

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Times of Services

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| 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

Pope Francis is today completing an apostolic journey to Armenia. Within its borders is Mount Ararat, where traditionally Noah landed the Ark. There is something very special about Armenia. It was the first country, in AD 301, to adopt Christianity as its national religion and it was the first Christian kingdom. They believe that the apostles St Bartholomew and St Jude Thaddeus first brought the faith to their country in the first century but it was St Gregory the Illuminator who is honoured for leading the Church in the fourth century and he is their patron saint. There are 750,000 Catholics who belong to the Armenian Catholic Church but the majority of Armenians, 9 million, are members of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

A hundred years ago, in the middle of the First World War, one and a half million Armenian Christians were killed by Turkish troops. The Turkish government was upset recently when Pope Francis described this act as genocide. After the war Armenia became part of the Soviet Union but in 1991, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, it became an independent republic and the Armenian Christians were at last free to practice their faith in freedom. The Church suffered considerable hardship during the rule of the Ottoman Turks and the Soviet Union.

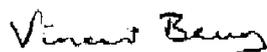
The Catholicos or Patriarch Vazgen I guided the Church through the breakup of the Soviets to freedom. He visited Pope Paul VI in 1970 and there have been close contacts between the two Churches ever since. His successor, Karekin I, established a close friendship with St John Paul II and the present Catholicos, His Holiness Karekin II, has had close links with Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. In the patriarchal cathedral Pope Francis said: "On this solemn occasion, I give thanks to the Lord for the light of faith kindled in your land, the faith that has given Armenia its particular identity and made it a herald of Christ among the nations. Christ is your glory and your light. He is the sun who has illuminated and enlivened you, accompanied and sustained you, especially in times of trial. I bow before the mercy of the Lord, who willed that Armenia should become, in the year 301, the first nation to accept Christianity as its religion, at a time when persecutions still raged throughout the Roman Empire."

The results of the referendum has astounded us in the past days. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, on behalf of the bishops of England and Wales, has issued the following statement: "A great tradition of the United Kingdom is to respect the will of the people, expressed at the ballot box. Today, we set out on a new course that will be demanding on all. Our prayer is that all will work in this task with respect and civility, despite deep differences of opinion. We pray that in this process the most vulnerable will be supported and protected, especially those who are easy targets for unscrupulous employers and human traffickers. We pray that our nations will build on our finest traditions of generosity, of welcome for the stranger and shelter for the needy. We now must work hard to show ourselves to be good neighbours and resolute contributors in joint international efforts to tackle the critical problems of our world today."

Thank you for your response to the Day for Life appeal last Sunday which raised £ 198.22.

Next Wednesday is the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Masses at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

WENDY HINDS

I am pleased to report that Wendy, who had surgery last week, is making a good recovery. If all goes well she may be able to return home in the next few days. She has asked me to thank you all for your prayers, masses and get well cards. She and David have been touched by all the support they have received from members of the parish.

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**

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.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

We are invited to this celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted, next Sunday 3 July starting at 2.30 with the Procession of the Holy Image and a talk by Mgr Keith Barltrop and concluding with mass at 3.30 pm.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

It is our turn to act as host next Saturday, 2 July at 8.30 am. If you can help, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Notices for the week beginning 26 June 2016

Sunday 26 June 2016 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 102

6.00 pm (Vigil) Susan Regan (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Lorraine Corrican (Lately Dead)

Monday *St John Southworth*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Irenæus*

No Mass

Wednesday ***St Peter & St Paul Holyday of Obligation***

Mass 10.00 am Wendy Hinds (Sick)

7.30 pm People of the Parish

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Dedication of Westminster Cathedral*

Mass 10.00 am John Collier (Anniversary)
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 3 July 2016 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish); 8.30 am Wendy Hinds (Sick);

10.30 am Bill Rickard (Anniversary)

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; **Latently Dead:** Lorraine Corrigan, Mrs Flynn and Anne Wright; **Anniversaries:** Sr Mary Scholastica, John Collier, Patrick Corcoran, Elizabeth Cusack, Thomas Glencross, Sarah Grant, Keith Howard, Phyllis McGrath, Alexander Malone, Jan Mostyn, Oliver Plunkett, Frances Mary Powell, Susan Regan, Bill Rickard, Jan van Stockum and Ray Sunderland. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2016 | | 6.00 pm | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 2/3 July | E | F Sherratt | A Halliday | H Houston |
| | R | O Conway | S Whitehead | P Apps |
| | | M Sherratt | S Whitehead | S Lewington |
| | W | | P Milton | |
| | | | D Kerr | |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £227.56

Loose: £194.59

Building Fund: £537.30