

# PARISH NEWS

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

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## *Times of Services*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am</b>
<b>Holydays</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm</b>
<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am 5.15 - 5.45 pm</b>

## *Letter from Langdon Street*

My dear people

There was a belief in Our Lord's time that sickness was God's punishment for sin. Even the sins of parents could be visited on their children. This belief went back hundreds, even thousands of years. It was believed by Jews and pagans alike. The Old Testament reading today takes us back to the times of the prophet Elijah. When the prophet arrived at her house he did not rebuke her for her sinfulness. Instead he raised her son to life revealing God's mercy.

The story about Elijah provides us with a background for today's Gospel story. Jesus was on his way in to the town of Nain. He was overwhelmed with pity at the sight of tragedy he encountered. His first thoughts were to the widow who had lost her only son who was the breadwinner. Having reassured her he steps forward and tells the young man to rise and he sits up in the open coffin. Then Jesus gave him to his mother. Jesus is revealed to us as someone full of pity, compassion and mercy. In this Year of Mercy we are given another instance of the limitless love God wants to share with us.

In New York Harbour stands the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France. For many years exiles from Ireland, Italy and other parts of Europe arrived to seek a better life in America. Around the base of the plinth are the following words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" These words are so like the words of Luke showing us how we, if we are to be true disciples of Jesus, should also reach out to the tired, the poor and all who are marginalised.

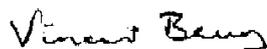
We also hear from St Paul today. As Saul of Tarsus he was a man burning up with a self-centred religious attitude and self-righteous indignation. His Damascus experience changed all that and he spent several years preparing for his new mission that would take him

on three missionary journeys and finally a journey to Rome where he would lay down his life. Until the day he died he never stopped thanking God for guiding him into a new way of life.

The message for us at mass today is to honour the Lord of life who restored to life the son of the widow of Nain, who turned the hatred of Saul into the love of Paul and who calls each one of us to turn away from evil and seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness knowing that everything will be added to us.

Thirty years ago Cardinal Hume visited Ethiopia during a terrible famine. Sadly another famine has stricken the people again and CAFOD has asked for our help. This is something special for us to support during the rest of this Year of Mercy.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

#### **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.

#### **SHEILA DE ROSA'S ART EXHIBITION**

You are invited to the Private View of Sheila de Rosa's exhibition next Friday 10 June between 5 - 7 pm at Studio 15, Akeman Business Park 81 - 82 Akeman Street, Tring. HP23 6AF. The Business Park is just past Corpus Christi Church and Smith's Yard, first on the right. This 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.*

#### **WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

This year's Westminster Lourdes Pilgrimage takes place from 24 to 30 July. If you are over 18, your help would be very much appreciated as a St Frai Helper. Some of our sick pilgrims in most need of support and medical care stay in a hospital-like building called the Accueil St Frai in the centre of Lourdes. It is well-equipped for their care and they are looked after by a team of doctors, nurses and volunteer St Frai Helpers. The role of a St Frai helper is to support the nurses and provide the sort of care for which you don't need a medical qualification. This includes helping the pilgrims get up and ready in the morning; making large amounts of tea; taking the pilgrims to various pilgrimage events; shopping and socialising with them and other helpers; and putting them to bed at night. The timetable is shared across two shifts so there is enough time to rest, make your own pilgrimage, spend time with your groups and make new friends. If you're interested in helping, please email chief helpers Nick Leonard or Laura Simmonds at [nicleonard507@gmail.com](mailto:nicleonard507@gmail.com) or [laurasimmonds@ymail.com](mailto:laurasimmonds@ymail.com).

#### **SACRED HEART SCHOOL, BUSHEY**

The Governing Body of Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School in Bushey would like to bring to your attention the vacancy for the post of Headteacher. Full information can be found on the following website: [www.Sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.Sacredheartcatholicprimaryschool.co.uk).

#### **FELTHAM COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY TRUST**

The Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust (FCCT) supports ex-offenders to make a transition to a place of worship after their time in prison. The Trust is looking for volunteers to mentor young imprisoned men. It is possible for this ministry to fit in with your existing commitments. No experience is required, just a passion for Christ and his teachings. Full training is provided. Contact FCCT directly for more information on 020 8844 5585 or [ccfeltham@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ccfeltham@hmpr.gsi.gov.uk)

## **Notices for the week beginning 5 June 2016**

#### **Sunday 5 June 2016 Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 93

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

10.30 am Intentions of Mary Long

Monday *St Norbert*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Wendy and David Hinds

Thursday *St Ephrem; also St Columba*

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 *St Barnabas*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.320 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

**Sunday 12 June 2016 Eleventh 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; **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	A Halliday	P Apps
		G Booth	K Andrew	W Hinds
	R	M Sherratt	P Milton	H Houston
		M Hart	W Winstone	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