

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

9 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

There are times when many of us feel overburdened in our daily lives. Seafarers have one of the hardest and most dangerous jobs in the world. They spend months at sea, working long hours, living in cramped conditions, battling storms and gales. The seafarers arrive all alone in foreign ports. Today, Sea Sunday, is the day in the Church's calendar when seafarers are at the forefront of our minds. We reflect on the contribution they make - helping to put food on our tables, clothes on our backs and goods and furniture in our homes. It's celebrated in Churches across England and Wales on 9 July and gives us an opportunity to pray for seafarers and their families - and those who support them. Seafarers spend long periods of time at sea - sometimes working in very tough conditions. They leave their families for months on end, and for some, that means missing pivotal events - like the birth of a child.

The Apostleship of the Sea, the Church's agency supporting men and women at sea, has chaplains at ports around the UK. The seafarers appreciate their ship visits and concern for his well-being - not to mention spiritual support. When the chaplains or ship visitors go aboard a ship they have one question for the crew. How can I help? They offer the hand of friendship, listen to the concerns of the seafarers they meet and through small gestures to attend to some of their needs. This can be anything from arranging internet or phone access, so that a seafarer can contact family back home, providing transport to local shops, or helping resolve problems over pay or conditions. Port chaplains and ships visitors will also take seafarers to mass in a local church.

Around the world nearly 1.2 million seafarers, many from developing countries, work on board 50,000 merchant ships carrying food, clothing, furniture, petrol and many other products. Working conditions are difficult. Many of the seafarers work long shifts in

extreme weather conditions. The Apostleship of the Sea is a worldwide organisation, the Catholic Church's official outreach to seafarers and fishermen, through port chaplains, cruise chaplains and ship visitors. They rely almost entirely on the support of Catholic parishes and the generosity of people like ourselves to enable them to continue their vital work. One of my predecessors, Mgr Denis McGuinness, was in charge of the Apostleship of the Sea in this country for many years. Please treasure his memory by supporting the work he loved so much. There will be a special collection at mass today.

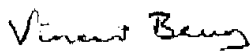
After wearing purple vestments in Lent and white vestments during Eastertide the priest now wears green coloured vestments throughout the season of Ordinary Time. The colour green is a symbol of hope. The message of the Season of Ordinary Time is a message of hope. Sunday after Sunday during this season we hear Jesus telling us about his heavenly Father, his relationship with his Father and our relationship with both of them linked with a relationship with the Holy Spirit. For the next few Sundays we also hear continuous readings from St Paul's Letter to the Romans. In today's Old Testament reading from the Prophet Zechariah reminds us to rejoice because God is offering us joy and hope. Pope Francis continues to convey the same message in his own way.

Our heavenly Father is a God of love, mercy and compassion. His Son Jesus invites us to pass any burdens we have onto him: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I

will give you rest". He speaks of himself as being "meek and humble of heart." If we respond to his invitation we will find rest for our souls. Another message is to have the trust that little children have. If we can become like little children we can put our trust in the Lord and do with humility and love.

I would like to thank you for your generous response to recent appeals. The Grenfell Tower Appeal raised £506.05, the Day for Life Appeal raised £171.73 and the Peter's Pence Appeal raised £215.21. I am sorry that we have had so many special collections in recent weeks. Today's Sea Sunday appeal is the last one for some time.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

#### **SEA SUNDAY**

Today 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 today for the Apostleship of the Sea.

#### **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.

#### **FAIRTRADE TOWN SIGNS FOR TRING**

On Saturday 15th July at 11am the Mayor will unveil one of the three new signs announcing that Tring is a Fairtrade Town. There will be a short ceremony and all are invited to attend. The sign will be put up below the existing "Welcome to Tring" sign on London Road. To get there from the town go past the entrance to Tesco, follow the wall alongside the pavement and you will find the sign almost at the end of the wall, before the roundabout. The event is being 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.

#### **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](http://www.allenhall.org.uk); Email : [allenhall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:allenhall@rcdow.org.uk); Phone : 020 7349 5600 (option 0)

## **Notices for the week beginning 9 July 2017**

### **Sunday 9 July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 99

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

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Benedict*

No Mass

Wednesday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Saturday *St Bonaventure*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

11.00 am Baptism of Archie Murphy

**Sunday 16 July Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6.00 pm (Vigil) John Byrd (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 Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Beryl Taylor and Anne Wilkinson; **Lately Dead:** Millie Cunningham; **Anniversaries:** Amy Adcock, Dymitir Balco, John Byrd, Edna Clare, Edith Clark, Agnes Corcoran, Mrs Gasparetz, John Glenister, Edwin Grabowski, Clifford Grous, Michael Hayes, Oliver Mckenna, Rose Maille, Michael Shelley, John Shryane and Gordon Thick. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
15/16 July	E	O Conway	A Halliday	H Houston
		F Sherratt	K Andrew	
	R	M Hart	S Whitehead	S Lewington
		J Lee	S Wright	P Apps
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £213.00      Loose £250.59      Building Fund £31.20

Peter's Pence £215.21

Standing Orders May 2017:    Offertories £2,308      Building Fund £96.00