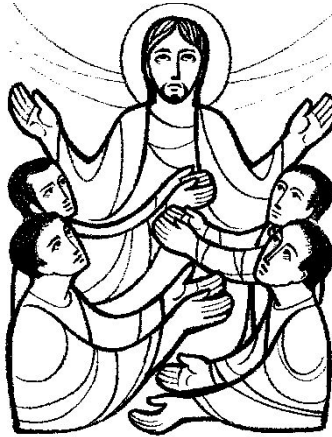


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

24 July 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

God speaks to us in many ways. Sometimes it is at home or at work when we are busy with something that has nothing to do with religion. Sometimes it is in a special or quiet place in the garden or in the country. It is here in church that he sometimes speaks to us when we hear one of the Scripture readings being read to us. In the Gospel we hear Our Lord's own words but sometimes the background story from the Old Testament gives us a message and sometimes it is the words of St Paul that get through to us.

Today we hear that Our Lord is "in a certain place" praying and the apostles ask him to teach them how to pray. They already knew that St John the Baptist had told his disciples how to pray. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. St Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Whereas St Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray, usually God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Jesus then goes on to assure them that God the Father answers our prayers. We hear a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks someone for help. Even if a neighbour is slow to answer a request, the Father will always hear our prayer. Our Lord reassures us: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you." Keep Knocking. Don't give up.

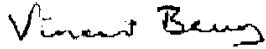
In the old penny catechism we were told that "prayer is the raising up of the heart and mind to God." It is still a good definition. I also like the description given by Sister Romain who taught us catechetics in the seminary. She said that prayer is "talking to God." Sister Romain was a remarkable woman, a nun who belonged to a congregation called the Helpers of the Holy Souls. Her full name was Anne de Clerque Wissoc de Sousberghe and in later years she reverted to her baptism name of Anne. Thousands of students learned

from her about sharing our faith with young people, especial those who had special educational needs. She died earlier this year at the age of 111. When asked what her secret of a long life was, she replied: Optimism and faith in the God who walks with us.

I like the story of the priest who was invited by his bishop to visit the home of his parents. He was touched by the fact that the bishop addressed his parents as “mammy” and “daddy.” They in turn called him by his family nickname. When Our Lord referred to his heavenly Father he addressed him as “Abba” which is the familiar name of “dad” or “daddy.” When we talk to God in prayer it is not disrespectful to speak to him as a child would speak to his or her father.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who came to our Summer Party last Sunday. It was a really happy occasion for all especially Dan and fifteen members of his family who came to share in our celebrations. Special thanks to all the helpers who made it such a great day.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

A COLLECTION FOR DAN

Dan would like to thank you for the presentation he received last Sunday which raised £500.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SPOG and the Youth Club have now closed for the holiday period. They will resume after schools re-open in September.

HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL RETURN

The parish accounts for the six months ended 30 June 2016 with comparative figures for the previous year are attached to this newsletter. Although there was only a small surplus on the general fund, the surplus should increase by the end of the year, once the gift aid tax refund for 2015/16 is received. The parish relies on gift aid receipts. If you are a taxpayer, please sign a gift aid declaration. Forms are available from the sacristy.

The Diocesan appointed bank is HSBC and the Tring branch, where the parish collections were banked, has now closed. Although alternative arrangements have been made, for security reasons it would be appreciated if as many of you as feel able, would make your donations by standing order rather than in cash. A supply of standing order forms is available in the sacristy.

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

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 this weekend.

GOING GREEN FOR GOD

For several years parishes, schools and religious communities have benefited from getting equipment and services at a discount from an organisation set up by our bishops called Church Market Place. The Westminster Diocese has also negotiated reduced prices for electricity supplies. A new organisation with the long title of Interdiocesan Fuel Management Ltd (IFM) has recently been set up and in alliance with Church Market Place it will enable over 3000 parishes throughout the country to buy “green” electricity from renewable sources. The Church in England and Wales will thus be working in harmony with the appeal of Pope Francis to show a care for the environment. It will also save parishes more than £180,000 a year. IFM will shortly invite schools and other organisations to join the scheme.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

Notices for the week beginning 24 July 2016

Sunday 24 July 2016 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 114

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

10.30 am Charlie Percy (Anniversary)

Monday *St James the Great*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of Our Lady*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am **Funeral of Jack Godwin (a regular at 8.30 mass)**

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *St Martha*

Mass 10.00 am Marian Demidecki

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Ferial*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.30 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 31 July 2016 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) George Burmaster (Anniversary); 8.30 am Nancy Ward (Lately Dead);

10.30 am Intentions of Norah

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, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Jack Godwin, Margaret Valentine and Nancy Ward; **Anniversaries:** Father Calum MacLean (former Parish Priest), Sister Agnes Elizabeth, George Burmaster, Ron Cridland, Edward Domkowski, Raphael Gordon, Theresa Jones, Vincent Kowalewski, Margaret Leadbeater, Robert Matthews, Eli Ostman, John Ralph and Kay Whitmarsh. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
30/31 July	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps
	R	O Conway	S Whitehead	P Apps
		M Hart	D Crauford	H Houston
	W	D Leadbeater	S Whitehead	A Farrow
			D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £244.32

Loose: £221.12

Building Fund £43.50