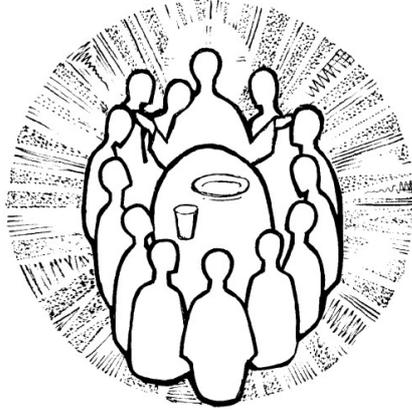


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

14 May 2017



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Times of Services

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| 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 are taken back to the Last Supper when Our Lord tells the apostles about his future death but wants to reassure them that they will not be left deserted and alone. He tells them not to let their hearts be troubled but to put their trust in him who is the way, the truth and the life. Although he was leaving them for a while, it was because he had to go and prepare a place for them in his Father's House, a place where there are many rooms. We are meant to understand that in heaven there is a place for everyone who receives God's call, a place individually prepared by Christ for each one of us. He is inviting us, not forcing us to be with him.

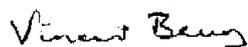
There is another occasion when Our Lord talks about his Father's House. It was when he entered the Temple and found traders and money changers carrying out their business. He drove them out saying that they had turned his Father's House into a den of thieves. The Temple was also seen as a pointer to the future Temple in heaven where there would be a place for everyone who responds to his invitation.

St Peter, in today's epistle, uses the image of us as living stones. He refers us to the earthly Temple built with stone but the heavenly Temple as a "spiritual house" built from "living stones." The Church is always inviting new members to be part of her, and new expressions of Christian life are always growing up in the Church. We don't merely dwell in a room in the Church, but we become part of her fabric and structure. In our baptism and confirmation we are consecrated and anointed as individuals, but we are also dedicated to be part of the spiritual temple dedicated to Christ.

Throughout Eastertide we hear passages from the Acts of the Apostles to help us to understand how the Church grew rapidly and spread from Jerusalem to Damascus, Antioch, Rome and then to all parts of the world. Its growth did not happen without problems.

Throughout the history of the Church there have been problems and today we hear of one which dates back to the original community in Jerusalem. The community was growing so quickly that the apostles were finding it difficult to meet the needs of everyone. The Hellenists (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The issue was resolved when the apostles convened a meeting. They needed extra help. They were all of Jewish background so they chose seven helpers of Hellenic background. The apostles show how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church. Prayer and service are an important part of the life of the Church. Living out and sharing our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each one of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; but we are also called to be of service to our neighbours. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital. This continues to be of importance to the Church of our day. Pope Francis understands this.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Some of the children of our parish will be celebrating their First Holy Communion next Saturday at 11.00 am. Please pray for them and their families: Carlos Amaral-Machado, Edward Jerome Bojarski, Eden Lisa Rose Butterworth, Gabriele-Martin Fais, Jessica Kathleen Gibney, Sofia Glover, Ethan Hart, Andrew Eddie Hope, Elizabeth Marie Marsterson, Liliana Monika Milligan, Alannah Morden, Lucas Pereira, Amelia Phillips, Edward Mark Richardson, Louisa Vicentini Samtani, Mia Nevaeh Silvestre Nwosu and Elsa Walker.

CANON BERRY'S EMERALD JUBILEE

On Wednesday 24 May Canon Berry will celebrate the 55th anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. You are invited to join him at 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.

SPEC RETREAT CENTRE, PINNER

SPEC is the residential Catholic retreat centre for children and young people in the Diocese of Westminster. It was based at All Saints Pastoral Centre near St Albans in Hertfordshire until March 2014 when it moved to new premises in Pinner, Middlesex. SPEC is an integral part of Westminster Youth Ministry and works closely with colleagues based at the Centre for Youth Ministry in Somers Town. SPEC is dedicated to providing a space for children and young people to retreat from the busyness of daily life in order to reflect on – and hopefully experience – the presence of God in their lives. SPEC is also dedicated to providing a year of formation for the volunteer missionaries who share in the life and work of the SPEC Community. SPEC has two vacancies for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who might consider spending a year at SPEC as a Volunteer Missionary. For further information please contact SPEC at Waxwell House, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 3EP. Telephone: 020 3757 2500 2500; E-mail: spec@rcdow.org.uk; Twitter: [@SPEC_Community](https://twitter.com/SPEC_Community); or on Facebook: [Facebook.com/speccentre](https://www.facebook.com/speccentre).

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 Pam Russell (82 65 33) or Sheila Whitehead (82 22 26).

OLD FIVE POUND NOTES

Our parish bank account is a business account and the bank will no longer accept the old five pound note into business accounts. Please do not put old notes into the collection. They will still be acceptable in your own personal accounts. This may seem silly but that is how it is.

Notices for the week beginning 14 May 2017

Sunday 14 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Book, pages 7 and 265

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Frances Sherratt; 8.30 am Private Intention; 10.30 am People of the Parish

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Fankum (Lately Dead)

Thursday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Frank Clark (Lately Dead)

Saturday *Our Lady of Fatima*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 21 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

6.00 pm (Vigil) Intentions of Frances Sherratt; 8.30 am Private Intention; 10.30 am People of the Parish

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** 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:** David Briggs, Frank Clark & Charlie Fankum; **Anniversaries:** Ronald Coogan, Lily Cooper, Anthony Crook, Dieter Drescher, Robert McCann, Wallace Murray, Patrick Raftery, Ralph Seymour and Basil Wells. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2017 | | 6.00 pm | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 27/28 May | E | F Sherratt G Booth | A Halliday K Andrew | P Apps |
| | R | M Sherratt J Lee | L Hutt D Crauford | S Lewington G Maloney |
| | W | | S Kerr | |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £201.20 Loose £195.63 Building Fund £45.50

Priests Training Fund

Many thanks for your generous donations towards the Priests Traing Fund last Sunday which came to £388.89. The Fund will remain open for another week. ats.

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