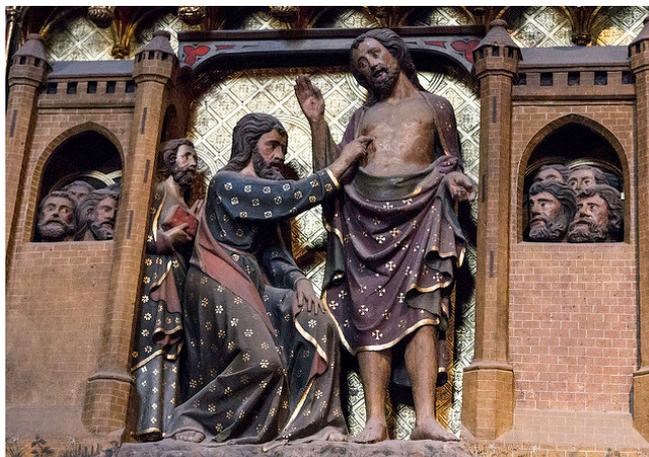


## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

23 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

I am sorry that my recent illness caused so much worry to you. It was quite a shock to me as well, especially when they told me in hospital that I had pneumonia and diabetes. I was very close to having a hyperglycemic coma which could have proved fatal. I cannot begin to describe the wonderful care and attention that I received in Watford General. Also those who were able to visit me in hospital and in the presbytery after my return home. At present I am well on the way to recovery but I have been advised to recuperate for a little bit longer. There will therefore be no weekday masses during the coming week. I hope to be back to normal service next weekend.

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Low Sunday following the High Sunday of Easter. In recent times it is also called Mercy Sunday to remind us of the visions of Mother, now Saint, Faustina who promoted the devotion of the Divine Mercy of God. The most important feature of today's celebration is described in the Gospel when St Thomas, Doubting Thomas, refused to believe that Our Lord had risen from the dead.

We do not know why St Thomas was absent on Easter Sunday evening when Our Lord appeared to the apostles. St John tells us he was a twin. Maybe he was visiting his twin brother or sister. Before he left he had heard what he may have described as hysterical women saying that they had been to the tomb and found it empty. He got back late, after supper, to be met by the other apostles saying they had seen the Lord. He told them he did not believe them and that the only thing that would convince him was to see the wounds in Our Lord's hands, feet and side. Today, a week later, Our Lord appears again and we hear Thomas making his profession of faith: My Lord and my God.

It is important to note that when Jesus appeared on Low Sunday evening he didn't berate Thomas because his faith appeared to be weaker than that of the other disciples. In fact, Jesus isn't interested in the others at all at this point. He compares Thomas with those people in the future who believe, even though there is no chance that they will ever see the risen Lord in the flesh. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe,' Jesus says. We are those people who believe and have not seen. We are those people who, because we have not seen, sometimes find it difficult to believe. And that's not just belief in the Resurrection. It's belief in the whole of Our Lord's preaching. St Thomas

showed his doubts but later made up for this. The people of India believe that he travelled through Persia and other places, eventually reaching India where he was martyred for the faith he had professed to Our Lord.

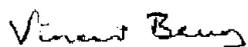
At mass today we are told about the faith of the First Christians, the community in Jerusalem who remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. They went to the Temple as a group every day and prayed together. They had no churches to worship in so they met in their own homes for the celebration of the Blessed Eucharist, what we call the mass, what they called the breaking of bread.

Today we also hear the words of St Peter, taken from the First Epistle of Peter: Blessed be God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt nor soiled and never fade away. St Peter speaks about our faith being tested, like gold is tested in the fire.

One of the consequences of my time in hospital is that I missed what would have been my last Easter before I retire later in the year. I believe everything went off wonderfully and that on Easter Sunday morning the 10.30 am mass was full to overflowing. I would like to thank everybody who contributed to the Easter services. The church was decked with flowers and looked magnificent. Many thanks to all who took part. I am particularly grateful to Fathers Brian Reynolds and Bernard Scholes and Deacon Simon for coming to celebrate the Holy Week services for us.

We have been unable to find a priest for the Saturday evening mass this weekend. There will be a Communion Service at 6.00 pm. Father Brian Reynolds will celebrate the 8.30 and 10.30 masses this Sunday. There will be no weekday masses this week but I hope to be well enough to celebrate all the masses next weekend.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

## Notices for the week beginning 23 April 2017

### **Sunday 23 April Second Sunday of Easter**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 255

Mass 6.00 pm (Vigil) Imy O'Connor; 8.30 am Lee Foster;

10.30 am Catherine Faulkner (Anniversary)

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Thursday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am

Saturday *Easter Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Sunday 30 April Third Sunday of Easter**

6.00 pm (Vigil) Bettine Byrd; 8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30 am People of the Parish

### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Debbie Bewley, Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Lavery, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; **Anniversaries:** Sister Jeanne Françoise, Frederick Axe, John Beers, Elizabeth Brady, Stan Bushnell, Bettine Byrd, Anne Cerruti, Catherine Faulkner, Martin Gillett, James Harrop, Francis Hegarty, Arnold Hill, Henry Hornsby, Percival McDonnell, Bunny Nye, John O’Connell, Imy O’Connor, Frances Reilly, Kenneth Taylor, Liam Toale, Fred Triggs and Vincent Vickers. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
29/30 April	E	O Conway M Todd	S Whitehead K Andrew	H Houston
	R	J Lee M Hart	D Crauford S Whitehead	S Lewington G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	A Farrow

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £304.97            Loose £593.34            Building Fund £41.50

Easter Flowers (Palm Sunday) £166.30

Holy Places (Good Friday)    £258.70