

PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

29 May 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

Last Monday I attended a special event in Westminster Cathedral. Several relics of St Thomas Becket have been brought together for a pilgrimage linking several cathedrals and churches associated with St Thomas. After the ceremony I was talking to Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Stack when along came this photographer

Today we celebrate the feast and mystery of the Holy Eucharist. A week ago some of the children in our parish made their First Holy Communion. They would normally return in their special clothes to take part in the annual Corpus Christi Procession. Because this week is the half-term holiday, we are postponing our procession for a couple of weeks.

On the night before I was ordained priest Cardinal Godfrey gave us a homily based on words in the mass: On the night before he suffered, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: take this, all of you and eat it, for this is my body given for you. He wanted us to understand that as priests we would be blessed, broken and given. We would be blessed and anointed to enable us to carry out our ministry. During our ministry there would be occasions when things do not go well for us and we would be broken, perhaps many times. Finally because we have been blessed and broken we would be given to the people to carry out our ministry. Over the years I have come to realise that the homily can also be applied to others, people in religious orders and above all to you the lay people. In our lives the words of the hymn *Praise, my soul, the king of heaven* remind us that through our Lord we are “ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.”

Last Thursday in Rome Pope Francis kept the feast of Corpus Christi on its traditional feast day. He carried the Blessed Sacrament from the Cathedral Church of St John Lateran to the Basilica of St Mary Major. In his homily he reminded the people of Our Lord’s

words at the Last Supper: "Do this in memory of me." St Paul wrote about those words when he wrote to the Christians of Corinth, the oldest testimony we have of the words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Every time I celebrate mass I use those words: "Do this in memory of me." He only celebrated the Last Supper once, when he gave us his body and blood, but he wants us to repeat what he did throughout time in his memory. There were other times when Our Lord fed people, such as at the feeding of the five thousand, so that we can remember his greatest gift of all, at the Last Supper.

Our Lord was broken on the cross, broken for us. At the Last Supper he had broken the bread which he distributed to his friends. The first Christians gathered in each other's houses for "the breaking of Bread" which was the first title given to what they later called the Eucharist and what we call the mass. From the outset attendance at the Eucharist became the centre and pattern of the life of the Church. The Second Vatican Council spoke of the Eucharist in similar terms.

Pope Francis spoke about people who are "broken" in their lives. He referred specially to the many mothers and fathers who are broken. They provide food each day to their children, even though they have limited resources. During the war my mother gave some of her food to us when we were hungry, doing without food herself. She was one of many mothers who did this while their husbands were at war.

Our Lord gave us food and drink to strengthen us in our daily lives and to prepare us for the heavenly banquet in his kingdom. Holy Communion is given to us not as a reward for being good but as sustenance in our daily, sometimes messy, lives.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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.

Because of the Bank Holiday, the group will not meet this week.

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.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL, BUSHEY

The Governing Body of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Bushey would like to bring to your attention the vacancy for the post of Headteacher. Full information can be found on the following website: www.Sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk.

FELTHAM COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY TRUST

The Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust (FCCT) supports ex-offenders to make a transition to a place of worship after their time in prison. The Trust is looking for volunteers to mentor young imprisoned men. It is possible for this ministry to fit in with your existing commitments. No experience is required, just a passion for Christ and his teachings. Full training is provided. Contact FCCT directly for more information on 020 8844 5585 or ccfeltham@hmps.gsi.gov.uk

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.

Notices for the week beginning 29 May 2016

Sunday 29 May 2016 Corpus Christi Sunday

Mass Book, pages 7 and 277

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

10.30 am People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Visitation of Our Lady, the Mother of God*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Justin the Martyr*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Wendy and David Hinds

Thursday *Sts Marcellinus and Peter*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

Friday *Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Mass 10.00 am Donald Langdale (Lately Dead)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Immaculate Heart of Mary*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 5 June 2016 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Gale; 8.30 am Jock Scotland (Anniversary);

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Long

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:** Donald Langdale, **Anniversaries:** Sr Cecile Aimée, Clara Arbuckle, Bernard Aspinal, Kathleen Burley, Rose Crudowsky, Kathleen Dolan, Mary Jane Douglas, Philip Egan, Stuart Fisher, Cita Gittens, Trevor Harte Dyke, Harold Leadbeater, Mary Leahy, Thomas McKinney, Rose Marangon, Helen Nowapolski, Charles O'Rourke, Ellen Plunkett, Kenneth Reilly, Bill Reynolds, Jock Scotland, Michael Shelley, John Stanborough, Patrick Walshe and Patricia Wrench. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
4/5 June	E	O Conway G Booth	A Halliday K Andrew	P Apps W Hinds
	R	M Sherratt M Hart	P Milton W Winstone	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £284.03

Loose: £220.83

Building Fund: £58.60