

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## *Times of Services*

<b>Sunday</b>	Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am
<b>Holydays</b>	Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm
<b>Weekday</b>	Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am
<b>Saturday</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am 5.15 - 5.45 pm

## *Letter from Langdon Street*

My dear people

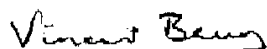
At mass today and next Sunday we will hear stories about prayer. When Moses led the people out of Egypt towards the Promised Land of Israel he encountered quite a few problems on the way. Today we hear about one of them. They had to travel through land which belonged to the Amalekites, a nomadic tribe which should have offered hospitality to Moses when he asked for water. Water is precious, a gift from God, and should always be offered to strangers. It was unforgiveable that the Amalekites not only refused to provide water but attacked some of the Israelites. Moses ordered Joshua to lead his army against their bitter enemy. Moses, accompanied by Aaron and Hur, climbed a mountain to pray. He raised his arms in prayer and when he did this the army was successful. When he grew tired he lowered his arms but the army began to lose. Aaron and Hur held up his arms and the army began to win again. They too became tired and when Moses' arms were lowered, the battle changed again. Finally the set up to piles of stones to hold up the arms of Moses and finally Joshua succeeded in defeating the Amalekites. The point of the story is not to rejoice in fighting and killing, but that if we want to achieve goals which are beyond our strength, we must pray without ceasing.

In today's Gospel we hear about a widow who knew how to pray without ceasing. She was in fact petitioning, asking for something. She had a grievance and she went to law to obtain justice. She had the misfortune of presenting her case before a judge who was not concerned about her claim and denied her the justice she was entitled to. He had the misfortune of meeting someone who did not give up easily. The judge had a duty to protect the weak and the defenceless. Because the widow did not give up demanding justice, the judge accepted that he had a bad reputation: "I neither fear God nor care about people." He accepted that the widow would keep on

nagging at him until he did the right thing, which he did if only to get some peace. We must not misconstrue this story to assume that we must nag at God when we ask for something. Our Lord explains that his Father will always respond to our prayers.

Today's epistle reminds us of the deep love shown by St Paul. Many of his epistles begin and end in prayer. Today he shows us of his friendship with Timothy whom he put in charge of the Christian community (which he calls the Church) in Ephesus. He mentions Timothy's mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois and describes how they are all bound together in faith. The pagans in Ephesus prayed to their local goddess Artemis and believed that the more prayers they said and the faster they said them would be pleasing to her. Our Lord warned his disciples not to pray as the pagans who believe that "the more they say the more chance they have of being heard." For us, prayer is talking to God. Prayer and faith are very closely connected. It's because we have faith that we pray. We need to pray not just when we are in trouble but at all times. Prayer is not an escape from life but a journey into the heart of life.

Yours sincerely,



Parish Priest

### **WALSINGHAM APPEAL**

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).

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

World Mission Sunday falls next Sunday 23 October. This will be our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. There will be a special collection at mass next Sunday.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP**

If you would like to make a difference to the world we live in, why not join the Justice & Peace Group. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in St Martha's Church, Park Street, Tring. Why not come along to find out more about the activities of the Group. 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. We need two official representatives from Corpus Christi. If you are interested, please speak to Canon Berry.

## **Notices for the week beginning 16 October 2016**

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

Mass Book, pages 7 and 152

6.00 pm (Vigil) Christopher James (Lately Dead); 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Warren Ward (Sick)

Monday *St Ignatius of Antioch*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Luke*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Mickey Flaherty (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St John Paul II*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Sunday 23 October 2016 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Intentions of Michael and Mary Ainger; 10.30 am People of the Parish

#### 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, Warren Ward and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Christopher James; **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
22/23 Oct	E	O Conway M Leadbeater	A Halliday K Andrew	P Apps
	R	D Leadbeater M Sherratt	C Pennicott L Hutt	H Houston S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £299.54

Loose: £117.58

Building Fund £36.50