

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

16 July 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

In Our Lord's day farmers suspended a bag of seed from their necks and, walking up and down the field, threw or cast the seed out with both hands as far as they could. This is the origin of the word "broadcasting." One of the many films about Robin Hood showed Robin and a group of men broadcasting the seed they had "borrowed" from the local monastery. In this country most of the seed would have landed on good earth. In Palestine and other places in the Middle East, many of the fields were much smaller than ours and would contain rocks and thorns. Some seed would have landed on the path surrounding a field, some would have landed among thorns, some on rocky ground and finally some landed on rich soil. Most farmers would have expected their crop to produce a return of thirtyfold. In a good year they would have been delighted with a sixtyfold crop. A one hundredfold harvest would have been unbelievable.

The apostles did not understand what Jesus was talking about when they heard this parable. Jesus' explanation of the Parable of the Sower highlights four different responses to the gospel. The seed is "the word of the kingdom." The hard ground represents someone who is hardened by sin; he hears but does not understand the Word, and Satan, like the birds of the air, plucks the message away, keeping the heart dull and preventing the Word from making an impression. The stony ground pictures a man who to begin with professes delight with the Word; however, his heart is not changed, and when trouble arises, his so-called faith quickly disappears. The thorny ground depicts one who seems to receive the Word, but whose heart is full of riches, pleasures, and lusts; the things of this world take his time and attention away from the Word, and he ends up having no time for it. The good ground portrays the one who

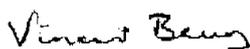
hears, understands, and receives the Word—and then allows the Word to accomplish its result in his life. It is up to each of us to set the priorities and to do the things that make our soil good and our harvest plentiful.

In the first reading today, the prophet Isaiah compares the Word of God to rain and snow that falls on the ground and does not return until it has watered the earth. This background story from the Old Testament highlights the point of the parable that a good harvest can come only from rich soil. It required hard work to produce a good harvest.

The second reading comes from St Paul's message to the people of Rome. He urges the Romans to look to the future. What Jesus offers us is a place in his kingdom but it does not come without a struggle. We sometimes grown inwardly waiting for our bodies to be set free.

He talks about the entire creation groaning in one great act of giving birth, using the image of a pregnant woman enduring her labour pains because the pains will lead to the birth of a child and her pains giving way to joy. That joy leads to faith in our hearts and this leads to life given to us and created in us by the powerful Word of God. St Paul says: "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ."

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

MESSAGE FROM FATHER DAVID BURKE

My name is Fr David Burke and I have the great privilege, and honour, of being the new parish priest of Berkhamsted and Tring parishes. Currently, I am at St Francis de Sales Church in Tottenham. A stone's throw away from the football ground!

I will be arriving during the first week of September and I am very much looking forward to settling in, and meeting with you all. I intend to have meetings in both parishes, the following week, in order to introduce myself more fully and to discuss with you on how we may best move forward from October.

I am appreciative of the time that has been given to the handover documents that are being prepared; which will greatly assist and inform our discussion. I hope that many of you can attend these meetings.

I am exceedingly grateful that Canon Vincent will be in Tring parish until the end of September to assist in making the transition, from 2 priests to 1 shared priest, as smooth as possible.

A word of thanks to both the Canon and Fr John for their kind welcome, in recent weeks, and for showing me around the parishes. Please do keep them and myself in your prayers as I prepare to be your parish priest. Please be assured of mine. Fr David.

PARISH CENSUS

We are updating our parish register. A registration form was included with last week's newsletter. There are spare forms on the table at the back of church. Please put the completed forms in the box on the table.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS FOR 2017-2018

Registration forms are on the table at the back of church. Tricia and Catherine would also be glad of help in teaching the children. If anyone has received training as a catechist, please let us know. If anyone would be interested in receiving training, please let us know.

FAIRTRADE TOWN SIGNS FOR TRING

Yesterday, the Mayor of Tring unveiled one of the three new signs announcing that Tring is a Fairtrade Town. The event was organised by the Justice & Peace Group.

GREAT PUDDING QUIZ

Please make a note in your diary that the Justice and Peace Group are having another Great Pudding Quiz on Saturday 9 September in the Parish Hall.

SEA SUNDAY

Many thanks to all who contributed to the annual Sea Sunday appeal which raised £227.82 for the work of the Apostleship of the Sea.

SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON

Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offers comfortable rooms in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). Website: www.allenhall.org.uk; Email : allenhall@rcdow.org.uk; Phone : 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

Notices for the week beginning 16 July 2017

Sunday 16 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 102

6.00 pm (Vigil) John Byrd (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30 am Private Intention Monday *Feria*

No Mass

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Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Saturday *St Mary Magdalen*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

11.00 am Baptism of Archie Murphy

Sunday 23 July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Margaret Valentine (Anniversary); 8.30 am People of the Parish; 10.30 am Private Intention.

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, Beryl Taylor and Anne Wilkinson; **Anniversaries:** Frederick Abbotts, Mary Bergonzi, Elizabeth Winifred Branson, John Byrd, Bridget Theresa Carr, Jason Fahey, Joan Egan, Bridget Furlong, Gwendoline Hewson, Cecelia Hinds, Mary McArdle, Carol Mora, Timothy O'Shaughnessy, Frances Sobecinski, Eric Tuft and Lindie White. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
22/23 July	E	F Sherratt M Leadbeater	A Halliday K Andrew	P Apps
	R	D Leadbeater M Miles	D Crauford S Whitehead	G Maloney H Houston
	W		S Kerr	

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £252.00

Loose £170.32

Building Fund £35.00

Apostleship of the Sea £227.82