PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

12 March 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

There is something special about standing on a high hill or mountain. Moses climbed a mountain to see the Promised Land. Martin Luther King Junior used this image when he spoke in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC after the long march from Selma. In last Sunday's Gospel one of Our Lord's temptations took place on a high mountain. Even for us locally there is something special about standing on Ivinghoe Beacon on a clear day. When I arrived in Tring ten years ago I got a lovely view of Tring from the top of the Downs as I walked my dog Petroc towards Hastoe. At mass today we are taken up a mountain with Peter, James and John to see the Transfiguration of Our Lord.

Throughout his short public life Our Lord talks about "the Law and the Prophets" which is shorthand for the Old Testament, its history and traditions. The Transfiguration takes place in the presence Moses symbolising the Law and Isaiah symbolising the Prophets. We are being given a glimpse into the future. When they came down the mountain Jesus told his friends that they would have to witness his death, that the way of the cross would lead to the Resurrection. The Church gives us the season of Lent to help us enter into these mysteries.

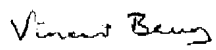
Today we are introduced to what has been called salvation history which is a response to God's call, a call that goes out to a series of key persons beginning with Abraham and culminating with Our Lord and the Apostles. We see a transformation in the life of a pagan tribesman called Abraham into a man of Faith. We see a man called Saul transformed into another man of faith called Paul the Apostle. God's first encounter with Abraham was special. He was told to leave his own land and travel many new land which would later be called the Promised Land. Abraham was told that he would be the Father of Many Nations. In the Epistle we hear St Paul,

who had also had a special encounter with Jesus on the Road to Damascus, giving advice to his friend Timothy, about the special grace which had existed "before the beginning of time and of creation" and had been given to Timothy and also to us.

Saint John Paul II will always be remembered for his part in dramatic events. He preached about freedom behind the Iron Curtain, he created World Youth Day, and led its celebrations across the globe. He forgave the man who tried to assassinate him. With the benefit of hindsight we know the rest of the story. In a few weeks' time we will relive the journey Jesus made on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the Passion and Death of Jesus and his triumphal and glorious Resurrection.

What we learn in today's Gospel is that there is no life without death, no joy without pain. St Peter was so overwhelmed by the experience that he wanted to stay there forever but that was not to be. Our Lord had work for Peter. He also has work for us. As St Paul tells Timothy: God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace." Salvation History continues into our own times and Pope Francis talks about us being missionary disciples in missionary parishes in a missionary church. This is our calling and this Lent is a special time for us to reflect on all this.

Yours sincerely



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LENT FAST DAY

This is the time for the annual appeal for CAFOD. Last Sunday special envelopes were left with the newsletter for you to put in special collection after communion today. This year, the Lent Fast Day focuses on the work that CAFOD and their other partners are doing in Zambia.

LENT LUNCHES

Every Wednesday during Lent, a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese is served from 12 noon to 2.00 pm in aid of Christian Aid. The local church communities in Tring and some local villages act as hosts on the following Wednesdays: **15th March Corpus Christi Church Hall**; 22nd March St Cross, Wilstone Village Hall; 29th March High Street Baptist Church; 5th April St Peter &St Paul Parish Hall; 12th April St Martha's Church. We would be glad of helpers when Corpus Christi Parish acts as host on Wednesday 15 March, 12 noon to 2.00 pm.

We need your help this week, on Wednesdays morning, to help prepare for the Lent Lunch, from 11.30 am onwards.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN 2017

Everyone is welcome at the Prayer Breakfasts which take place in different churches in Tring on the first Saturdays of each month. The breakfasts start at 8.30 am with breakfast and a chat followed by half an hour of prayer led by the host community. Dates for the rest of the year are as follows: 1 April St Martha's Methodist Church; **6 May Corpus Christi Church**; 3 June St Peter & St Paul's Church; 1 July New Mill Baptist Church; 5 August High Street Baptist Church; 2 September St Martha' Methodist Church; **7 October Corpus Christi Church**; 4 November St Peter & St Paul's Church; 2 December New Mill Baptist Church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Those of you who use planned giving envelopes will know that your present supply is nearly finished. The new supply is available at the back of Church.

PARISH DIARY

There are still a few copies left of our parish diary. The publishers are now preparing next year's diary and are looking for adverts to subsidise the cost of printing etc. If you are interested in including an advert for your company or service, please contact David of Nordic Press by phone on 01530 811629.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL

The Governors of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Berkhamsted wish to appoint a Deputy Head to join our thriving school. Please contact the school on 01442 385060 for further details. The present Deputy Head, Fionnuala Smith, has been appointed as Head Teacher of St Cuthbert Mayne Primary School, Hemel Hempstead. We wish her every blessing for the future.

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 thanksging 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.

Notices for the week beginning 12 March 2017

Sunday 12 March Second Sunday of Lent
Mass Book, pages 7 and 151
Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Thanksgiving; 8.30 am Private Intention
10.30 am Lily Butler (Sick)
10.30 am Private Intention
Monday *Lent Feria*
No Mass
Tuesday *Lent Feria*
No Mass
Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish
Thursday *Lent Feria*
Mass 10.00 am Private Intention
Friday *St Patrick*
Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Tony Waters
Stations of the Cross 10.30 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday *Lent Feria*
Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm
Sunday 19 March Second Sunday of Lent
Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Father Jim Fanning (Lately Dead); 8.30 am People of the Parish;
10.30 am Anna Correia Lewington (Lately Dead)

PRAYERS
Please pray for: ***Sick***: Father Peter Burke, Debbie Bewley, Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; ***Lately Dead***: Father Jim Fanning; ***Anniversaries****:* Dorothy Adams, Margaret Blackbourn, Harold Bennett, Alexei Borisov, Eric Burgess, Lily Butler, William Cusack, Fosca De Cesco, Bernard Davies, Nial Doherty, Kath Farrington, Leo Foster, Dorothy Francis, Hugh Gallagher, Thomas Harte, Gertrud Kerstgens, John McGuinness, Ronald Maslinski, John Murray, Catherine Proctor, Marianne Seward, Cecil Valentine, Olive Watson and Jennifer Wright. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8. 30 am	10.30 am
11/12 March	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		M Todd	K Andrew	A De Cesco
	R	M Sherratt	L Hutt	S Lewington
		M Miles	D Crauford	P Apps
	W		S Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £228.87 Loose £185.49 Building Fund £57.50