

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

13 November 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

On 11 November 1918, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns fell silent in Flanders. A poem written at the time said this: In Flanders fields the poppies blow, between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard among the guns below. We are the dead. Short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flanders fields.

The Cenotaph in Whitehall, the tomb of the unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey, similar tombs for the fallen in Paris and so many other places are all part of history. The Great War did not turn out to be the war to end all wars. In Iraq, Syria and other theatres of war people are still dying. One of the most compelling symbols of war is a simple red flower which has come to be called the Flanders Poppy, the one that grew among the graves in Flanders fields.

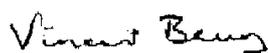
Some years ago I visited the village of Oradour-sur-Glane near Limoges in Central France. A few days after D Day the villagers were rounded up by an SS group because of partisan activity in the neighbourhood. The men were shot in groups at street corners and in barns. The women and children together with the parish priest were herded into the church which was fire-bombed. Altogether 642 villagers were killed. One of the many horrors of war. The village was called the Martyred Village and today remains a memorial of the evil that men can do. A new village was built nearby. It is a place I would not wish to visit again. Atrocities like this have been part of war for thousands of years. These events can only urge us on to seek lasting peace and respect for all of humankind.

In 1989 I attended mass at the Jesuit Farm Street Church. The mass was being celebrated for six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter who were shot dead in the garden attached to their house in El Salvador. The Jesuits had spoken out against the atrocities being committed by the government in power at that time. Their superior, Father Ignacio Ellacuria had said: "We are against hunger, poverty, the death squads, but it seems that everyone is mad at us and everyone wants to kill us." All they wanted to do was to proclaim the Kingdom of God and they did so with their lives.

On All Souls Day Pope Francis celebrated mass in one of Rome's cemeteries and was joined by thousands of people. Before the mass he placed flowers in front of the main mausoleum and prayed in silence for a few moments. In his homily he said that the commemoration of the dead fills us both with sorrow, a sense of sadness, and with hope. He said that a cemetery is sad because it reminds us of our loved ones who have died, it reminds us of our future, death but in this sadness, we bring flowers as a sign of hope. He said that hope can help us, because we too must make the same journey, from this life to the next. The hope in the Resurrection does not disappoint. In fact it is Jesus Himself who first took this journey; we walk along the path He has trod. With his Cross Jesus "has opened the gate of salvation, where we will contemplate God."

Next Sunday another liturgical year comes to an end with the feast of Christ the King. Today the readings, especially the Gospel, point to the future, to end of this world and the creation of the new world, the Kingdom of heaven. The Gospel also challenges us to get involved in our present world, working for the common good, justice and peace.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

REJOICE! SING TO THE LORD ALWAYS

We are looking for singers to join our church choir to sing at the Christmas Midnight Mass. All voice types and levels of experience are welcome, from beginners to experienced. There is no audition and the ability to read music is not essential, although it would be useful. Weekly rehearsals will take place in the church (TBC). For further information, please contact Jane Glover on jane_glover@rocketmail.com

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Many thanks to all who have responded to the appeal to provide a gift to a prisoner's child this Christmas. The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) has joined forces with Caritas Westminster to arrange a collection of gifts for children of families who have a parent in prison and who are struggling financially. Details will be given later about when to bring your gift to church. PACT will arrange to collect, gift-wrap and distribute your present.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT

This annual concert, originally sponsored by the Salvation Army, is now organised by the Justice and Peace Group, Tring. It will take place on Saturday 3rd December at 7.30 pm in the Victoria Hall, Akeman Street. There are only 21 days left to purchase your ticket from Beechwood Fine Foods, 42 Frogmore Street (price £5 for adult and £2.50 for child). This year musicians from Bishop Wood C of E Junior School and Tring School will be performing and there will of course be community singing too. Fundraising at the concert will be for the registered charity *Children at Risk in Asia*.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Young people in Year 9 upwards are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year at Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted. Application brochures are available at the back of church

CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS

You are warmly invited to the CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all Supporters and Volunteers, at The Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at 11am on Wednesday 23 November. If you would like someone to be included in our book of remembrance, please send us their name by calling CAFOD Westminster on 020 8449 6970 or emailing westminster@cafod.org.uk

TOWN FARM ART SHOW IN CHEDDINGTON

Perfectly timed for that special Christmas gift! Ten artists and makers showing paintings, illustration, ceramics, woodcraft, woodcarving, jewellery & Egyptian quilts, plus willow weaving & sculpture in the garden. Mulled wine, mince pies & Christmas cake in aid of Rennie Grove Hospice Care. ONE WEEKEND ONLY: Friday 25 - Sunday 27 November, 10am - 4pm. 6 Town Farm, Cheddington, Near Tring, LU7 0TT. Please park on High Street - not in Town Farm. Free entry. More info at www.townfarmartshow.blogspot.com.

Notices for the week beginning 13 November 2016

Sunday 13 November 2016 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 160

6.00 pm (Vigil) David Norton (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Margaret & Robert Pennicott;

10.30 am November Dead List

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Albert the Great*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Edmund Rich of Abingdon*

Mass 10.00 am Julie Quach (Sick)

Thursday *St Hilda of Whitby*

Mass 10.00 am Peter McDonald (Sick)

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Tom Walsh (Sick)
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 20 November 2016 Feast of Christ the King

6.00 pm (Vigil) Angela Briggs (Lately Dead); 8.30 am People of the Parish;
10.30 am November Dead List

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Debbie Bewley, Nina & Erica De Cesco, Melanie Edwards, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Angela Briggs and Warren Ward; **Anniversaries:** Michael Atkin, Aileen Born, Doug Brown, Michael Connell, Christopher Conway, Willie Drescher, Ted Halliday, Frederick James Hook, Richard Kennedy, Constance Light, Bill Lloyd Webber, Emily McDonough, Susan Malone, Giuseppe Marangon, Edward Christopher Smyth, Ronnie Wesley, Eileen Mary Williams and Patricia Wright. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8. 30 am	10.30 am
19/20 Nov	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	A De Cesco
	R	O Conway	S Whitehead	P Apps
		M Hart	C Pennicott	H Houston
	W	M Sherratt	D Crauford	S Lewington
			D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £218.12 Loose: £176.77 Building Fund £46.50

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund £449.35