

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

Fifty days after the feast of Passover the Jewish Community celebrates the feast of Shavuot, the day Moses received the Ten Commandments. It was also a thanksgiving day to celebrate the gathering in of the barley harvest. It was also called the week of weeks, seven weeks after Passover. The Christian feast is called Pentecost which means fiftieth day. In Britain and Ireland it is often called Whit Sunday which replaced a previous pagan festival to mark the beginning of summer. It was associated with Morris dancing and processions. Manchester still has its Whit Walks. The Anglicans walked through the city centre on Whit Monday and the Catholics on Whit Friday. Groups from all the parishes took part and girls in their First Communion dresses were always in pride of place.

The Christian Pentecost celebrated the moment when the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles in the Cenacle, the Upper Room where the Last Supper had taken place. The full story is told in our first reading today. Jerusalem was filled with pilgrims who had come for the feast. After receiving the Holy Spirit, Peter and the others rushed out into the streets to proclaim the good news. Today is seen as the start of the Church's mission to bring good news to everyone throughout the world. Three thousand pilgrims received baptism on that day. Many would have returned home to many parts of the world and took with them the good news they had received from the Apostles.

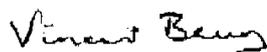
In the Greek Orthodox Liturgy for Pentecost there is a hymn: Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fisherman all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them, drawing all the world into Your net. O Loving One, glory be to You.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit empowered believers in Jesus to praise God in many languages that they had not learned in the ordinary manner (Acts 2:5-13). Symbolically, this miracle reinforces the multilingual, multicultural, multiracial mission of the church. We are

to be a community in which all people are drawn together by God's love in Christ. As Paul writes in Galatians 3:28: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

In a homily for Whit Sunday in 2014 Pope Francis said that "the world needs men and women who are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin. There are many ways one can close oneself off to the Holy Spirit: by selfishness for one's own gain; by rigid legalism seen in the attitude of people Jesus referred as "hypocrites"; by neglect of what Jesus taught; by living the Christian life not as service to others but in the pursuit of personal interests; and in so many other ways. The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits of the Holy Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22). The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity.

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 church grounds and 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 television 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. The. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN MARSH

Dan will shortly be concluding his university course. We are delighted to announce that he has been appointed Manager of the Swan Youth Centre in Berkhamsted. He will work part time until he completes his time with us until July. We are having a celebration for him on Sunday 17 July after the 10.30 mass.

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.

BEWARE OF FRAUD

The police have told us that eight men were recently brought to justice for defrauding elderly people of approximately one million pounds. Their prison sentences total 34 years. They were captured after one of the biggest telephone fraud investigations carried out in this country. The gang targeted elderly and vulnerable people. Addresses in Hertfordshire and five other counties were targeted. The police believe many more victims could have fallen for the scam, but may have not come forward to report because they're too embarrassed to do so.

If you have been cheated please call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or email to dac.nhw@gmail.com.

Notices for the week beginning 15 May 2016

Sunday 15 May 2016 Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

Mass Book, pages 7 and 294

6.00 pm (Vigil) Bettine Byrd (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Wendy Hinds (Sick); 10.30 am Thanksgiving for the Selvaraj Family

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Natalie Polumba (Lately Dead)

4.30 pm Reception of body of Bettine Byrd

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 11.00 am **Funeral of Bettine Byrd**

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Wendy Hinds (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.30 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 22 May 2016 Trinity Sunday

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

10.30 am David Boulter and Family

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Patrick Foster, Sam Hinds, 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:** Bettine Byrd. **Anniversaries:** Sr Helen Marie, Lily Cooper, Anthony Crook, Dieter Drescher, Casimir Kowalewski, Robert McCann, Wallace Murray, Teodoro Palomares, Patrick Raftery and Basil Wells. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2015		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
21/22 May	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	M Todd
		O Conway	K Andrew	W Hinds
	R	M Miles	W Winstone	S Lewington
		M Hart	S Whitehead	H Houston
	W		D Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £184.50

Loose: £140.94

Building Fund: £41.50