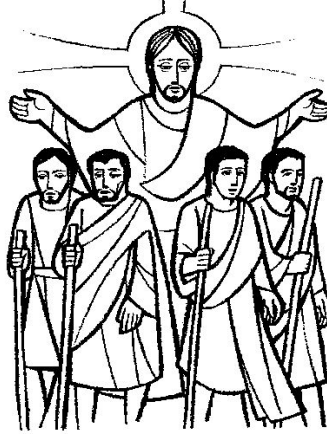


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

19 June 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

Day for Life is an annual celebration in the Catholic Church's year dedicated to upholding the dignity of all human life. The Church teaches that life should be protected and nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated today. It is celebrated in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. The proceeds of the *Day for Life* collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church. There will be a retiring collection after mass at the church door.

St John Paul II said this in 1999: "Faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only appropriate attitude." Last year, Pope Francis published his important encyclical on the relationship between God's holy people and creation – *Laudato si'*. The Pope reminded us in his usual powerful way that we are one human family sharing a common home, dependent upon one another and the whole of creation. He said that it is our duty to pay special attention to the most vulnerable: "Neglecting to monitor the harm done to nature and the environmental impact of our decisions is only the most striking sign of a disregard for the message contained in the structures of nature itself. When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected." When we recognise and grow in wonder that we are all brothers and sisters living in one common home, it will not only affect how we care for the environment, but more importantly how we care for one another, how we welcome and accept those with different needs and abilities, refugees, the elderly, the unborn, the forgotten and the abandoned. Growing in wonder will help us to treasure more deeply the gift of human life.

In Luke's Gospel today, the disciples come to a crucial turning point as Jesus asks them: "Who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up: "You are the Christ." His reply is inspired and spontaneous. It is from the heart. Each human being, whatever his or her capacities, is wonderfully

made in the image of God and as St Paul tells us today in the Letter to the Galatians, all the baptised are one in Christ. There is no 'us' and 'them.' In *Laudato 'si*, Pope Francis points out that we are deeply connected to the world around us. However, he adds: "a sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. We have only one heart" An attitude of the heart allows us to see the world around us with wonder and as grace filled, so that all creation is alive to the glory of God.

This letter was prepared before I heard of the murder of Jo Cox MP. The tributes to her reveal a woman of tremendous integrity and dedication. She had a passion for the people of Syria and elsewhere. She also had compassion. The people she represented in Parliament have lost someone special. Her husband has lost a wonderful wife. Her children have lost a loving mother. Parliament will be all the poorer for their loss of a colleague respected by members on all sides of the House. It is only right that all the squabbling about the referendum which has dominated life during the past weeks should be set aside for a least a few days while the nation mourns May Jo rest in peace and her family, friends and colleagues find comfort.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PARISH MISSION

As part of our parish response to Pope Francis' Year of Mercy, the Redemptorist Fathers will lead us in a Parish Mission from 1 to 4 October. A mission provides the opportunity for all within the Parish to come together and look at our relationship with God and each other. We can learn how faith can provide answers to our problems, build our strength and faith as a community. We need to reach out to those for whom it has been some time since they last came to church. A mission could be the opportunity for them to return.

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. Drinks will be provided.

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.

COMMENT MAGAZINE

Comment was originally a monthly magazine for the Anglican and Methodist Churches in Tring. It has now been expanded to include the Baptists and ourselves. We are now receiving twelve copies for our parish, and they are available on the newspaper rack. Tricia Apps has kindly agreed to represent our parish on the editorial committee. Our times of services etc should appear in the next issue.

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.

AND FINALLY, THE EU REFERENDUM

At the start of campaigning, the Bishops of England and Wales called for "mutual respect and civility, vital for this national conversation about the very future of our nation within the world." Cardinal Nichols asks to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and also urges us to vote. He has also asked us to remember the Cox family in their time of trial after the horrific murder of Jo Cox.

Notices for the week beginning 19 June 2016

Sunday 19 June 2016 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 96

6.00 pm (Vigil) Heather Tyldesley; 8.30 am People of the Parish);

10.30 am Simon Dobbs RIP

Monday *St Alban*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Aloysius*

No Mass

Wednesday *St John Fisher & St Thomas More*

Mass 10.00 am Wendy Hinds (Sick)

Thursday *St Etheldreda (Audrey)*

No Mass

Friday *Birthday of St John the Baptist*
 Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish
 followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 26 June 2016 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Susan Regan (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish;
 10.30 am Lorraine Cornican (Lately Dead)

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:** Erin Allen, Paul Allen, Stanley Allen, John Anthony, Hans Close, Anthea Doughty, Nora Griffen, Mary Ingram, Joseph Keeley, Maeve Keane, Paul Lindop, Kay Lindsay, Lorna Newton, Irene Pratt, Raymond Reed and John Talarowski. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8. 30 am	10.30 am
18/19 June	E	G Booth O Conway	A Halliday	P Apps D Marsh
	R	M Hart M Sherratt	S Wright L Hutt	S Lewington P Apps
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £284.03 Loose: £220.83 Building Fund: £58.60
 CAFOD Appeal for Ethiopia: £778.23.