

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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 parable of the Good Samaritan, which we hear in today's Gospel, is one of the most well-known of Our Lord's parables. Each parable has its own message. It explains that the commandment of love has responsibilities, about caring for others no matter who or what they may be. In recent weeks we have heard of terrible behaviour towards people purely because of their ethnic background or the colour of their skin. When the man was beaten up and robbed on the road to Jericho, it was not the priest or Levite, the so-called good people, who came to his help. It was a Samaritan, from a group of people despised by the Jewish community.

Today's Old Testament Reading reflects the message of the Gospel. The Book of Deuteronomy tells us to heed the word of the Lord and to keep his commandments and statutes.

Jesus came not to destroy of Old Testament but to bring it completion. It was from Deuteronomy gave us the commandment to love God and Leviticus gave us the commandment to love our neighbour. Moses also tells us that God is close to us and loves us.

St Paul's message to us, originally sent to the people of Colossae, gives us the same message. The good news of Jesus helps us to understand what it is to be a Christian. Our Lord created a community called Church. We are part of that community. God the Father loved the world so much that he sent us his Son who is the head of the Church. The Church is guided by the Holy Spirit. St Paul wants us to understand that God is close to us and loves us. This is the same message that Moses gave.

The Gospel also tells us that we are very close to God who loves us. God is close to us in the scriptures, in the poor, in the just, in the pious, in the marginalized, in the sick, and in the weak. Like the Good Samaritan, if we search for God in these we will find Him. The Good Samaritan saw God in the victim, and was moved with pity to help him. Pity is another way of describing God's love. We are

not told why the priest and the Levite passed by on the other side when they saw the wounded man on the roadside. They seem to have had a narrow understanding of the word neighbour. It did not include the injured man. It would certainly not have included the Samaritan.

The shock waves of the Referendum vote, the turmoil among the politicians, the horrific killings in America should urge us to pray to our heavenly Father for help in these difficult times. The following prayer of St Benedict may help:

Gracious and holy Father, please give me: intellect to understand you; reason to discern you; diligence to seek you; wisdom to find you; a spirit to know you; a heart to meditate upon you; ears to hear you; eyes to see you; a tongue to proclaim you; a way of life pleasing to you; patience to wait for you; and perseverance to look for you. Grant me: a perfect end, your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

OUR BIG PARISH PARTY

Next Sunday, 17 July, after 10.30 mass.

No need to go home for lunch.

Hog Roast and all the trimmings.

Relax with a Pimms or soft drinks.

Summer Party for all the parish.

Farewell Party for Dan

A COLLECTION FOR DAN

We want to make a presentation to Dan to thank him for all the work he has done for us during the past three years. There will be a collection at mass next Sunday.

SEA SUNDAY

Today is the annual day of prayer for all who work on the high seas transporting food and supplies all over the world. Our former parish priest, Mgr Denis McGuinness, spent many years in charge of the Apostleship of the Sea which our national Catholic charity at the service of all mariners who come to our shores. There will be a special collection at mass today.

PETE EMMOTT

Sacred Heart's Youth Worker Pete Emmott (plus wife Cassie and growing family) is looking for somewhere to rent in and around Berkhamsted or Tring. His present lease ends at the end of July. If anyone knows of anything that would be suitable for us, please contact Pete on 07541 412 128, or pete.emmott@gmail.com

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL LEAVERS MASS

This takes place next Friday, 15 July, at 9.15 am in Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted. There will be no mass at Corpus Christi Church.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2017

We shall begin our preparation course after schools resume in September. The First Communion Mass will be on Saturday 20 May 2017. Application forms will be available at the back of church next Sunday.

Notices for the week beginning 10 July 2016

Sunday 10 July 2016 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 108

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Frances Sherratt & Family; 8.30 am Michael Hayes & Malcolm Shelley (Anniversary); 10.30 am John Hunt (Lately Dead)

Monday *St Benedict*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Ferial*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Margaret Valentine (Sick)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Sylvie Lobo (Lately Dead)

Friday *St Bonaventure*

Mass 10.00 am Wendy Hinds (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.30 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 17 July 2016 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) John Byrd (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Andrew and John Livingstone (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, Elizabeth Rogers, Margaret Valentine, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** John Hunt and Sylvie Lobo; **Anniversaries:** Amy Adcock, Dymitir Balco, Edna Clare, Agnes Corcoran, Joan Egan, Bridget Furlong, John Glenister, Mrs Gasparetz, Edwin Grabowski, Rose Maille, John Shryane and Gordon Thick. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
16/17 July	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		O Conway	K Andrew	
	R	M Sherratt	S Wright	H Houston
		M Hart	S Whitehead	P Apps
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £262.50 Loose: £208.63 Building Fund £61.50

Standing Orders for June: Offertories £2,275.00 Building Fund £96.00