

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

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## *Times of Services*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), 8.30 am and 10.30 am</b>
<b>Holydays</b>	<b>Mass: 10.00 am and 7.30 pm</b>
<b>Weekday</b>	<b>Mass: Wednesday to Friday 10.00 am</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation: 10.00 – 10.30 am 5.15 – 5.45 pm</b>

## *Letter from Langdon Street*

My dear people

During Easter Time the Church offers us stories in the Acts of the Apostles about how the Church began to grow, beginning with St Peter's first sermon on the Day of Pentecost. The Church grew in numbers and we hear how the First Christians went to the Temple each day to pray as a community, how they met in each others houses for "the breaking of bread" which we now call the mass. Today we hear about Peter not just in the Acts of the Apostles but also in the First Letter of Peter. Peter wants us to realise that just as God's people were led by Moses out of slavery to reach the Promised Land of Israel, so we as pilgrims are led by Jesus towards the Kingdom he has prepared for us. By his suffering and death and by the shedding of his blood, we have been redeemed from the slavery of sin and guided towards heaven.

A lot of things happened on the first Easter Sunday. First there was Our Lord's Resurrection. Then there was the story of the women finding the empty tomb, Mary Magdalen meeting Our Lord in the garden, the story of Peter and John running to the tomb, the appearance of Our Lord in the Upper Room and finally the story of the two disciples travelling to a village called Emmaus, which is the topic in today's Gospel.

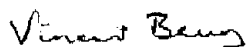
St Luke tells us that one of the disciples was called Cleopas or Clopas. Our Lady had a step sister or half sister, also called Mary who stood at the foot of the cross with her, Mary Magdalen and St John. She is described as Mary the mother of Cleopas. There is also a

Marys in one household. We do not know the name of Cleopas' companion. We do know that as they made their journey to Emmaeus they were joined by a stranger.

Travellers were always glad if someone joined them on their journey. It provided extra help if they were attacked by robbers. The two disciples had heard so many stories that day and were trying to make sense of it all when the stranger joined them. He asked them what they were discussing and they were stopped in their tracks. The stranger must have been the only person in Jerusalem who had not heard of the death of Jesus. Jesus then gently explained the meaning of the Scriptures which all pointed to the death and resurrection of the Messiah.

When they approached Emmaeus, Our Lord gave the impression that he was going further. The disciples persuaded him to join them for supper. When they sat at a table in the dining room he blessed and broke the bread. They immediately recognised him but he disappeared from their sight. Even though Cleopas would have been a cousin or other relative of Jesus and must have been present at the Last Supper, he still did not recognise him until that moment. St Luke tells us that they immediately headed back for Jerusalem to tell their story to the apostles.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

### **PRIESTS TRAINING FUND**

Next weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray specially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. The annual collection to help the formation and training of future priests in the Diocese of Westminster also takes place. At present we have thirty nine candidates who are studying for the priesthood at our diocesan seminary of Allen Hall in Chelsea and at three seminaries in Rome and Valladolid in Spain. The Priests Training Fund, previously called the Westminster Ecclesiastical Education Fund (WEEF). On average it costs £25,000 per year to train a future priest with the full cost being £150,000. Priests are at the heart of the Catholic Church. Please be generous in your prayer and support. There is a donation envelope included with this week's newsletter and some prayer cards at the back of church. There will be a special collection at mass next Sunday, after Holy Communion. The fund also provides for priests undergoing specialist ministries, further education and ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests by means of sabbaticals and retreats.

### **CANON BERRY'S EMERALD JUBILEE**

On Wednesday 24 May Canon Berry will celebrate the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. You are invited to the ten o'clock mass on that date. Archbishop George Stack will attend and preach. Father Brian Reynolds celebrates his jubilee on the same day and will also concelebrate mass. After mass, all are invited to continue the celebration with refreshments in the Parish Hall. It would help if you would sign your name on the list at the back of church so that we can provide enough refreshments.

### **MONTHLY PRAYER BREAKFAST**

It is our turn to be host for the Prayer Breakfast next Saturday, 6 May, 8.30 to 9.30 am. If you can help please put your name on the list at the back of church. We need to set out the tables from 8 am onwards.

### **COMMENT MAGAZINE**

'COMMENT' magazine is available this week - please take one. There is an article on the Woman's World Day of Prayer written by Caroline Burmaster and the photos are by Frances Sherratt, both from our parish. At the moment we are running pages on 100 Favourite Places, Favourite Books and Favourite Hymns. Just a few lines on a special book or hymn or a photo of a memorable place. The deadline for articles is 6th of the month. We really would like to increase the contributions from Corpus Christi so if you would like to put 'pen to paper' email Patricia Apps on [patriciaapps@aol.com](mailto:patriciaapps@aol.com) or on mobile: 07927313165

### **BEREAVEMENT LUNCHESES**

The organisers invite you to one of these lunches which are held on the first Saturday of each month in St Peter and St Paul's Parish Hall. This lunch is for people who are on their own after losing a loved one. It gives them an opportunity to enjoy a meal together and the companionship of others who are in a similar position. The current team of helpers work in two teams on alternate months, 12 noon – 3 pm. They are in urgent need of helpers: Kitchen helpers - to serve meals and clear away afterwards - NO COOKING REQUIRED! Drivers - to transport the diners to and from the Hall. If you would like to be a part of a team – or would like further information – please phone either Pam Russell (82 65 33) or Sheila Whitehead (82 22 26).

## **Notices for the week beginning 30 April 2017**

### **Sunday 30 April Third Sunday of Easter**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 258

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

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention  
 Thursday *Easter Feria*  
 Mass 10.00 am Paddy O'Connor (Anniversary)  
 Friday *Easter Feria*  
 Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Canon Berry  
 Saturday *Easter Feria*  
 Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Sunday 7 May Fourth Sunday of Easter**

6.00 pm (Vigil) Deceased members of the Byrd and Sherratt families; 8.30 am Private Intention; 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 Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; **Anniversaries:** Father Anthony Potter, Helena Day, Stella Dick, Kitty Dineen, Neil Dowling, Bridget Fraser, Jane Lawley, Larry Long, Robert McCarthy, Thomas McQuillan, Paddy O'Connor, Benny Oakley and Bill Reynolds. May they rest in peace.

**PARISH MINISTRIES**

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
6/7 May	E	O Conway F Sherratt	A Halliday L Hutt	A De Cesco
	R	M Sherratt M Miles	P Milton C Pennicott	P Apps H Houston
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Envelopes £245.50      Loose £227.10      Building Fund £56.00