

Notices for the week beginning 2 April 2017

Sunday 2 April Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Book, pages 7 and 164

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

10.30 am Eita Gibney (Anniversary)

Monday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Lent Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday

Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm

Thursday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Dorothy Phillips

Friday *Lent Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Stations of the Cross 10.30 am

Saturday *Lent Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 9 April Palm Sunday

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Jerry O'Shaughnessy; 8.30 am Damascene and Amy De Souza (Anniversary); 10.30 am People of the Parish

PRAYERS

Please pray for: *Sick*: Debbie Bewley, Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Homsby, Rita Lavery, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; *Lately Dead* Dorothy Phillips; *Anniversaries*: Patsy Abbotts, Gladys May Barnard, Joseph Betts, Sybil Clay, Juliette Cooke, John Cronin, Verna Evans, John Fraser, Margaret Harte, Mildred McGrath, Thomas McQuillan, John Moran, Barbara Norton, Annette Packer, Ernest Taylor and Paul Alexander Whitton. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
8/9 April	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	P Apps
	R	O Conway	L Hutt	G Maloney
	W	M Miles	C Pennicott	S Lewington
		M Sherratt	D Crauford	J Brown
			S Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £226.10

Loose £196.95

Building Fund £32.65

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

2 April 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

Martha and Mary appear several times in the Gospels. They and their brother Lazareth, became great friends. Their home became a quiet place for Jesus when he grew tired at the end of his travels. Next Monday we will hear about the last meal he would have with them just six days before the Last Supper.

Today we hear that Lazarus is very ill, actually dying, and the two sisters were begging him to come and heal their brother. Jesus waited several days before setting off for the village of Bethany. We can imagine the two sisters saying to each other: If only the Lord would come in time. But he didn't. When he arrived Martha came out of their home to meet Jesus in the village. They both went into the house to meet a grieving Mary.

Having to the sisters everybody went to the tomb. They were all shocked when Jesus ordered them to open the tomb. Lazarus had been dead for four days and his body would have begun to corrupt. In traditional Jewish mentality bringing back to life a person who is already four days dead and decaying is as unthinkable as the prophet Ezekiel's vision in which the grey, dry bones of the dead are miraculously restored to life.

Jesus issues three commands and that is how the miracle happens. First, "Jesus said, 'Roll away the stone.' I don't believe that the people understood why they should do this heavy work of rolling away the tombstone to expose a stinking corpse? But it was their faith in Jesus expressing itself not through intellectual agreement with Jesus but through practical agreement with him, through obedience. The second command Jesus gives is directed to the dead man: 'Lazarus, come out!' and the dead man staggered out." The third command again is addressed to the people, "Unbind him, and let him go." Even though Lazarus could stumble himself out of the tomb, there was no way he could unbind himself. He needs the community to do that for him. By unbinding Lazarus and setting him free from the death bands the community is accepting Lazarus back as one of them.

Many Christian people today have fallen victim to the death of sin. Many are already in the tomb of hopelessness and decay, in the bondage of sinful habits and attitudes. Nothing short of a miracle can bring us back to life in Christ. Jesus is ready for the miracle. He himself said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Are we ready to cooperate with him for the miracle, to roll away the stone that stands between us and the light of Christ's face, to take the first step to come out of the place of death, to unbind (i.e. forgive) one another and let them go free? These are the various ways we cooperate with God in the miracle of bringing us back to life and reviving us as individuals, as a church, and a nation.

Yours sincerely

Vincent Benz

Parish Priest

EAST AFRICA APPEAL

Many thanks for your support last week. The parish raised The total collected for CAFOD over the last 3 weeks now amounts to £1,508.96

RED BOXES

The Red Boxes are now due for collection. If boxes are left in church, please leave them in the sacristy.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms before each mass, 6.00 pm, 8.30 and 10.30 am

Monday in Holy Week

Mass at 10.00 am. Confessions at 10.30am and 7.30 pm

Tuesday in Holy Week

Chrism Mass At Westminster Cathedral at 12 noon. Confessions at 7.30 pm

Spy Wednesday

Mass at 10.00 am. Confessions at 10.30am and 7.30 pm

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Last Supper at 8.00 pm followed by the procession to the Altar of Repose.

Good Friday

Procession of Witness beginning at 11.00 am outside St Martha's Church. The procession will travel down Western Road, along the High Street into Dolphin Square and finishing outside St Peter & St Paul Church.

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord at 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday

The Church is in silence, in mourning, waiting in prayer for the Lord's Resurrection.

8.00 pm: Easter Vigil which begins in the Church garden with the lighting of the Easter Fire, blessing of the Easter Candle and procession into the church to continue the Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Resurrection.

Easter Sunday

Mass at 8.30 and 10.30 am

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to contribute to the cost of Easter Flowers, there will be a special collect next Sunday.

EASTER MINISTRIES

Please add your name to the list at the back of Church.