

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

Today Pope Francis will canonise Mother Teresa who will now be known as St Teresa of Calcutta. She was Albanian by birth and was born on 26 October 1910 in what is now the Republic of Macedonia. Her baptismal name was Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Her family were very devout Catholics. Her father died when she was eight years old and she became extraordinarily close to her mother, a pious and compassionate woman who instilled in her daughter a deep commitment to charity. Her mother, from very limited means, provided food for others. She once said to young Agnes: "My child, never eat a single mouthful unless you are sharing it with others." When Agnes asked who the people eating with them were, her mother uniformly responded, "Some of them are our relations, but all of them are our people." When Agnes was eighteen she decided to become a nun. She set off for Ireland to join the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin. We have Loreto sisters close to us in St Albans. She took as her religious name Teresa after St Therese of Lisieux. A year later she travelled to India to begin her novitiate in Darjeeling. She then went to Calcutta to teach in the Sisters' St Mary's High School for Girls. The school was dedicated to teaching girls from the city's poorest Bengali families. She learnt to speak Bengali and Hindi and taught geography and history. On 24 May 1937 she was fully professed and took the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. She became Principal of the school in 1944. Two years later she had what she described as her "call within a call" and became determined to devote her life to caring for the sick and poor people of Calcutta.

Since Mother Teresa had taken a vow of obedience, she could not leave her convent without official permission. After nearly a year and a half of lobbying, in January 1948 she finally received approval to pursue this new calling. That August, donning the blue-and-white sari that she would wear in public for the rest of her life, she left the Loreto convent and wandered out into the city. After six months of basic medical training, she went for the first time into Calcutta's slums with no more specific a goal than to aid "the unwanted, the unloved, the uncared for." She quickly translated this somewhat vague calling into concrete actions to help the city's poor. She began an open-air school and established a home for the dying destitute in a dilapidated building she convinced the city government to donate to her. She attracted a number of followers, mostly Former teachers and pupils from St Mary's School. In October 1950 she won canonical recognition for her new congregation, the Missionaries of Charity. Within 20 years her community spread to many parts of the world. By the time of her death in 1997, the Missionaries of Charity numbered more than 4000 with thousands more lay volunteers. There are 610 foundations in 123 countries.

I met Mother Teresa when I was working with Cardinal Hume as his vicar general. One of the stories I heard about her was when she turned up unexpectedly at her foundation in Southall. She discovered that the sisters had declined an invitation to an important gathering in the town hall. They were following the rule that the sisters should dine alone. Mother Teresa explain that this was meant to be a guideline and that they had a

higher duty to mix with the local people, especially those in local government who were doing so much for the poor. I am sure Pope Francis would have agreed with her decision. In 1997 Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, one of many awards she received.

Queen Elisabeth II awarded her the Order of Merit, an award that was also given to Cardinal Hume shortly before he died.

Cardinal Nichols will celebrate a mass of thanksgiving in the Cathedral for the canonisation on Friday 16 September at 5.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

SPONSORED BIKE N' HIKE

This annual event in aid of the Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust takes place next Saturday.. 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 due to 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

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.

CARITAS TRIP TO CALAIS

On Thursday the 22nd of September, Caritas Westminster will be sending a team of staff and volunteers to visit the Jungle in Calais. The team will be working with Caritas France and Brother Johannes Maertens of Catholic Worker who founded the Mother Maria Skobtsova House of Hospitality based in Calais. At the back of church there is a list of items that they would like to distribute. Please donate items to St Joseph's by Friday the 16th of September: St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, St Joseph's Grove, The Burroughs, Hendon, London NW4 4TY

THE GRAND PUDDING QUIZ

This Quiz is back by popular demand as everyone had so much fun last year. The Grand Pudding Quiz is being held on Saturday 24th September in Corpus Christi Church Hall from 7.30pm to 10pm. We will supply soft drinks, teas/coffees, nibbles and lots of lovely homemade puddings – you can bring your own drinks. Tickets are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and are available from Margaret Donnelly margaret.donnelly@hotmail.co.uk - mobile 07767 770505 or please approach other members of the Justice & Peace Group. Net proceeds in aid of the Watford and Three Rivers refugee Partnership.

Notices for the week beginning 4 September 2016

Sunday 4 September 2016 23 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 133

6.00 pm (Vigil) Terry Lynch (Anniversary); 8.30 am Tom Blackbourn (Anniversary);

10.30 am People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass.

Wednesday *Feria*

No Mass

Thursday *Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

No Mass

Friday *Feria*

No Mass

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions: 15 to 5.45 pm

Sunday 11 September 2016 24 Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Private Intention; 8.30 am Private Intention;

10.30 am Mary Sanger (Anniversary)

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; **Anniversaries:** Jan Bass, Ronald Burch, Jack Dennehy, Nancy Eder, Inga Gerard, Martin Harte, Richard Hofgartner, Declan Hurley, Matthew Raftery, John Sheehy and Conrad Teter. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
10/11 Sept	E	F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday S Whitehead	H Houston A De Cesco
	R	M Hart M Miles	D Crauford W Winstone	P Apps S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £215.30

Loose: £124.14

Building Fund £40.50

Standing Orders in August: Offertories £1,721.00

Building Fund £96.00