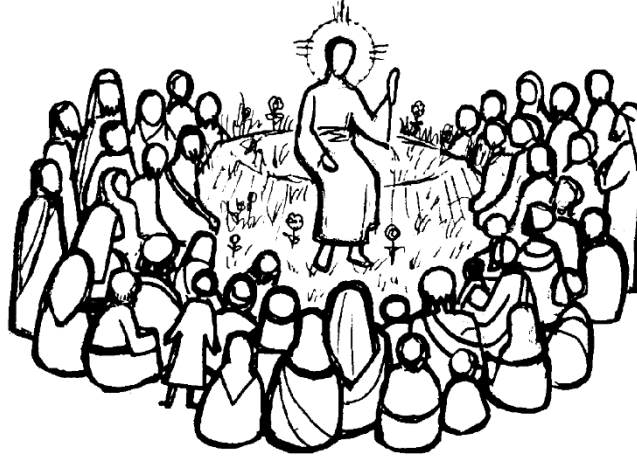


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

19 February 2017



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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

At mass today we hear more of the Sermon on the Mount. As a prelude to the words of Jesus we hear words from the Old Testament Book of Leviticus. This book provided the priests with instructions on how to carry out their ministry. It also highlights an instruction which Jesus made part of his own new law, the Law of Love. It is also a call to holiness, for them and for us. He asks of them not only reverence, love and adoration, but a holiness of life which enables them to live as his true children forever in his presence: Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. You shall not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” We also hear today the words of St Paul which were first given to the people of Corinth, about the love. He also describes us as being temples of the Holy Spirit. He also tells us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is holy.

When God spoke to Moses on Mount Sinai and gave him the Ten Commandments he also gave him a message for the people: “Be holy as I, the Lord, am holy.”

We live in a world which is not perfect, where there is injustice, improper behaviour and so many other things that are wrong. In the Sermon on the Mount Our Lord is telling us that the world does not have to be this way. He came into our world because his Father loved the world so much. He has presented us with a new way of living, a new law, a law of love, mercy and joy. We are invited by Our Lord to follow the message of today’s gospel. He wants us to love our neighbour but more than that. He wants us also to love those who hate us. He wants us to go that step further, even the extra mile.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Berry

Parish Priest

ECUMENICAL EVENTS

Lent Lunches will take place on the Wednesdays of February and March. The weekly prayer breakfasts will be on the first Saturday of each month. Details will be posted at the back of church.

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 their website where you can find more details about the weekend and can also book: wwme.org.uk/marriage-preparation

NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2017/18

Parents of children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 can apply online for a nursery place at Hertfordshire nursery schools and classes from Monday 6th February 2017. St Thomas More will be holding two 'Open Mornings' to view the Nursery (and main school if desired) on Tuesday 14th March at 9.30am. Please call the school office on 01442 385060.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

Following the Year of Mercy we in the Westminster Diocese are being offered a number of events which may be of help to us. As part of a season of prayer and action 'Called to Serve the Sick', Cardinal Nichols wants this to be a time to remember, to pray, to give thanks and to entrust our children to the Lord.

The first is a mass for bereaved parents at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 11 March at 2.30 pm. It will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan. During Mass, after the homily, parents will be invited to write the name of their deceased child on a card and the cards will be taken along with the offertory to the sanctuary.

ANNUAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Cardinal Nichols invites couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+, to join him for a thanksgiving mass at Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 3rd June at 3pm. Please send your contact details to Canon Berry not later than 24th March 2017, so that personal invitations from the Cardinal can be sent in time.

ST DOMINIC'S SCHOOL, HARPENDEN

Due to the retirement of the current Head of St Dominic's Primary School, the governors are seeking a new Head Teacher from September 2017. Further details and application packs are available online at teachinherts.com.

YOUTH WORKER

The Westminster Justice and Peace Commission to promote peace and social justice concerns in schools and parishes across the diocese is seeking to appoint a youth worker. Energy and enthusiasm to encourage young people to make a difference in the world around them is key. See diocesan website for details. Closing date Feb 21st 2017.

ST COLUMBA' COLLEGE, ST ALBANS

St Columba's College Prep School (ages 4-11), the independent Catholic boys' school in St Albans, is holding an Open Afternoon on Thursday 23rd February 2017 from 1.15pm to 2.30pm. This is an occasion for parents and prospective pupils to come and see the school in action, to meet staff and pupils and to savour our environment. Means-tested bursaries are available for Catholic boys entering Year 3. Applications for September 2018 must be made by the end of October 2017. For further information, please contact Mrs Cathy Lovett, Admissions Officer, at admissions@stcolumbascollege.org. Direct line: 01727 892012

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Westminster Cathedral Choir and Orchestra will be having a Lenten Concert on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 7.30pm. The concert will include the ever-popular *Miserere* by Allegri, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* by Vaughan Williams and the powerful meditation on the *Seven Last Words from the Cross* by James MacMillan. Tickets are available from the Cathedral Gift Shop, or from www.ticketmaster.co.uk.

Notices for the week beginning 19 February 2017

Sunday 19 February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 139

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

10.30 am Wendy Hinds (Sick)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *The Chair of St Peter*

Mass 10.00 am Special Intention

Thursday *St Polycarp*

Mass 10.00 am Wendy Hinds (Sick)

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish.

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 26 February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) People of the Parish; 8.30 am Terry Andrew (Anniversary)

10.30 am Private Intention

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Debbie Bewley, Edith Burch, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Anna Correia Lewington and Michael Rogers; **Anniversaries:** Terry Andrew, Kelly Balco, Mary Barber, Ted Bryant, Brian Cusack, Percy Davies, John Henry, Josephine Kearns, Billie Kehoe, Mary McDonnell, Mrs O'Flynn, Leslie Potter, Daniel Renihan, Michael Smyth, Agnes Valentine, Jack Webster, Lily Weeks and Maria Wylde. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
18/19 Feb	E	O Conway M Leadbeater	A Halliday K Andrew	A De Cesco
	R	M Miles M Sherratt	S Whitehead D Crauford	S Lewington H Houston
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £184.50 Loose £186.99 Building Fund £41.50