Hall and also in seminaries in Rome and in Spain. The Fund, its official title is the Westminster Ecclesiastical Education Fund (WEEF), helps pay for promoting vocations to the priesthood and also specialist training for future chaplains in hospitals, prisons and universities. The majority of priests will be working in parishes such as ours which is why priests are seen as being the heart of the Catholic Church. With today's newsletter you will find a donation envelope. Please take it home, read the information and facts, and bring it back next Sunday with your donation. Please also pray for our students that they may be guided in discerning their vocation.

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.

TRAINING FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE CATECHISTS

The Westminster Diocese provides training and formation for catechists. If there are sufficient numbers the programme could take place in Tring. The course can be two 90 minutes sessions or one three hour session. Courses are available for pre-baptism classes, first communion and first confession classes, preparation for marriage and classes to instruct future Catholics. Also a course for people involved in our Children's Liturgy programme. If you are interested in one or more of these courses, please email Canon Berry on tring@rcdow.org.uk.

CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We have a friendship group in our Parish which 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

7 May	Prayer Breakfast at High Street Baptist Church at 8.30 am
4 June	Prayer Breakfast at St Martha's Methodist Church at 8.30 am
2 July	Prayer Breakfast at Corpus Christi Church at 8.30 am

Notices for the week beginning 10 April 2016

Sunday 10 April 2016 Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Book, pages 7 and 265

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Frances Sherratt and Family; 8.30 am Intentions of Annabelle Halliday and Family; 10.30 am

Intentions of Norah Proctor and Family

Monday *St Stanislaus*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Pope St Martin I*

Mass 10.00 am Paul Mostyn (Sick)

Thursday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Tara Ridley (Sick)

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday *Easter Feria*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 17 April 2016 Fourth Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Catherine Cassidy; 8.30 am Intentions of Simon Whitehead; 10.30 am Intentions of Canon Vincent Berry

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Sam Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Mary and Michael Howlings, Adeline Lewis, Bob Masini, Paul Mostyn, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Anniversaries:** Bishop James O'Brien, Mary Patricia Abbotts, Thomas Day, Lilian Violet de Lusignan, Damascene De Souza, Lucia Foster-Welsh, Thomas Harte, Leslie Hayes, Philip Hills, Heinrich Kerstgens, Bridget Frances McGuinness, Rebecca Johnson, Belinda Reynolds, Paul Rutland, Etta Scotland, George Stoddart, Monica Joyce Swainson, A Tobin, John Twining, Albert Valentine and Annie Watson. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
16/17 April	E	F Sherratt G Booth	A Halliday K Andrew	D Marsh A De Cesco
	R	M Miles M Hart	D Crauford S Whitehead	G Maloney H Houston
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £193.59 Loose: £229.44 Building Fund: £70.50

Standing Orders in March: Offertory £1,987.00 Building Fund: £96.00