

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

The picture in today's newsletter shows part of a Corpus Christi Procession, set in the Middle Ages. It was a way of continuing to celebrate the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated at mass. We shall be having a procession of the Blessed Sacrament after 10/30 mass today. Children of the parish who made their First Holy Communion a few weeks ago will be taking part and afterwards will have breakfast in the hall.

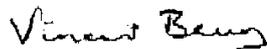
In the city of York there is a chapel dedicated to St Margaret Clitherow. Above the entrance there is written a simple inscription: "She died for the Mass." Margaret lived in the sixteenth century. She used to provide accommodation for priests and arrange for mass to be celebrated for local Catholics. She was eventually arrested and died a terrible death. She was just thirty years old and left behind her Protestant husband and three children. She was actually pregnant with her fourth child.

St Margaret Clitherow was one of hundreds of people in this country who were prepared to die for their faith, especially the Mass. The early martyrs did the same in Rome and wherever the good news was preached. Their deaths are a powerful message for today's world. For those who do not share our Catholic Faith with us, it must seem a very strange and implausible thing that God should make Himself present to His people through the words and actions of a Priest. What could be more bizarre than the idea that ordinary bread and wine can suddenly become the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Son of God, and that this miracle is repeated on millions of altars every day across the globe? Yet it is our belief that every time an ordained priest says the words of consecration at Mass: "This is my Body... This is the chalice of my Blood."

Jesus becomes present to us in the form of bread and wine. We call it the mystery of faith. We can never fully understand it but over the centuries great writers have tried to explain it. One of the hymns composed by St Thomas Aquinas says: Sight, touch and taste in

they are each deceived, The ear alone most safely is believed: I believe all the Son of God has spoken; Than truth's own word there is no truer token. So the Mass is something unlike anything else in the whole world. It is a beautiful sign of how close God is to each of us. He steps into the messiness and busyness of our lives every single day to help us, encourage us, feed and strengthen us. And he comes to us as we are, not as the people we ought to be, but as the people we really are. We must never forget that the Mass is a source of healing and forgiveness for us. It is not just a reward for doing good. What we say before receiving Holy Communion reminds us of our unworthiness: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, say but the word and my soul shall be healed." We have no merits of our own to offer which allows us access to the Blessed Eucharist. We are unworthy but Our Lord wants to feed us. He has left us this most extraordinary treasure that God has given to us. May he also give us the eyes of faith to recognise for ourselves what is here before us

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

OUR GREAT PARISH SUMMER PARTY

We are going to have a party which is for everyone, old and young and everyone in between. We hope you will join us on Sunday 17 July, after the 10.30 mass. We have ordered a hog roast. We will be looking for salads, puddings and a cheese board.

The party is for everyone but we want to arrange special activities for the children, such as face painting and games.

The party will also be an occasion to say goodbye to Dan Marsh who has finished his university course and will be leaving us to take up a full time job at the Swan Youth Centre in Berkhamsted.

This will be a great way of getting together before the holidays start and also give Dan a memorable Farewell Party. We need volunteers to help. At the back of the church there will be a sheet to add your name etc We will then organise a working party by the end of this month. You may also contact Annabelle Halliday on 07736669019 or annabelle_halliday@hotmail.com

PARISH YOUTH WORKER

We received two applications for the post, to succeed Dan. We interviewed both candidates who were both very strong. Unfortunately they both decided not to take up the post. It is too late to re-advertise the post. Pete Emmott who was our youth worker before Dan has agreed to take over for an interim period.

CAFOD APPEAL

There is currently a serious food crisis in Ethiopia that has left over 10 million women, men and children facing severe food shortages. Although there is little about it in the British press at present, we feel a responsibility as the agency of the Church in England and Wales to speak out about the severity of the situation and to ask for your help so that we can act together now.

The rains have failed twice. As a result, the last harvest has failed and the next will not yield anything like enough food either. Some 400,000 children suffering from malnutrition. CAFOD has been supporting the emergency response work of their local Ethiopian partners as part of the Caritas network. However, the scale of the crisis is increasing dramatically. CAFOD would like us to help. There will be a special collection next Sunday.

PROVIDING COMFORT AND FRIENDSHIP FOR REFUGEES

There will be a presentation on behalf of the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership on Wednesday 29th June 2016 at 8pm to 9pm at Saint Martha's Methodist Church, Park Road, Tring, Herts HP23 6BL. Admission is free.

SHEILA DE ROSA'S ART EXHIBITION

You are invited to Sheila de Rosa's exhibition at Studio 15, Akeman Business Park 81 - 82 Akeman Street, Tring. HP23 6AF. The 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.

Notices for the week beginning 12 June 2016

Sunday 12 June 2016 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 96

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

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Long

Followed by Corpus Christi Procession

Monday *St Anthony of Padua*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Wendy and David Hinds

Thursday *St Richard of Chichester*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Donald Langdale (Lately Dead)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 19 June 2016 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Long

Followed by Corpus Christi Procession

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 Harry Hamill; **Anniversaries:** Patricia Boyce, Winifred Bradnam, Tricia Braley, William Chadfield, George Connell, August Dvorak, Cathrine McCorkle, John Grabowski, Audrey Hughes, Alice McDonald, James Lawton, Andrew Livingstone, John Livingstone, Mary Long, Anna Masavage, Sandra Nelson, Edgar Pritchard, Sylvina Rodrigues, Hugh Rodway, Ron Spiteri, Tessa Stranaghan, Blanche Walczac and Graham Wright. 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

May Standing Orders: Offertory £1,746.00 Building fund £96.00