

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 we begin our parish mission for the Year of Mercy and I wish to welcome Father Charles Corcoran and Father Peter Morris, members of the Redemptorist Order. In addition to them speaking at all masses today they invite us to join them for a Healing Service this afternoon at 5.00 pm. They will also be speaking on Monday to Wednesday at morning mass at 10.00 am and at the Evening Service. They would also like to visit parishioners who are ill or housebound.

Last Thursday afternoon I drove through Northern France to board the ferry at Calais and saw the large Jungle camp site for refugees and also the workers who were putting up the new fence to keep them off the approach roads to the port. Such a sad sight. There must be a better solution. On the same day Pope Francis spoke to members of Catholic organisations serving in Iraq, Syria and neighbouring territories: I want to thank you for your participation during this moment of common reflection on the Church's work in the context of the Syrian and Iraqi crisis. We must note with great sadness that since our last meeting a year ago, despite extensive efforts made in a variety of areas, the logic of arms and oppression, hidden interests and violence continues to wreak devastation on these countries and that, even now, we have not been able to put an end to the exasperating suffering and repeated violations of human rights. The dramatic consequences of the crisis are already visible well beyond the borders of the region.

Violence begets violence, and we have the impression of being caught up in a spiral of arrogance and inertia from which there is no escape. This evil which grips our will and conscience should challenge us. Why, even at the cost of untold damage to persons, property and the environment, does man continue to pursue abuses of power, revenge and violence? We think of the recent attack on a United Nations humanitarian convoy... This is the experience of the *mysterium iniquitatis*, that evil which is present in man and in history and which needs to be redeemed. Destruction for destruction's sake. And so, during this Year, in which we fix our gaze more

intensely on Christ, on Mercy incarnate who has conquered sin and death, I am reminded of the words of Saint John Paul II: "The limit imposed upon evil, of which man is both perpetrator and victim, is ultimately the Divine Mercy" Seeing the many suffering faces in Syria, in Iraq and in the neighbouring and distant countries where millions of refugees are forced to seek shelter and protection, the Church beholds the face of her Lord in his Passion. The work of all who like you, represent so many workers in the field, who are committed to helping refugees and to safeguarding their dignity, is certainly a reflection of God's mercy and, as such, a sign that evil has limits and does not have the last word. This is a sign of great hope, for which I wish to thank you, and also the many unnamed people – though not nameless to God – who, especially in this Jubilee Year, are praying and interceding in silence for the victims of conflicts, particularly for children and the weak.

This request is my daily prayer to God, to inspire the minds and hearts of all who have political responsibility, that they may be able to renounce their own interests in order to achieve the greater good: peace.

Churches throughout the country are expressing thanks now that the harvest has been safely gathered in. There is a traditional Gaelic prayer, *Ag Criost an Siol*, which in fact was written in 1916 by Father Micheál Ó Siocháin of Waterford and later put to music which expresses our prayer of thanks: "The seed is Christ's, the harvest is his; may we be stored within God's barn. The sea is Christ's, the fish are his; may we be caught within God's net. From birth to age, from age to death, enfold us, Christ, within your arms. Until the end, the great rebirth, Christ be our joy in Paradise."

Yours sincerely,



Parish Priest

PARISH MISSION PROGRAMME

- Saturday 1 October: Mass at 6.00pm**
Sunday 2 October: Mass at 8.30 and 10.30 am
Healing Service at 5.00 pm
Monday 3 October: Mass at 10.00 am; Evening Service at 7.30 pm
Tuesday 4 October: Mass at 10.00 am; Evening Service at 7.30 pm
Wednesday 5 October: Mass at 10.00 am; Evening Service at 7.30 pm

FAMILY FAST DAY

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is Friday 7 October 2016. This Harvest Fast Day we are invited to fast in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world and join 32-year-old Nicanora, from Bolivia, on her journey from poverty to abundance. We can stand alongside Nicanora as she learns new skills and receives materials and seeds that will enable her to grow enough food to feed her family. Thank you for your support for CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day which raised £4.7 million. £3.5 million of this was doubled by the UK government for a final total of: £8.2 million. As always, the amazing amount raised by supporters will go directly to funding our long-term development work and our humanitarian projects overseas, plus our Education, Campaigning and Fundraising work in England and Wales. CAFOD is working directly with 334,000 people in these countries to increase their access to clean, safe water; reduce water borne diseases and child mortality; allow more children to attend school, especially girls; and increase the participation of these communities in their own governance. The matched funding CAFOD received from the government will improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene in Uganda, Zimbabwe and the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo).

Please pick up a Fast Day envelope and give what you can. There will be a special collection at mass next weekend.

FIRST COMMUNIONS 2017

Classes have begun to prepare children for their First Holy Communion which will take place next year on Saturday 20 May 2017. Classes will take place at 9.00 am on Saturdays except during school holidays and half term breaks. Application forms are available today at the back of church and registration will close next Sunday 9 October.

Notices for the week beginning 2 October 2016

Sunday 2 October 2016 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 146

6.00 pm (Vigil) Canon Des Sheehan; 8.30 am People of the Parish;

10.30 am Intentions of Norah Cunningham

Monday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday *St Francis of Assisi*

Mass 10.00 am

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *St Bruno*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 9 October 2016 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Ruth and Jess Atkinson; 8.30 am Halliday, Roper, Decassa and Croxford Families; 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, Elizabeth Rogers, Warren Ward and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Mgr Peter Anglim, Father David O'Driscoll and Salvatore Paoli; **Anniversaries:** Canon Des Sheehan, Canon Peter Phillips (a former parishioner), Mary Beers, Mae Bilbey, Annie Clarke, Dorothy Deeds, Patricia Duffy, Albert Ferschke, Gweneth Fitzpatrick, Kitty Grob, Nickie Halliday, John Kenny, Jimmy McAuley, Kate McDonnell, Thomas Mackie, Clarence Murray, Lilian Obee, James Price, Ted Rainbow, Laura Scarborough, Derwent Wall and Mary Whitmarsh, May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
8/9 Oct	E	F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday	A De Cesco
	R	M Sherratt D Leadbeater	L Hutt S Wright	P Apps H Houston
	W		D Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £299.54

Loose: £117.58

Building Fund £36.50