

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

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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

There are several occasions in St Matthews's Gospel when Our Lord gave a sermon to large groups of people. Today's is the first. It is called the Sermon on the Mount and it gives us the Eight Beatitudes. The Beatitudes were not unique to Jesus. They are found in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. They are in the psalms and in what is called the wisdom literature. They are a way to teach us about who will find favour with God. The Latin word *beatus* can be translated as blessed, favoured, fortunate and happy.

The Beatitudes are a framework for Christian living. They are meant to lead us from the standards of our world and to guide our lives along the path of the gospel values offered to us by Our Lord. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, St Matthew in his gospel reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

The readings at mass today use the theme of the poor, not only the needy but the poor in spirit and all those who founded their security and hope in God. The first reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah. It introduces the poor as those who are repressed by the inequalities practiced by the powerful and by injustice but also those who do not lose hope, who seek the Lord with trust and rely only on Him. The prophets speak about the "remnant of Israel," a people humble and lowly, who trust in the name of the Lord.

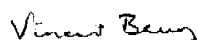
The second reading is from the first Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians and St. Paul highlights that God's choices don't follow human reckoning. God does not single out the strong but chooses the little ones, the poor. The wisdom books often speak of the

“anawim,” the poor people of God. God chooses the weakest and those who have no value or power in the eyes of the world. The world is permanently called to conversion, by the apparent illogicality of Divine logic. The mystery and drama of the Word made flesh is the scandal that is the stumbling block that some Christians have not yet fully comprehended.

When Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God he did not just speak the words, he turned the words into action when he cured sick people, cleansed lepers, forgave sinners and made the words of the Beatitudes a concrete reality for those whose lives had been broken.

There are a number of ecumenical events coming up in the next two months: CTT (Churches Together in Tring), Annual General Meeting; Lenten Lunches on the Wednesdays of February and March. Details will be posted at the back of church.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

CANON BERRY'S BIRTHDAY & RETIREMENT PARTY

Next September we are going to celebrate Canon's eightieth birthday and also his retirement as our parish priest. On Saturday 23rd September, we have booked Hastoe Village Hall for a sit down meal. The celebration will start at 7 pm sitting down at 7.30. We shall finish at 10 pm. The car park takes 40 cars. On Sunday 24th September, there will be a Buffet Lunch after the 10.30 mass for people who are not able to attend the Saturday Celebration. We have arranged for outside caterers to cover both events so that our regular parish helpers can enjoy the celebrations with the rest of the parish. Please put these two dates in your diary, we will give more details nearer the time. We will also need help for decorating the halls on Saturday & Sunday but we will be putting out lists nearer the time.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

If you are engaged to be married you will need to do a marriage preparation course. There will be a two day course on the 11th/12th March at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead. For more information contact Charles and Krysia Golabek on 01442 407 998. Alternatively you can log onto their website wwme.org.uk/marriage-preparation where you can find more details about the weekend and can also book.

COMMENT MAGAZINE

The Comment magazine is now available in our church and the Editorial Committee is very keen to have input from Corpus Christi church into this magazine. We need very short articles (a few sentences will do) on favourite Hymns, Books and Places. This is an ongoing feature and all the churches are contributing. The theme for articles in 2017 is Life Issues that affect us all, the things that touch us and make us human eg: Old age, Dementia, illness, childlessness, losing a child, adoption, fostering, divorce, remarriage, empty nests, boomerang kids and so on. If you feel you could write about one of these life issues it would be much appreciated. Other articles are also welcome - anything on Current Affairs - any burning issue you may wish to comment on. You are welcome to take a copy of the Comment (with the newspapers at back of church) and look it over. Corpus Christi needs to raise its profile so any useful comments will be listened to. Tricia Apps is the Corpus Christi rep on the Editorial Committee. Points of contact: email: patriciaapps@aol.com, or mobile. 07927313165.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN TRING

The Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Tring will take place in Corpus Christi Church on Monday 9th February at 8.00 pm. All are welcome. Margaret Donnelly will give a report about the work of the Justice and Peace Group.

CATHOLIC SINGLES FOR THE OVER 50s

This is on Friday 24th Feb 2017, 7pm - £15 per person. Lebanese food tasting experience courtesy of Mandaloun Restaurant of Westfield and Fulham Road, Chelsea. Cash bar. Register with claire@austin-forum.org or call 020 8748 3254. Austin Forum, Augustinian Centre W6 8AU. All proceeds go towards funding our free English Lesson programme. Find out more at www.austin-forum.org

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 17th to 19th March 2017 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent.

Further details can be obtained by phone from Freda 01322-838415 Sandra 01293-783965 or John 01992-642443 or by email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

Notices for the week beginning 29 January 2017

Sunday 29 January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 130

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Holy Souls

10.30 am People of the Parish

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St John Bosco*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Presentation of the Lord*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Saints Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore.*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish. Blessing of St Blaise after Mass.

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 5 February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Private Intention; 8.30 am People of the Parish

10.30 am Private Intention

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Debbie Bewley, Edith Burch, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Eileen Scotland and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Maura Mulhall and Tom Walsh; **Anniversaries:** Thomas Branson, Mollie Cahle, Ben Carrington, Ben Cerruti, Mico Conway, Marguerite Couillault, Stephen Crowhurst, Charles Douglas, Elizabeth Dolphin, Genevieve Durier, Ellen Gaves, Nora Gorman, Annie Hickman, Arthur Hug, Alan Kerr, Bridget Kehoe, Bernadine Lucas, Henry Kerr, Colin Maidment, Nini Marcello, Eliese Mazzullo, Michael Moore, David Palmer, Lenore Potter, Tony Toole and Winifred Maud Wallen. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
4/5 Feb	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	A De Cesco
		O Conway	S Whitehead	P Apps
	R	M Hart	D Crauford	H Houston
		M Miles	P Milton	S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £202.50 Loose £237.86 Building Fund £53.50