

PARISH NEWS

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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

Three weeks ago, on the Sunday of Divine Mercy, Pope Francis summoned all Catholics in Europe to recognize and respond to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, where millions of Europeans endure an undeclared hybrid war dragging on for two years. The war has claimed almost 10,000 lives. Tens of thousands are injured, hundreds of thousands traumatized.

Despite an official ceasefire agreement signed in Minsk, the war continues and the number of casualties and refugees has only increased. Take a moment to think about it: after two years of war, there are 1.7 million internally displaced people and a million refugees in neighboring countries. Half a million do not have basic food and hundreds of thousands do not have access to safe drinking water. Nearly two million remain in areas where Ukrainian and international agencies cannot freely conduct humanitarian activity. We can only guess what they are actually experiencing. These numbers are not mere statistics. Behind each figure is the tragedy of a person or an entire family.

And yet the spirit, the hope, and the faith of the ordinary people remain strong. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thes 1:2–3). Despite their suffering, Ukrainians believe that God has not forsaken them. Indeed, He has not forgotten them. But in this world the Lord works with human hands. Pope Francis, who for two years has repeatedly spoken about the injustices in Ukraine calling for peace, dialogue, and respect for international law, summons us to concrete solidarity.

To this end, the Holy Father has asked us to conduct a special humanitarian collection for Ukraine in all Catholic churches in Europe encouraging all Catholics and people of good will to donate generously. For Pope Francis this gesture of charity, alleviates material suffering and manifests moral solidarity of the entire Catholic Church in Europe with the people of Ukraine.

Three things are most needed: to pray for peace and justice in Ukraine, to keep ourselves informed regarding the true situation in this ancient European land, and to show our solidarity.

This appeal from Pope Francis comes hot on the heels of the annual appeal for the Priests Training Fund but I am sure you will respond generously to the needs of the people of Ukraine. There will be a special collection at mass next Sunday.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Many thanks for your generous response last Sunday which raised £ 473.45. If you have an offering to make today, please put your envelope on the plate at the Offertory.

HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

We have recently had a request from a former parishioner whose mother still lives in Tring and is no longer able to get to Sunday Mass. There may be others who are in a similar position. Perhaps we could arrange a rota to bring people to church. Alternatively, we can arrange to bring them Holy Communion at home. A number of parishes have set up a programme by which housebound parishioners can tune in to their computer and watch services live from their local church. Our nearest neighbour to do this is Borehamwood. You can access this by tuning into their parish website or go direct to: <http://www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood>. They broadcast Sunday and weekday masses and other services. There is a list of all the churches in Britain and Ireland that use this system. You may like to tune into any of these churches.

TON-UP CLUB

Congratulations to the following winners of our monthly Ton-Up Club:
January - Annabelle Halliday; February - Diane Crauford; March - Lucy Hutt;
April - Mr & Mrs McDonald. Each won £50.

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 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.

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. 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

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.

HAY FEVER

The Chesham Bois Catholic Players have chosen Hay Fever by Noel Coward as their next performance. It will be in The Little Theatre by the Park (Temperance Hall) in Church Street, Chesham, HP5 1HU on Friday 20 May at 7.30 pm, Saturday 21 May at 7.30 pm and Sunday 21 May at 4.00 pm. Ticket cost £10 (concessions £8) and are available by phone on 0333 666 or www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/126389. Further information at the back of church.

Notices for the week beginning 24 April 2016

Sunday 24 April 2016 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Book, pages 7 and 271

6.00 pm (Vigil) Damascene Amy De Souza (Anniversary); 8.30 am Alan Hutt (Lately Dead); 10.30 am Catherine Faulkner (Anniversary); 1 pm Baptism of Alina Bentley.

Monday *St Mark*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

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Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

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Friday *St Catherine of Siena*

Mass 10.00 am Sheila McGrath RIP

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Pius V*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 1 May 2016 Sixth Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm (Vigil) Queen Elizabeth II; 8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30 am Bridget

Walsh (Lately Dead). 12 noon Baptism of Ravenna Cruse

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Bettine Byrd, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Sam Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Bob Masini, Paul Mostyn, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Alan Hutt, Jerry O'Shaughnessy, and Bridget Walsh **Anniversaries:** Sr Jeanne Françoise, Frederick Axe, John Beers, Elizabeth Brady, Stan Bushnell, Anne Cerruti, Damascene Amy De Souza, Nell Dowling, Catherine Faulkner, Francis Hagerty, James Harrop, Arnold Hill, Henry Hornsby, Percival Vincent McDonnell, Bunny Nye, John O'Connell, Benny Oakley, Frances Hannah Reilly, Bill Reynolds, Kenneth Taylor, Liam Toale and Vincent Vickers. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015	6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
23/24 April E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	M Todd
	O Conway	S Whitehead	W Hinds
R	M Sherratt	L Hutt	S Lewington
	D Leadbeater	D Crauford	P Apps
W	M Miles	D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £234.00

Loose: £239.57

Building Fund: £33.00