

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

6 November 2016



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## *Times of Services*

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

## *Letter from Langdon Street*

My dear people

The readings at mass today, especially the Gospel, challenge us to ask a question about our response to the Gospel values which Our Lord offers us. This is something quite contrary to the challenge of the Sadducees who once again can only argue with him in terms of legal attitudes. Even in the Church legalism seems more important to some people than anything else. We should be at mass today not because some law orders to but because we want to. The mother and sons in the Book of Maccabees showed unwavering faith in the midst of persecution. They showed the grace that St Paul speaks about which will “encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.

In the gospel today, Jesus seems to be saying that it is to be found in more than just the immediate things around us, such as wealth or status. He seems to say that what is important is to be found in the here and now as well as in the past and the future. In his affirmation of life, Jesus challenges us to promote life today. He calls us to do this in our efforts to end war and violence, in our promotion of a culture of life, in our work to ensure that the poor and the rich all have an equal chance to live a healthy and complete life, in our practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, in our special concern for the poor and vulnerable, in our concern for refugees and the homeless, in our speaking up for justice for everyone, in all of our involvements in the important justice issues of our day, in our challenge to those whose actions threaten life, and in our work to change the structures of society that cause death.

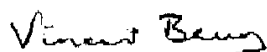
So many of St John Paul II’s messages are proving to be poetic. In 2001 he addressed President George W Bush: “Respect for nature by everyone, a policy of openness to immigrants, the cancellation or significant reduction of the debt of poorer nations, the promotion of peace through dialogue and negotiation, the primacy of the rule of law: these are the priorities which the leaders of the developed nations cannot disregard. A global world is essentially a world of solidarity! A free and virtuous society, which America aspires to be,

must reject practices that devalue and violate human life at any stage from conception until natural death.” Next year it will be fifty years since the Abortion Act was introduced in this country. Please support the campaign which is being sponsored by SPUC and take a postcard which will eventually be delivered to our local members of parliament.

The words of Mother Teresa are also prophetic: “Today, the same Christ is in people who are unwanted, unemployed, uncared for, hungry, naked, and homeless. They seem useless to the state and to society; nobody has time for them. It is you and I as Christians, worthy of the love of Christ if our love is true, who must find them, and help them; they are there for the finding.”

There will be a second collection at mass today for the annual appeal to help the Sick and Retired Priest’s Fund. Envelopes are provided if you can gift aid your donation. I have to declare an interest in this fund. I shall become a beneficiary next year when I retire!

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **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) 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. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:tring@rcdow.org.uk).

### **COMMENT MAGAZINE**

The 'Comment' magazine is doing an ongoing series of Favourite Books, Hymns and Places. Therefore, would you like to nominate your Favourite Book and say why? Or your Favourite Hymn and write why. Take a look at this month's 'Comment' to get a flavour of the books/hymns. It's best to write about a book/hymn that hasn't been mentioned.

### **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](http://www.townfarmartshow.blogspot.com).

## **Notices for the week beginning 6 November 2016**

### **Sunday 6 November 2016 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

10.30 am November Dead List

Monday *St Willibrord*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome's Cathedral)*

Mass 10.00 am Julie Quach (Sick)

Thursday *St Leo the Great*

Mass 10.00 am November Dead List

Friday *St Martin of Tours*

Mass 10.00 am Tom Walsh (Sick)

followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday *St Josaphat*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Sunday 13 November 2016 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Sam Patel, Lana Ridley, Tara Ridley and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Angela Briggs and Warren Ward; **Anniversaries:** Jill Allen, John Brannon, Joseph Briscoe, Clare Chennell, Gladys Cracknell, Helen Czachorowski, William Davies, Josephine Fanning, Walter Grabowski, Elizabeth Harte, John Hope, Andrew Holmes, Margaret Kay, Anna McKinney, Bert Osborn, Robert Pennicott and Freda Wilson. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2016		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
12/13 Nov	E	F Sherratt M Leadbeater	A Halliday K Andrew	A De Cesco
	R	J Lee D Leadbeater	S Whitehead L Hutt	P Apps G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

October Standing Orders:      Offertory £1,886.00      Building Fund £96.00