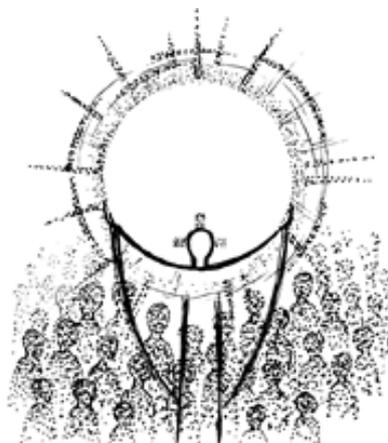


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

21 May 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

On Wednesday this week I shall be celebrating the fifty-fifth anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I was ordained in Westminster Cathedral by Cardinal William Godfrey on Thursday 24 May 1962. In those days the word vocation was usually restricted to priests and members of religious orders. Five months after my ordination Pope John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council. Pope John wanted the Council to help us deepen our understanding of our Catholic faith. One important truth I learned is that as a priest I am not part of a select few who commit their lives to God. Vocation extends not only to priests, nuns and brothers but also to husbands, wives, parents, widows and widowers, and to the single person. Vocation is for everyone.

We live in a society where a sense of commitment is not taken seriously. Divorce and remarriage are common. Certain values that we take for granted are dismissed by others as irrelevant. Yet the people who dismiss our faith journey often do not find satisfaction in their own lives. St Augustine was a brash young man who lived a wild life in his youth until he encountered a man called Ambrose who made him think. He later became a Christian and wrote a book that he called his “Confessions”. He wrote: “Lord, you have made us for yourself and we can find no rest until we find rest in you.”

The first Christians lived at a time when their faith and values were challenged. We have been hearing about them at Sunday mass during Eastertide. My generation of priests were trained for the priesthood. In today’s seminaries students are taught about formation, not training. We came out of the seminary trained in theology, in canon law and so many other things. Everything was neat and tidy, in little boxes of knowledge. I cringe at some of the things that I said and did as a young priest. I have spent the last fifty five years

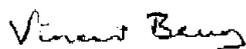
Cardinal Newman wrote a meditation in which he says the following: "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

God has given us all a purpose in life. We do not always discover it early enough. When Pope Benedict came here to this country seven years ago to beatify Cardinal Newman he spoke specially to a group of young people about the commitment that they would have to make in their lives. He was talking about vocation. He concluded with a very profound thought that applies to us all, not just the young: "We were made for love." This must be at the heart of all we say, think or do.

Today's Gospel stresses this. Our Lord is speaking to the apostles at the Last Supper. He was preparing them for the terrible things that were about to happen to him – his agony and death. He was also preparing them for his resurrection and the new life he was offering them. That life is also offered to us.

I hope you will be able to join me at the thanksgiving mass on Wednesday morning which Father Brian Reynolds and I will be celebrating with Archbishop George Stack, followed by the party afterwards in the hall.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

FIRST COMMUNION MASS

Please pray for the children of our parish who celebrated their First Holy Communion yesterday and for 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, Evan Parry, Lucas Pereira, Amelia Phillips, Edward Mark Richardson, Louisa Vicentini Samtani, Mia Nevaeh Silvestre Nwosu and Elsa Walker.

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).

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 21 May 2017

Sunday 21 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Book, pages 7 and 268

6.00 pm (Vigil) Kevin McHugh (Lately Dead); 8.30 am Stephen Lehane (Lately Dead);

10.30 am Andrew Lawless (Lately Dead)

Monday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *Easter Feria*

No Mass

1.00 pm

Wednesday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Thanksgiving Mass for Canon Berry & Fr Brian Reynolds

Thursday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention (MT)

Friday *Easter Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Tom Apps

Saturday *Our Lady of Fatima*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

6.00 pm (Vigil) David Briggs; 8.30 am Michael Shelley (Anniversary);
10.30 am John and Andrew Livingstone (Anniversary)

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Lavery, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** David Briggs, Geogina Butcher, Andrew Lawless, Stephen Lehane, Kevin McHugh and Jincy Shiju; **Anniversaries:** Monsignor Denis McGuinness, Sr Gianni De Carli, Oliver Bambridge, Rupert Bambridge, Constance Crowhurst, Denis Dennehy, Grace Lois Edwards, Edmund Faunce, James Highfield, Annette Homer, Clara Hoops, Violet Kent, Casimir Kowalewski, David Lovekin, Mary Ann McDonnell, Antonio Martinez, Teodoro Palomares, Michael Shelley, Felicis Talarowski and Kathleen Thompson, May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
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 Training Fund last Sunday which came to £388.89. The Fund will remain open for another week. ats.



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