

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

28 August 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

We occasionally hear the expression “below the salt” which is very ancient, dating back to the Middle Ages. It is one of several expressions referring to salt such as “worth one’s salt,” “take with a pinch of salt” and “salt of the earth.” For many centuries salt was an expensive commodity and only the higher ranks of society could afford it. At that time the nobility sat at the ‘high table’ and their commoner servants sat at lower trestle tables. Salt was placed in the centre of the high table and only those of rank had access to it. Those less favoured on the lower tables were below (or beneath) the salt.

Our Lord was often invited to meals and today we hear the story of one of those occasions. He noticed how many of the guests who arrived pushed their way through the crowd to sit at the top table. He comments on this in the form of a parable and suggests they should seat themselves at the lower end of the table and wait for the host to invite them to come higher. The person who goes directly to the top end might be asked to give way and thus have the embarrassing experience of being asked to move down the table. They would thus have to go “below the salt.” The pushy guests were thus given an example of humility.

On many of the occasions that Jesus was in conflict with the Scribes and Pharisees, they were shown to be lacking in humility. In today’s Old Testament reading we are told of the importance of humility in our relationship with God and in the way we treat our

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Peter Morris.

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Wednesday 5th October.

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Morning Mass at 10.00 am

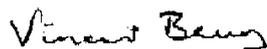
neighbour. The Pharisees did not understand this but they were aware of the danger of loss of face, something that is known in some societies even today.

Heaven is often compared to a wedding banquet. How are we to be invited to the wedding feast and how are we to respond to the invitation? Someone suggests that we have no right to claim a place at the banquet. The Scribes and Pharisees thought they had a right, unlike lesser mortals who could only expect a place at the bottom of the table. The invitation is entirely a free gift from God. We cannot presume to have a place.

To prepare ourselves for the wedding feast of heaven we are given the sacraments to help us get ready. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) we show the necessary humility to accept the invitation. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is the great feast in this present world which anticipates the heavenly banquet. These sacraments especially provide us with a new way of relating to God and each other and to God.

One of the messages we learn from Our Lord today is that we should give our love and friendship free and expect nothing in return.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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 22nd August 2016. More information can be obtained from the website: 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 28 August 2016

Sunday 28 August 2016 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 127

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

10.30 am Private Intention

Monday *Passion of St John the Baptist*

No Mass

Tuesday *Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward*

No Mass.

Wednesday *St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Sonny McDonnell (Lately Dead)

Saturday *St Gregory the Great*

Confessions: 10.00 to 10.30 am; 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 4 September 2016 23 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, Christine Rickard, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Elizabeth Rogers, Warren Ward, Anne Wilkinson and Susan Wright; **Lately Dead:** Fr Seamus McWeeney, Sonny McDonnell and Norah Marote; **Anniversaries:** Thomas Beary, Michael Code, Liselotte Drescher, Nora Francis, Thomas Gibney, Mick Kennedy, Elizabeth Knight, Sydney Lancashire, Martin Long, Rhianna McDonnell, Patrick McDonough, Vincent McInerney, Ellen Sheehan, Joseph Tanti and John Watson. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2016 | | 6.00 pm | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 3/4 Sept | E | F Sherratt M Leadbeater | A Halliday K Andrew | A De Cesco |
| | R | D Leadbeater M Sherratt | S Whitehead P Milton | G Maloney H Houston |
| | W | | S Kerr | J Brown |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £326.59

Loose: £185.54

Building Fund £68.60

HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Sponsored Bike n' Hike Saturday 10th September 2016

Our church will once again be open from 10am-6pm to enable participating bikers & hikers to register as well as being offered a drink of water & biscuit. In previous years Wendy has ensured our lovely church has remained open all day. This year because of recent surgery she is unable to do this- volunteers are therefore needed.

If you are able to offer an hour (or even two!) please could you sign the sheet on the table at the back of the church. Many thanks, Frances 07941340747

Canon Berry on holiday

A request for help to enable us offer an evening meal on Saturday & possibly a light lunch on Sunday to Father Ray Brain & Father David Ardagh-Walter, the priests who will be staying in the presbytery each weekend & looking after us while Canon is away on holiday. In previous years Wendy arranged this hospitality from our parish to the visiting priests but this year she is unable to do so due to her recent surgery. The dates are: 10th/11th September, Father Ray & 17th/18th September Father David.

If anyone is able to offer any help on either weekend please contact Frances 07941340747, many thanks.