

# 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

Today we celebrate the feast and mystery of the Holy Trinity. This mystery is at the core of our faith, a mystery that even the greatest theologians cannot fully understand. We were baptised into this mystery, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. One of the greetings used at the beginning of mass, first uttered by St Paul, is: “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

There is an ancient Celtic prayer which begins: “O Father who sought me, O Son who bought me, O Holy Spirit who taught me.” This expresses the different qualities of the three persons who are the Godhead that we call the Holy Trinity, God revealed to us in all his fullness.

It was the Father who sought us throughout what theologians call salvation history. He sought and called Abraham and made a covenant, a promise that he would be the father of many nations. He called Moses and through him made a fresh covenant with God’s people. God sent his prophets to call his people back to him when they had strayed from the right path. Finally, because he loved the world so much he sent his Son.

This Son of God is the one who bought us. St Paul told the people of Corinth: “You are not your own property, you have been bought at a price. So use your body for the glory of God.” How much are we worth? What was the price we were bought for? We are worth as much as the precious blood of Jesus because that is the price God paid for us, the priceless blood of Jesus.

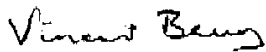
The final part of that Celtic prayer is the final part of God's plan to save us, the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost after Jesus had ascended into heaven. Before he took leave of the apostles Jesus said: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you to the complete truth."

There are many ways in which we can see the Holy Spirit guiding the Church down through the centuries. We see it particularly in the lives of the saints and the message they have left us.

There is one analogy which might help us to understand more the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God is like the sun. The Father is the sun. The rays shining out are the Son of the Father. The warmth that we feel and the energy we get and benefit from are the Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Trinity are bonded together, each with its distinctive mission but united as one being. Today's feast is a reminder for us that we need a loving Father, a caring Lord and friend in Jesus and the warmth of God's loving embrace in the Holy Spirit.

That Celtic prayer tells us that we have been sought, bought and taught by God himself because of love, God's great love for us. Some theologians try to explain this: God is love, and his love is so intense, so perfect and complete, strong and personal, that it becomes a person, the Son. Then the Son loves the Father back. His love is so intense and strong, perfect and complete and personal, that it becomes a person, the Holy Spirit. We must try to be instruments of God's love for the glory of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Trinity.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS**

Please pray for the children of our parish who made their First Holy Communion yesterday morning. Pray also for their families and friends.

### **PARISH MEETING**

Many thanks to those of you who came to the Parish Meeting last Wednesday. We had a very useful and fruitful discussion. We did not resolve all the issues. We made good progress on what we need to do about the car park and make improvements to the hall. It is beyond our resources at present to build a new hall. Discussions about installing a television system in the church can best be described as work in progress.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

The next meeting of the Justice & Peace Group will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm to 9pm in the High Street Baptist Church. New members will be made most welcome.

### **BETTINE BYRD**

Frances, Michael, Kate and Helen are very grateful for the support given to them by members of our parish family and would like to thank all those who attended Bettine's Requiem Mass on Thursday.

### **JOHN NICHOLS RIP**

The brother of Cardinal Nichols died last week. Please remember him and the Nichols family in your prayers.

### **CORPUS CHRISTI FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

Our friendship group meets on Monday mornings at 10.30 am 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.

### **SHEILA DE ROSA'S ART EXHIBITION**

You are invited to the Private View of Sheila de Rosa's exhibition on Friday 10 June between 5 - 7 pm at Studio 15, Akeman Business Park 81 - 82 Akeman Street, Tring. HP23 6AF. The Business Park is just past Corpus Christi Church and Smith's Yard, first on the right. This exhibition forms part of Sheila's Bucks Open Studios event to which you are also invited at the following times:- Fridays 17th & 24th June, 10.30am - 4.30pm; Saturdays 11th, 18th & 25th June, 10.30am - 4.30pm; Sundays 12th, 19th & 26th June, 1pm - 5pm and Monday 20th June, 10.30am - 4.30pm.

*A percentage of proceeds from sales of work entitled SPENT will be donated to Medicins Sans Frontiere for their work in Syria.*

### **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP**

The Vocations Discernment Group for adults (18-30's) will hold its next meeting on Friday 27 May, 7-9pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace next to Westminster Cathedral. The Missionaries of Charity will lead a reflection on the Corporal Works of Mercy. For more information contact Fr Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk).

## **Notices for the week beginning 22 May 2016**

### **Sunday 22 May 2016 Trinity Sunday**

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6.00 pm (Vigil) Bettine Byrd; 8.30 am Bitta Stockton and Family;

10.30 am David Boulter and Family

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Bede*

Mass 10.00 am Monsignor Denis McGuinness and all priests

Thursday *St Philip Neri*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *St Augustine of Canterbury*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

**Sunday 29 May 2016 Corpus Christi Sunday**

6.00 pm (Vigil) Bettine Byrd (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Michael Shelley (Anniversary);

10.30 am People of the Parish

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Debbie Bewley, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Father Anton Cowan, Father Fred de L'Orme and Bettine Byrd. **Anniversaries:** Mgr Denis McGuinness, Sr Margaret Aimée, Sr Giovanni de Carli, Rupert Bambridge, Constance Crowhurst, Denis Dennehy, Grace Edwards, Edmund Faunce, Joseph Harris, James Highfield, Annette Homer, Clara Hoopes, Carrie Hopkins, Anne Hubbock, Violet Kent, David Levekin, Mary Ann McDonnell, Antonio Martinez, Felicia Talarowski and Kathleen Thompson. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
28/29 May	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		M Leadbeater	S Whitehead	A De Cesco
	R	J Lee	L Hutt	W Hinds
		D Leadbeater	C Pennicott	P Apps
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £224.50

Loose: £381.26

Building Fund: £174.50