

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

2 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

I want to thank all who were able to attend the Parish Meeting last Monday. Some of you told me in advance that you were not able to be present. I think it was a good meeting. So many of you contributed to the discussion and made very helpful suggestions. The report of the meeting is attached to this newsletter and I hope it will be helpful for all parishioners.

The parish is an important feature of the Catholic Church. It is in the local parish that most of us feel at home within the wider church. It is in the local parish that we can feel we are part of a community. It is in the local parish that we usually receive the sacraments. It is in the local parish that most people who are not Catholics establish a link with the Catholic Church. It is in the local parish that people get together to try to build up a welcoming community and to meet socially as well as spiritually.

The decision to link Corpus Christi Parish in Tring with the Sacred Heart Parish in Berkhamsted under the pastoral care of one priest will be a challenge for both communities as well as for the new parish priest, Father David Burke. In Tring we have parishioners with a variety of gifts and talents which are used for the good of the community. We have altar servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, flower arrangers, offertory collectors, families who bring up the gifts at the Offertory, welcomers who stand at the door to welcome people and distribute mass books and hymn books and, above all, to welcome visitors and strangers in our midst. We have an ecumenical meditation group and a Justice and Peace Group which is linked to Churches Together in Tring. Having reflected on the excellent contributions made at the meeting, I am going to ask the leaders or co-ordinators of each ministry and group to form a transitional committee to cover the period before my departure and the arrival of Father David Burke.

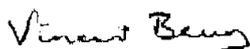
We have a parish register which needs to be updated. It was drawn up when I came to the parish ten years ago. Please fill in the questionnaire that we shall be distributing at each mass today. You may have assumed that your name is on the old register but it may not be.

The horrors of Grenfell Tower continue to distress us. Thank you for your gifts last Sunday which came to £500.06. Cardinal Nichols spoke to some of the priests of the Diocese two weeks ago at our annual celebration of our priesthood. He spoke movingly about the priests whose parishes are near the Tower. They, together with non Catholic clergy, opened their churches for prayer and their halls as receiving posts for gifts of clothes and food. They are having to comfort parishioners who have lost relatives and friends in the fire. One priest was awoken to go to a local hospital. As he left his presbytery he could see the building in flames and he could hear the screams for help from those trapped in their flats but he had to go to the hospital where there were people in need of help. One priest went into the building and stayed all night inside the entrance to meet the fire fighters who came down the stairs, some of them crying, to talk to them if they wanted to talk. The priests are going to need counselling as well as the fire fighters and medical teams and above all the people who have lost so much.

Pope Francis has just celebrated the twenty fifth anniversary of his ordination as a bishop. He spoke recently about “those who believe in the Risen One and who have the courage to ‘go forth’ and bring to others the Good News of the resurrection embracing the risks of testimony, even as the Apostles did.” He also spoke about “parlour Christians” who love to chat about how things are going in the Church and in the world. He wants us to leave our parlours and take up the mission entrusted to the first Christians and down the centuries to us to go out to share with other the Good News that we have received. The Holy Father went on to say, “How many people are waiting for this joyful proclamation! It is not right for us to deprive them of it. If the resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty and our most precious treasure, how can we not run to proclaim it to others?” He concluded by saying: “Remember the past with gratitude, live the present with passion, and embrace the future with hope,”

Thursday this week is the anniversary of the martyrdom of St Thomas More. His feast day was celebrated last week with that of St John Fisher. He was a former Lord Chancellor and Speaker of the House of Commons but above all a family man who ensured that his daughters had a good education as well as his son. When Henry VIII fell into dispute with the Pope, St Thomas resigned his high office and was convicted for high treason. On the scaffold he said: “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.” In today’s Gospel we are called to put God first. In today’s Epistle St Paul reminds us that we sometimes follow Jesus at a great cost but there is also a great reward. St Thomas More assured his family that they would all “one day meet merrily in heaven.”

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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 today. If you happen to have a King John Penny, please feel free to donate it!

SEA SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Sea Sunday when we are asked to pray for all seafarers and for the chaplains and lay helpers who minister to many seafarers who visit these shores, many of whom are Catholics. There will be a special collection next Sunday for the Apostleship of the Sea.

ALTAR SERVERS

A number of children who made their First Communion recently have expressed a wish to become altar servers. Please come to a meeting next Saturday at 10.00 am.

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.

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 2 July 2017

Sunday 2 July Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 96

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

10.30 am Barbara Dixon (Sick)

Monday *St Thomas the Apostle*

No Mass

Tuesday *Feria*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Millie Cunningham (Lately Dead)

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Mary and David Leadbeater

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 9 July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil) Stephen and Annabelle Halliday; 8.30 am Michael Hayes & Michael Shelley (Anniversary); 10.30 am Intentions of Norah Proctor

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Barbara Dixon, Patrick Foster, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Beryl Taylor and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Millie Cunningham; **Anniversaries:** Sister Mary Scholastica, Jonas Chime, Frederick Copcutt, Michael Conway, Alice Cooper, Debbie Foster, Stanley Gillon, George Greener, Alice Grob, Tom Hanson, Michael Hayes, Brian Jackson, Elizabeth McDonough, Frances Mary Powell, Michael Shelley, Ray Sutherland, James Tucker, Abraham Johannes van Stockum, and Gerald Wall. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
08/09 July	E	G Booth M Todd	S Whitehead K Andrew	A De Cesco
	R	M Miles M Sherratt	C Pennicott D Crauford	H Houston G Maloney
	W		S Kerr	A Farrow

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £231.50 Loose £198.88 Building Fund £42.50

Grenfell Tower Appeal: £496.05 Day for Life Appeal: £171.73