

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

9 October 2016



## Our Lady of Walsingham

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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

Those of you who were able to attend one of the Mission Services will know what a blessing it was for those of us who were there and also, through us, all members of our parish community. In this Year of Mercy Father Charlie Corcoran and Father Peter Morris worked so hard to share with us some vision of the Church are the individual mission that each of us has received to share with others the Good News (Gospel) that we have been commissioned since our baptism to be the Lord's disciples. Last Sunday two hundred and fifty people attended mass and nearly two hundred people came to be part of the Mission at our healing service last Sunday afternoon and at the daily mass and at the evening services each day of the Mission. After the closing ceremony on Wednesday evening we had a bit of a "do" and my sincere thanks go to those who prepared the sacristy and office and also those who provided the food and drink.

Last week I wrote about the Family Fast Day, which was on Friday 7 October, and the work which will be achieved by CAFOD from your generous support. There will be a special collection at mass today and the good news is that every pound you give will be doubled by a grant from the British Government. This will be in addition to those of you who will make a gift aid donation.

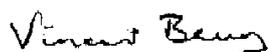
I am sorry that I have to inflict yet another collection on you but our bishops have asked every parish in the country to support the appeal for improving the facilities at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There are details about this later in this newsletter.

Four years ago I celebrated my 75<sup>th</sup> birthday and I was required by canon law to offer my resignation to Cardinal Nichols. He asked me to stay on as parish priest of Tring for a little bit longer. It was agreed that we review the situation each year on my birthday. This we have done. This time I told him that I was willing to stay on for another year but that next year, when I hope to celebrate my eightieth birthday, the

time would come for me to retire. The Cardinal has graciously agreed to this. So, on or about 25 September 2017, I shall leave Corpus Christ Parish, hopefully with another "bit of a do" and retire to my little home in Weston Turville. I am sure that many of you will be saddened by this news but some of you will have noticed that recently I have begun to slow up. I have to tell you that the three weekend masses have begun to put a strain on me, so for the good of the parish it is time to hang up my cassock, as the saying goes. We have plenty of time to organise a farewell party.

This weekend I shall be in Manchester for the golden wedding of one of my cousins. I am delighted to welcome back Father Ray who will celebrate the masses here at Corpus Christi.

Yours sincerely,



Parish Priest

### **FIRST COIMMUNIONS 2017**

Children in our parish will make their First Holy Communion next year on Saturday 20 May 2017. So far 20 children have been enrolled. n Saturdays except during school holidays and half term breaks. Application forms are available at the back of church and today is the final day to enrol.

### **WALSINGHAM APPEAL**

The picture on the cover of this week's newsletter is of the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. This is a replacement of the original statue which was burned after King Henry VIII destroyed the Shrine in the Sixteenth Century.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has launched a £10 million appeal to pay for new buildings and to expand its role in the Church. The shrine, which dates back to the 11th century, is looking for £6 million to spend on upgrading buildings and accommodation. This would pay for a new cloister, refectory, conference and retreat centre, and new accommodation for the disabled. Another £4 million would be spent on developing the work of the shrine. This would include a livestream of daily Mass and other events by a media centre provisionally called "Walsingham TV". Other parts of the plan include a national family pilgrimage and a pilgrimage for young people.

Mgr John Armitage, who became rector of the shrine last December, said: "When I was appointed it became clear to me we needed to improve accommodation and facilities." He

hopes to provide en suite twin rooms for pilgrims and to build a new cloister for the Slipper Chapel. He said: "This is a national shrine, and we're seeing how we can fund it nationally. But we get groups from all over the world, and in the past week we've had Melkites from the Middle East and the Ordinariate on the same day. Also a Punjabi group from the Midlands and a group from the Caribbean."

Cardinal Nichols and the other bishops of England and Wales have asked that a collection be taken up in every parish throughout the country. Mgr Armitage has already managed to obtain a government grant for some of the work. There are special envelopes available at mass today but you can also make a donation direct by going to the shrine's website which is at: [walsingham.org.uk](http://walsingham.org.uk).

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

The Justice & Peace Group, Tring would like to thank everyone who supported The Grand Pudding Quiz two weeks ago. It was a fun filled evening with lots of delicious puddings and entertaining questions. At the interval we heard from Laily and her two daughters, newly arrived refugees from Afghanistan, about how much it meant to them to receive the help and welcome of the Watford & Three Rivers Refugee Partnership. We raised £500 for this local charity which will help more families in need to refuge.

If you would like to make a difference to the world we live in, why not join the Justice & Peace Group. Their next meetings will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at St Martha's Church, Park Street and on Wednesday 30 November at St. Peter & St. Paul Church Hall. You will be made most welcome.

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TRING**

CTT brings together clergy and laypeople from the churches and chapels in Tring and the surrounding villages. It keeps us in touch with each other and helps to co-ordinate such events as the annual Goof Friday Walk. The committee meets four times a year and the next meeting is next Tuesday, 11 October in St Peter and St Paul's Church Hall (behind the Church) at 8.00 pm. We need two official representatives from Corpus Christi. If you are interested, please come along.

## **Notices for the week beginning 9 October 2016**

### **Sunday 9 October 2016 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 149

6.00 pm (Vigil) Ruth and Jess Atkinson; 8.30 am Halliday, Roper, Decassa and Croxford Families; 10.30 am Thanksgiving (Carmen and Cary)

Monday *St Paulinus of York*

Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday *St John XXIII*

Mass 10.00 am

Wednesday *St Wilfred*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *St Edward the Confessor*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *St Callistus*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Teresa of Avila*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Sunday 16 October 2016 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.00 pm (Vigil) Ruth and Jess Atkinson; 8.30 am Halliday, Roper, Decassa and Croxford Families; 10.30 am Thanksgiving (Carmen and Cary)

#### 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 and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Mgr Peter Anglim, and Sharon Roper; **Anniversaries:** Doris Baker, Maureen Coyle, Timothy De Morgan, Jonathon Ellwood, Ethel Fenner, Barbara Bogucki, Albert Gondek, Leonora Halliday, Clare O'Neill, Edward Rodrigues, Eric Ruck, Steven Stecki, William Sullivan and Muriel Whitmarsh, May they rest in peace.

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
15/16 Oct	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		G Booth	K Andrew	A De Cesco
	R	M Hart	D Crauford	S Lewington
		J Lee	S Whitehead	G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £246.36

Loose: £ 197.37

Building Fund £ 37.50

Standing Orders in September Offertories: £1,885.00

Building Fund £ 96.00