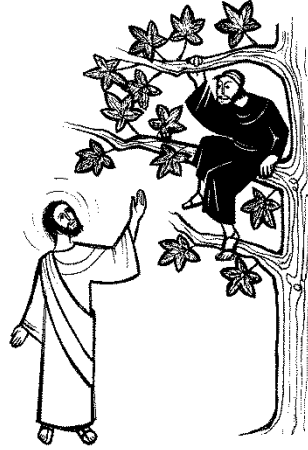


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

30 October 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

Last Sunday we heard Our Lord telling us of two men who went up to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee was there not to pray but to tell God what a marvellous man he was. The tax collector was there to ask for God's mercy. Today we hear of real live Pharisees and tax collectors. and one man in particular called Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus, was from Jericho, a very wealthy city that was famous and envied by all for its economic privilege and very well-off citizens. Zacchaeus was indeed a very wealthy and powerful man.

Tax collectors were hated, and Jewish tax collectors were the most hated of them all because they were puppets of the Romans. They were given a quota of taxes to collect and had the power to call in Roman soldiers to enforce the actual collection of those taxes. All the Romans demanded was their quota. The tax collectors, however, could collect more than they owed the Roman authorities. Not only were these tax collectors traitors to the Jewish people; they were traitors to the Jewish religion. With that background you can now realize the shock that electrified the Jews when Jesus calls out to him and says "Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I am coming to stay in your house." Not only was Jesus going to dine at Zacchaeus' table, He was going to stay in his house! For the Jews that was unthinkable. Yet Jesus did it.

Throughout Scripture, his choice of dinner companions set him apart from the observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of God's mercy. He is described as being short in stature and he climbs a tree in order to get a good view of Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector. He was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for mercy, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Our Lord recognizes the faith of this tax collector and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.

Let us think for a moment about today's gospel. Zacchaeus is aware that he is pardoned, and yet he fulfils the demand of the Law of Moses, which demanded fourfold restitution for the theft of goods essential for another's livelihood; and Zacchaeus does not stop there. He gives away half of his goods to the poor. It is then, when repentance is fruitful, that Our Lord tells us that salvation has come to the house of Zacchaeus. It can come to each of our houses too.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Could you give a prisoner's child a present this Christmas? The Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT) is joining 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.

If you are willing to help, we will provide details of the age and sex of a number of children. The gifts should be no more than £10. Please put your name and contact number on the list at the back of church.

We will fix a date for you to bring your present to Corpus Christi (before 5 December). PACT will 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 35 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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

For over 100 years women all over the world have gathered together on the first Friday of March. In Tring each church takes it in turn to act as host. It will be the turn of Corpus Christi Church next year. Wendy has acted as our local link with the other churches but her poor health has meant that she cannot continue this any longer.

We need a volunteer to take on the job. Wendy will be happy to fill in details of what is involved. It is a once a year event and there is very little to do apart from meeting the other church link persons to prepare for the annual service. If you would like to take on this important task, please email Canon Berry on tring@rcdow.org.uk.

ABORTION ACT 1967

On 27 October 2017 it will be fifty years since the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Next Sunday we will be distributing cards. It is hoped that people all over the country will take part in this card campaign to be sent to all members of parliament. This campaign is being sponsored jointly by the Union of Catholic Mothers and the Society for the protection of Unborn Children.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The annual appeal for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund takes place next Sunday. Special envelopes are included with this newsletter.

Notices for the week beginning 30 October 2016

Sunday 30 October 2016 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 157

6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Harold Foster RIP;

10.30 am Robert McKay (Lately Dead)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *All Saints Day* [Holyday of Obligation]

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

7.30 pm Holy Souls

Wednesday *All Souls Day*

Mass 10.00 am

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am

Friday *St Charles Borromeo*

Mass 10.00 am

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 6 November 2016 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) November Dead List; 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, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley, Warren Ward and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Robert McKay and David Norton; **Anniversaries:** John Biggs, Michael John Blood, Teresa Cannon, Aida-Rose Cavall. Freda Davies, Mary Hilda Dentith, James Eder, Harold Foster, Nancy Fullicks, Esther Grant, Zymunt Grochala, Rose Hunt, Cathie Lawrie, Patrick Long, Mary McGovern, Eileen McNamara, Mary Morley, Michael O'Donovan, Margaret Pennicott, Norah Raftery, Anastasia Reeves, Hannah Quinn, Daniel Smyth, Margaret Smyth, Sutton Thorpe, Shawn Waldrige and Elwyn Wilson. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
29/30 Oct	E	F Sherratt M Todd	A Halliday S Whitehead	H Houston
	R	M Miles D Leadbeater	W Winstone C Pennicott	G Maloney P Apps
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £206.50 Loose: £184.59 Building Fund £55.50

World Mission Day Appeal: £260 Walsingham Appeal: £99.43