

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

25 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

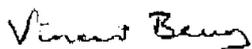
Last Friday we celebrated the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This feast celebrates the love of Jesus for each one of us. He spoke of this to St Margaret Mary Alacoque who lived in the seventeenth century. The world in which she lived had grown cold and Our Lord wanted her to speak about love. He pointed to his heart and said to her: "Consider this heart which has given so much love but received so little in return." The cold indifference of the heart of humanity in her time is visible again in our time. As he hung upon the cross Our Lord must have reflected on the ingratitude, selfishness and sin that was breaking his heart. The broken heart of Jesus in return cleansed and removed sin from the repentant thief who had asked him to remember him when he came into his kingdom. With his dying breath Jesus cried out to his heavenly Father: "Forgive them. They do not know what they are doing."

At mass today we receive a message from the prophet Jeremiah, one of the Old Testament Prophets, who was surrounded by malice and threats from people who did not like his messages from God. Despite everything Jeremiah continued to place his hope and trust in God. When people lack hope and trust, their lives can be dominated by fear. In today's Gospel, as on many other occasions, we hear Our Lord telling the apostles not to be afraid. During the Last Supper he said: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He wanted to assure them that the community which he wanted to establish, the Church, would be a place where he would continue to be a presence. They would discover that within a generation the Temple in Jerusalem would be destroyed but God's presence would be found no longer in the old temple but in the new one he had established. Christ would be the new temple, his Father's house, where they will experience the presence of God. The Christian community is where the Father and the Son dwell and where each member

experiences the presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Christ said that he would not leave us orphans for we are children of God living in this new family, the Church.

Persecution forced the Christians to leave Jerusalem. Stephen, the Proto-Martyr, was stoned for his witness to Christ. Wherever they went they established a new community. One of the largest was at Antioch in Syria where St Paul became a member. It was from there that he set off on his missionary journeys. It was to Antioch that he returned to give reports on the success of his journeys. The original church foundation remained united with all the new foundations. St Peter eventually left Jerusalem and settled in Antioch before finally moving to Rome which became the Mother Church of all the churches which we call dioceses each with its own bishop as head, united with Peter's successor in Rome. The church is one in its teaching and its mission. And the Kingdom of God extends to new territories as the new converts are baptised and themselves receive the Holy Spirit. The mission must continue if Christ is to be a light to the gentiles and all the peoples of the world.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

PARISH MEETING

It was announced recently that when Canon Berry retires later in the year, Father John Boland will also retire and that one priest would be appointed to be parish priest of Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted, and also Corpus Christi Church, Tring. At present both churches have three masses each Sunday (including 6.00 pm on Saturday evening). The new priest, Father David Burke, will have to reduce the number of masses probably from three to two. He cannot say two masses at both churches at 6.00 pm, 8.30 am and 10.30 am.

You are invited to a special parish meeting tomorrow evening, 26 June, at 8.00 pm in the parish hall. Canon Berry would like your help in preparing a report which would be part of a handover document which he will have to draw up for the new parish priest. He would also like help in sorting out the files in the office and presbytery and in recycling unnecessary items.

It is important that every parishioner should have the opportunity of expressing an opinion about the future of the parish. If you cannot attend the meeting, you will have the opportunity of studying a report of the meeting and send your observations to the Canon which will be included in the final report which will be part of the handover document which is drawn up whenever there is a change of parish priest.

GRENFELL TOWER APPEAL

The horrific pictures of the disaster which destroyed Grenfell Tower in North Kensington ten days ago has shocked everybody. The Cardinal has given his approval for an appeal to be made in each parish. There will be a second collection at mass today.

FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Next Thursday is the feast of St Peter and St Paul and is a holyday of obligation. There will be two masses, at 10.00 am and 7.30 pm.

PETER'S PENCE

There is a tradition in this country, dating back to the reign of King John, for a collection to be taken up to support the work of the Holy Father. The original donation was one penny but the value of a penny in King John's time is considerably different from the penny in today's currency. There will be a special collection next Sunday. If you happen to have a King John Penny, please feel free to donate it!

THE PARISH GARDENS

For many years John and Jill Lloyd have devoted much time and effort to keeping the church grounds in good order, especially the lawns and flower beds. Sadly the time has come for them to retire. We owe them a deep debt of gratitude and we shall miss their dedicated work. When the car park is completed this summer, there will be some extra flower beds and we shall need to employ a regular gardener. If you know of and can recommend a local gardener, please pass details to the Canon.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

This organisation has been running for many years helping single, separated, widowed and divorced Catholics. Further information can be obtained at www.catholicssingles.org.uk

Notices for the week beginning 25 June 2017

Sunday 25 June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 81

Mass at 6.00 pm People of the Parish; 8.30 am Patricia Vincent (Lately Dead);

10.30 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco.

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St John Southworth*

Wednesday *St Irenaeus*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Sue Valentine

Thursday *St Peter and St Paul (Holyday of Obligation)*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

7.30 pm People of the Parish

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Saturday *Dedication of Westminster Cathedral*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 2 July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am Barbara Dixon (Sick)

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; **Latently Dead:** Patricia Vincent; **Anniversaries:** Patrick Corcoran, Elizabeth Cusack, Thomas Glencross, Sarah Grant, Keith Howard, Phyllis McGrath, Alexander Malone, Jan Mostyn, Oliver Plunkett and Jan van Stockum. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
01/02/July	E	F Sherratt O Conway	A Halliday K Andrew	H Houston
	R	M Sherratt M Hart	P Milton S Whitehead	P Apps S Lewington
	W		D Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £276.10

Loose £245.79

Building Fund £38.50