

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

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Father Jacques Hamel, martyred on 26 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

During the last few weeks we have heard of atrocious attacks in Nice, Munich and Tokyo. Last Tuesday Cardinal Nichols was in Lourdes when he heard of the barbaric murder of the 85 year old priest in Rouen. He expressed his horror at the attack in a letter to the Archbishop of Rouen: "I am writing to express my horror and deep, deep sadness following the murder of Fr Jacques Hamel. I pray for the repose of his soul and for all those affected by the murderous assault that took place at the Church of Saint-Etienne-du Rouvray earlier today. These senseless attacks continue to shock the world and all who hold that respect for human life is an essential foundation for every society. May God turn the hearts of all who commit evil to a true understanding of his desire and his intention for humanity. I assure you, too, of the prayers and condolences of the Catholic community in England and Wales."

Muslim leaders joined the Cardinal in prayer for Father Hamel: "Together, as faith leaders, our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and all those affected by the murderous assault that took place today at the Church of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray in France. We are deeply saddened and shocked by the brutal murder of Fr Jacques Hamel. To commit murder at a place where people gather in peace to worship adds another layer of depravity to the violence that we have witnessed over the past weeks. We pray for the courage to respond to all evil with truth, justice, and reconciliation."

Archbishop Lebrun of Rouen was in Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day where he responded to the news of the killing, calling on believers and non-believers to "cry out to God with all men of good will." The archbishop said he had prayed in Warsaw with the youth attending WYD at the tomb of Fr. Popiulusko, a priest who was assassinated in 1984 during the communist regime. He said that the Catholic Church cannot take weapons other than those of prayer and brotherhood among men. He explained that he would be returning to his diocese

where the people are “very much in shock, saying: “I leave here hundreds of young people who are the future of humanity, the true ones. I ask them not to give in to the violence but instead to become apostles of the civilization of love.”

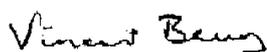
On his journey to Poland for the World Youth Day celebrations, Pope Francis spoke of his horror at the news from Paris which once again reminds us of the evil in the world, evil that can only be mastered by love, peace and reconciliation.

The first mass that Pope Francis celebrated in Poland was at the Shrine of Our Lady at Częstochowa. He described how a divine thread passes through human history and weaves the history of salvation. He spoke of God’s great plan, described by St Paul: “*When the fullness of time had come, God sent his son, born of a woman.*” He went on to say: “But history tells us that when this “fullness of time” came, when God became man, humanity was not especially well-disposed, nor was there even a period of stability and peace: there was no “Golden Age”. The scenario of this world did not merit the coming of God; indeed, “his own received him not.” The fullness of time was thus a gift of grace: *God filled our time out of the abundance of his mercy.* Out of sheer love, he inaugurated the fullness of time. It is particularly striking *how* the coming of God into history came about: he was “*born of a woman*”. There was no triumphal entrance or striking epiphany of the Almighty. He did not reveal himself as a brilliantly rising sun, but entered the world in the simplest of ways, as a child from his mother, with that “style” that Scripture tells us is like a rainfall upon the land, like the smallest of seeds

that sprouts and grows. Thus, contrary to our expectations and perhaps attention, but rather *in littleness, in humility.* God saves us, then by making himself *little, near and real.* First God makes himself *little.* The Lord, who is “meek and humble of heart.” especially loves the little ones, to whom the kingdom of God is revealed. God is *near,* his kingdom is at hand. The Lord does not want to be feared like a powerful and aloof sovereign. He does not want to remain on his throne in heaven or in history books, but loves to come down to our everyday affairs, to walk with us. Finally, *God is real.* The eternal is communicated by spending time with people and in concrete situations.

Last Friday Pope Francis went to the former Auschwitz death camp. He walked alone and in silence through the gate and around the grounds. He sat down on a bench spending time in silent prayer. He then met groups of survivors. In the Book of Honour he left this simple message: ***Lord, have mercy on your people! Lord, forgiveness for so much cruelty!***

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

MARGARET VALENTINE

It was such a sadness to learn of Margaret’s death a week ago following a massive stroke. She was a dedicated member of our parish community and, together with Joan Ruck, used her gifts of flower arranging to decorate the church for many years. She shared her gifts with a group of ladies who can now continue the sterling work she and Joan did and left us an invaluable heritage. The crematorium at Amersham is heavily booked which means that we have had to rearrange the funeral arrangements. The cremation service will be at 10.15 am next Friday and the Requiem Mass will follow at Corpus Christi at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2017

The First Communion Mass will be on Saturday 20 May 2017. For the past three years the catechism classes have been on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 am. We would like to discuss again with parents if this is the most convenient time. Please be aware that our catechists are volunteers and we also have to take into account what is convenient for them. To discuss this there will be a parents meeting on Saturday 24 September (10.30 to 11.30 am) when parents will register their children. The children will at the same have their first catechism class. Application forms are available today at the back of church.

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. 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.

Notices for the week beginning 31 July 2016

Sunday 31 July 2016 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 117

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

10.30 am Intentions of Norah

Monday *St Alphonsus*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Jack Godwin (Lately Dead)

Thursday *St John Vianney*

Mass 10.00 am Margaret Valentine (Lately Dead)

Friday *Feria*

Mass 12.00 noon Requiem Mass for Margaret Valentine

preceded by Service at The Chilterns Crematorium at 10.15 am

Saturday *Transfiguration of the Lord*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.30 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 7 August 2016 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Private Intention;

10.30 am Private Intention

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:** Father Jacques Hamel, Tony Hawes, Steve Rawlings and Margaret Valentine; **Anniversaries:** Father Calum MacLean (former Parish Priest), Sisters Anne Marie Genoud, Marie-Madeleine Troendle, Joe Adams, Emmanuel Adjei, Margaret Brennan, George Burmaster, Patrick Carey, John Joseph Carr, Clementine D'Armena, Trude Eisgruber, Margaret Fell, Ines Forcadi, Michael Gannon, Joseph and Mary Kennedy, Lil McHugh, Teddy Palczewski, Valerie Savage, Ralph Warrington, Annie Elizabeth Webb and Agnes Whitehead. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
6/7 August	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		O Conway	S Whitehead	A De Cesco
	R	M Miles	P Milton	S Lewington
		M Sherratt	L Hutt	G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £204.53

Loose: £196.07

Building Fund £57.60