

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

In Our Lord's day there were groups of people within the community of Israel who considered themselves to be a cut above everybody else. They looked down upon those whom they regarded to be inferior to them. They claimed to be the true remnant of Israel, the select few who would be saved. In the parable of the Pharisee and Publican, the Pharisee thanked God that he was not like the rest of men but it was the Publican or tax collector who left the Temple "at rights with God."

In today's Gospel Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem to face arrest and death. As he travels through the villages he is asked if only a few will be saved. This referred to the tradition of the remnant of Israel. Jesus assures the man that there will be a place for everyone but the pl "in spite of dungeonace has to be earned. He talks about the narrow door or gate that we all have to pass through. We are being warned not to be complacent. The God we worship is a God of love and mercy, not a God of fear. He understands our human weakness and will forgive all who turn to him in sorrow.

In today's mass we hear the message from the Letter to the Hebrews. It was sent originally to the community of people who had escaped before the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in 70AD. From their places of safety high up in the hill country of Judea they had seen the Temple destroyed. They were reassured in the Letter and told not to give up hope. Everyone who takes his Christian faith seriously must be prepared for pain and suffering. We are being reminded to expect pain if we are going to run in a race.

St Paul uses the image of the race on several occasions and we have been able to witness the same message in recent days. On several occasions athletes at the Olympic Games have been interviewed after taking part in the races. Whether they won or lost they all spoke of the hardships they endured in preparing for their race. Some had been in training for many months. Others had been in training for years, even since the previous Olympic Games. The great endeavours of our athletes may well encourage younger people to try to imitate what they have seen on television.

At the heart of the message in today's mass is the reminder that we are being called to share with others the good news that we have received. The good news is for everyone. In the Old Testament the prophet Isaiah is telling us that people from every nation and every language will be gathered together to give sacrifice to the Lord. There will be pain and sorrow but also joy and hope. The Second Vatican Council, the Catechism, the messages of recent popes all tell us of God's wish to unite us all in Christ and in his Church.

Pope Francis wants every parish to be a missionary parish and for us to be missionary disciples. This is nothing new. For 2000 years we have been told of the missionary dimension of our faith. The Catechism tells us: "The ultimate purpose of mission is none other than to make people share in the communion between the Father and the Son in their Spirit of love." It also tells us that it is God's desire that everyone be united to Jesus in one community of faith, that "the whole human race may become one People of God, form one Body of Christ and be built up into one Temple of the Holy Spirit.

We must also remember that the Church to which we belong is filled with imperfect people like us. We need the mass and the sacraments to sustain us. We need the Holy Scriptures to remind us of all God has done over thousands and thousands of years to call us to be with him in the Kingdom that he has prepared for us.

We live in a world that is full of wonderful opportunities. That may seem a strange thing to say when we see the horrors of what is happening in Syria, Nigeria and other places too. The horrors of persecution did not stop the First Christians in their zeal to share the good news of the Christian faith. It did not stop our forebears in this country "in spite of dungeon, fire and sword" to continue to hope for better times. The faith will survive and grow if we can put our trust in the Lord and fulfil the wish of Pope Francis to be missionary parishioners. We can then look forward to taking our place at the table of the Lord for the heavenly banquet.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

#### **REMEMBERING HIS MERCY**

This is the title of the parish mission that will take place in our parish from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. It will be led by Father Charles Corcoran and Father Peter Morris who are members of the Redemptorist Order.

#### **FIRST COMMUNIONS 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.

#### **FARE SHARE FOOD**

A charity called FareShare is currently working in partnership with Tesco to divert their daily food surplus from the landfill by redistributing it to local charities. Local cafés and bakeries might like to join the scheme. Local charities might wish to benefit from this. The aim of the scheme is to redistribute fit to eat food from the store level directly to charities, not-for-profits and community groups. Tesco Extras and Superstores across the Thames Valley will begin to donate food from 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016. More information can be obtained from the website: [www.fareshare.org.uk](http://www.fareshare.org.uk).

#### **CHEQUES**

Please note that following the closure of HSBC in Tring, cheques must be made payable to **Tring Catholic Church** which is the name of the parish bank account. Cheques made out to Corpus Christi or Corpus Christi Church will not be accepted at our new bank.

## **Notices for the week beginning 21 August 2016**

#### **Sunday 21 August 2016 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 127

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Jack Godwin (Lately Dead);

10.30 am P J Cunningham (Anniversary)

Monday *Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Rose of Lima*

No Mass. **Funeral Service for Georgette Cave.**

Wednesday *St Bartholomew*

Mass 10.00 am Tim Hynes (Lately Dead)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 11.00 am **Funeral Mass for Dorothy Harris**

Friday *Blessed Dominic Barberi*

Mass 10.00 am **Funeral Mass for Norah Elizabeth Marote**

Saturday *St Monica*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.30 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

12.00 noon Baptism of Oliver Tipping

**Sunday 28 August 2016 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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### 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, Christine Rickard, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Elizabeth Rogers, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Georgette Cave, Dorothy Harris and Norah Marote; **Anniversaries:** Tom Blackbourn, Basil Clark, Mary Cronin, Paul Dominici, Norman Fisher, Edwina Johnson, Chris Lilley, Patrick McHugh, John Malone, Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Joseph Scarborough, Clement Stevens, Sylvia Simmonds, Peter Wallen and Mary Watts. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
20/21 August	E	F Sherratt M Todd	A Halliday S Whitehead	H Houston
	R	M Sherratt D Leadbeater	W Winstone D Crauford	G Maloney P Apps
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £206.82

Loose: £199.23

Building Fund £27.20