

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

11 June 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

There is a text in the Scriptures which is precious to the Jewish community and was precious to Our Lord. It is found in the Book of Deuteronomy. It is a message given by Moses to the people. The text is written and placed in a container called a mezuzah which is fixed to the doorpost of a house. The residents will touch it as they enter their home just as we might bless ourselves with holy water. This is the text: Hear, O Israel. The Lord our God is the one God. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might. These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart. You shall teach them thoroughly to your children, and you shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for a reminder between your eyes. And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and upon your gates. When Jesus was asked which was the greatest commandment he replied by quoting this text, known in Hebrew as the Shema Ysrael.

Jesus gradually explained to his disciples that the Godhead was not just his Father. He helped them to understand that he too was part of the Godhead. Finally he revealed to them the person of the Holy Spirit so that all three persons make up one God. Having completed our Easter celebrations last Sunday with the descent of the Holy Spirit, today we honour God in his fullness as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, three persons but one God.

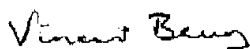
A week ago I had a long conversation with Mgr Martin Hayes, the Vicar General. He explained that Tring was one of several parishes where the parish priests are about to retire and there are no priests to replace them all. In Hertfordshire there are now several parishes where one priest has to look after two parishes and in one case a priest is in charge of three parishes. It is with great reluctance that the Cardinal has agreed that later this year the parishes of Berkhamsted and Tring will have to share the services of one priest.

circumstances. At some future date it might be possible for Tring to have a resident parish priest again but the number of future ordinations makes this unlikely in the immediate future

The new parish priest will be Father David Burke. He was born in 1975 and ordained in 2015. He used to work in the diocesan youth office before offering himself to the diocese for the priesthood. He is at present assistant priest in Tottenham. He is still involved in the work of the youth service centre in Euston and the new SPEC centre at Waxwell Farm in Pinner.

In the meantime I would like you to attend a parish meeting which I have arranged for Monday 26 June at 8.00 pm in the Parish Hall. I would like your help in preparing a report which would be part of a handover document which I will have to draw up for the new parish priest. I would also like help in sorting out the files in the office and recycling unnecessary items.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Next Sunday is our patronal feast day, the Feast of Corpus Christi. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of the 10.30 mass. The children who recently made their First Communion will take part and they will then have their communion breakfast in the parish hall.

TRING – A FAIRTRADE TOWN

Tring has just been awarded the status as a Fairtrade Town for the tenth time. It was first given in 2007. This is a great honour for Tring and special congratulations are due to the Justice and Peace Group who have done sterling work to enable the Town to receive the award ten years ago and each time the award came up for renewal.

SACRED HEART CHURCH GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Sacred Heart Church in Berkhamsted is celebrating its Golden Jubilee next weekend with a Flower Festival. The church will be open for viewing at the following times: Friday June 16th 11am - 5pm; Saturday June 17th 10am - 5pm; Sunday June 18th Noon - 5pm. There will be a 'Songs of Praise' event to conclude the festival on Sunday at 5pm to which you are all invited to join the parish as they celebrate. Refreshments will be available throughout the opening times. Raffle plus craft and plant stalls. All proceeds will be donated to CAFOD.

ECHO

ECHO is a retreat for young adults aged 16-25. It is an opportunity to explore the beauty and depth of what the Church teaches about what is to be human, and how we can be happy. We are inviting you to join us in a journey to discover more of who you were made to be; we will have live music, sports, art, times for questions, times for prayer, times to learn and lots of good food and conversations. Ever wondered what you were made for? Want to live 'fully alive'? Come join us to find what ECHOs in your heart. More information: rebekahcurran@rcdow.org.uk / <http://dowym.com/events/echo-theology-body-retreat/>

SPEC RETREAT CENTRE, PINNER

SPEC is the residential Catholic retreat centre for children and young people in the Diocese of Westminster. In March 2014 it moved from All Saints Pastoral Centre 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).

THE LONDON ENCOUNTER

This is a cultural event with profound Catholic roots, inspired by a similar event in Italy known as the Rimini Meeting. Full details can be found on www.thelondonencounter.co.uk or on facebook: www.facebook.com/TheLondonEncounter.

Notices for the week beginning 11 June 2017

Sunday 11 June Feast of Holy Trinity

Mass Book, pages 7 and 81

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

10.30 am John and Andrew Livingstone (Anniversary)

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Anthony of Padua*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Ann De Cesco

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Geraldine Browne (Lately Dead)

Friday *St Richard of Chichester*

Mass 10.00 am Harold Leadbeater (Anniversary)

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 18 June Feast of Corpus Christi

6.00 pm (Vigil) Claude D’Rosario RIP; 8.30 am Ann Dwyer (Lately Dead);

10.30 am William Rickard (Anniversary)

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Barbara Dixon, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Lavery, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Geraldine Browne, Ann Dwyer and Joan Ruck; **Anniversaries:** Cardinal Basil Hume, Anne Berry, Tricia Braley, Christopher Roger Casstles, Ann and Thomas Farrington, Alderic Gagnon, Ken Gittens, Edmund Holden, Harold Leadbeater, John and Andrew Livingstone, Ellen McMahon, Anna Masavage, Alice Moffatt, Patrick O’Sullivan, Edgar Pritchard, William Rickard and Eugenie Szpiro. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
17/18 June	E	O Conway G Booth	S Whitehead K Andrew	A De Cesco
	R	M Hart M Sherratt	D Crauford S Wright	S Lewington P Apps
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £210.50

Loose £245.73

Building Fund £58.50