

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

If you are ever able to visit Durham Cathedral, be sure to visit the Galilee Chapel at the back of the Cathedral where you will find the tomb of one of England's greatest saints, St Bede the Venerable.

St Bede spent most of his life as a monk, first in St Peter's, Wearmouth (now part of Sunderland) and St Paul's, Jarrow. His most famous work is The Ecclesiastical History of the English People which gives us valuable information about the growth of Christianity from the arrival of the Roman legions in 64 AD to his own times. He was the first writer to use the term Anno Domini (AD) to determine historical dates. This book earned him the title of "The Father of English History." He wrote many other works, some scientific, some historical and many theological. He is considered to be the finest scholar of his age. His scholarship was renowned throughout Europe and the Church has chosen a number of his homilies to be used in the Divine Office which is chanted daily in monasteries and convents throughout the world.

St Bede's motive for recording history is explained by himself when he wrote: "For if history records good things of good men, the thoughtful hearer is encouraged to imitate what is good; or if it records evil of wicked men, the good, religious reader or listener is encouraged to avoid all that is sinful and perverse, and to follow what he knows to be good and pleasing to God."

St Bede wrote several hymns, one of which will be sung at mass today. It was translated into English by Monsignor Ronald Knox. It begins with the words "New praises be given to Christ newly crowned."

Some of his homilies refer to the Mystery of Our Lord's Ascension. He died on the vigil of the Ascension, 26 May AD 735. His last words were: "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

On his tomb is carved a prayer, in Latin and English, composed by St Bede in honour of the Ascension:

*Christ is the morning star
Who when the night of this world is past
brings to his saints
the promise of the light of life
and opens everlasting day.*

In 1899 St Bede was declared a Doctor of the Church, the only Englishman so named. He was mentioned by Dante in his epic poem *Paradiso* among theologians and doctors of the Church. Perhaps Cardinal Newman will join him after he is canonised as St John Henry Newman.

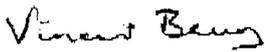
I was ordained a priest on 24 May 1962 and celebrated my First Mass on the following day which was the feast of St Bede, which is why I like to talk about him so much.

The period when St Bede lived is mistakenly referred to as the Dark Ages. St Boniface, another English monk, who is honoured as the Apostle of Germany, wrote that St Bede "shone forth as a lantern in the Church." Recent discoveries have revealed the magnificent craftsmanship of the Danes and Anglo-Saxons. No so dark after all.

There is another prayer composed by St Bede which is appropriate we celebrate the feast of Our Lord's Ascension:

*I implore you, good Jesus,
that as in your mercy you have given me to drink in with delight
the words of your knowledge,
so of your loving kindness you will also grant me one day
to come to you, the fountain of all wisdom
and to stand forever before your face.*

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PARISH MEETING

There will be a Parish Meeting on Wednesday 18 May at 8.00 pm. The first item on the agenda will be to consider plans to improve the condition of the car park. We are still awaiting quotes for the work but the first estimate is for £50,000. The second item is to consider installing a tv system which would allow housebound parishioners to watch mass being broadcast from the church into their home. Further details about this are in the next item in this newsletter. If anyone would like any other item to be raised, please send a message to the presbytery by post or by email: tring@rcdow.org.uk.

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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Cardinal Nichols is inviting us to join him in Walsingham on 9 July. So far three parishioners have expressed an interest to go. Please put your name on the list at the back of church. The list will close after mass today.

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.

Notices for the week beginning 8 May 2016

Sunday 8 May 2016 The Ascension of Our Lord

Mass Book, pages 7 and 277

6.00 pm (Vigil) Members of the Halliday, Roper, Croxford and De Clasca families;

8.30 am Father Tony Potter (Anniversary); 10.30 am Wendy Hinds

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

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Mass 10.00 am

Thursday *Easter Feria*

Communion Service 10.00 am

Friday *Our Lady of Fatima*

Mass 10.00 am Natalie Polumbo (Lately Dead)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Matthias*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 15 May 2016 Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

6.00 pm (Vigil) Bettine Byrd (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Father Tony Potter (Anniversary); 10.30 am Thanksgiving for the Selvaraj Family

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Patrick Foster, Sam Hinds, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Bob Masini, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Bettine Byrd, Derek Singleton, Jerry O'Shaughnessy and Natalie Polumbo. **Anniversaries:** Father Tony Potter, Sister Françoise, Moyra Brooks, John Carter, Judy Clark, Margaret Cole, Richard Coogan, Joan Christian De Morgan, Bridget Gollege, Daniel Hurley, Ella Knock, Catherine O'Sullivan, Mary Parker, Peter Sobocinski, Mary Stan, Maria Stevens, Maria Weeks, Anne Whadcoat, May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8. 30 am	10.30 am
14/15 May	E	G Booth	A Halliday	D Marsh
		M Leadbeater	S Whitehead	H Houston
	R	D Leadbeater	S Wright	G Maloney
		M Sherratt	D Crauford	W Hinds
	W		S Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £1289.70

Loose: £234.76

Building Fund: £86.00

April Standing Orders:

Offertories £1,946.00

Building Fund £96.00

Ukraine Appeal: 518.88