

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

13 August 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

The story in today's Gospel follows a busy day for Our Lord. Five thousand men plus women and children had followed him into the open countryside. In the late afternoon he had fed them through the miracle of the loaves and fishes. As the feast was ending Jesus had ordered his disciples to get into their boat and cross over to other side of the sea. He himself stayed behind. First, he personally sends the crowds back to their homes and their ordinary lives. Then, alone, he heads up into the hills, to pray. While Our Lord was praying, a storm broke out over the Sea of Galilee and the apostles found themselves facing a strong head wind and high waves battering the boat in the open sea.

The apostles struggled to gain control when they saw a figure walking towards them through the waves. When Peter recognised it was Jesus he said something very strange: "Lord if it is you, tell me to come to you across the waters". When Jesus said: "Come," Peter stepped out of the boat and across the waves towards Jesus. When he came away from the shelter of the boat, he was hit by the blast of the wind and the collapse of his faith, he falters and flounders. Immediately, Jesus stretched out his arm to save him and leads him back to the boat. "O man of little faith why did you doubt?"

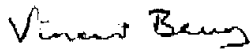
The Gospel tells us that this event took place "in the fourth watch of night" which for us would be three o'clock in the early morning,

which most of us would find to be the worst time of the night, long before dawn. The apostles would have been at their weakest and they would have felt very vulnerable. There can be few of us who have not woken up at this point in the night, emerging perhaps from a deep sleep into confusion and swamped suddenly by anxieties as things from the past flood in on us..

The purpose of the Gospels is to bring us to faith. As John says towards the end of his Gospel: *These (the things Jesus did and said) are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.*

When Jesus came to the Apostles, walking on the stormy waters of the lake, it was so that they might believe. Jesus wanted his followers to believe that the loving care of God for his children can penetrate our physical world of little boats and stormy lives - and that there is ultimately no barrier between heaven and earth when faith is active. Faith is our response to God and the Apostles responded in faith: *The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'.*

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

#### **MESSAGE FROM TRICIA APPS: SPOG IS BACK IN SEPTEMBER!**

SPOG is for primary children and their friends. It runs on Fridays 4.30 to 6pm ish! term time. Cost £1 only. It will start Friday 8 September -make a note in your diary.

For those not in the know, SPOG means *Special People Of God!* who like Fun, Food and Faith. Let your children chill out at the end of the school week.

In order for activities to run well help is needed: a. food, b. activities, c. chat and play with children. All is needed is a rapport with children. Child Safeguarding procedures apply.

There will be more info at the back of church as to activities or you can catch me after 10.30 mass. Contact details: mobile 07927313165 or 01442 822352.

#### **MEETING WITH FATHER DAVID BURKE**

Fr David would like to meet Tring parishioners before he takes over the parish. You are all welcome to come to a meeting with him on Wednesday 20 September at 7.30 pm in the parish hall. Please make a note about this in your diary or put a note on your fridge door.

#### **PARISH CENSUS**

We are updating our parish register. A registration form was recently included with the weekly newsletter. There are spare forms on the table at the back of church. Please put the completed forms in the box on the table. The form is also available on the parish website which is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

#### **HELP WANTED**

We would like to re-decorate the Parish Hall one weekend in August in preparation for the Cardinal's visit. He will be leading the Canon's retirement celebrations. If you are free on Saturday 2 September, from 10.00 am onwards, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **Notices for the week beginning 13 August 2017**

#### **Sunday 13 August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass Book, pages 7 and 114

6.00 pm (Vigil) Mairead O'Connor RIP; 8.30 am Intentions of Eugene McCarthy

10.30 am People of the Parish.

Monday *St Maximilian Kolbe*

No Mass

Tuesday *The Assumption of Our Lady (Holyday of Obligation)*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

7.30 pm Bruce Hinds (Sick)

Wednesday *St Stephen of Hungary*

Mass 10.00 am Charlie Lynch

Thursday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Mary Wright (Lately Dead)

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**Sunday 20 August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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### PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Barbara Dixon, Patrick Foster, Bruce Hinds, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Anne Wilkinson and Gerard Wright; **Lately Dead:** Mairead O'Connor, Maurice Quirke and Mary Wright; **Anniversaries:** Sister Mary Bernadette, Eileen Brady, Archibald Frost, Thomas Furlong, Alan Gray, Valentine Humphrys, John Keane, Peter Keough, Eleanor Lettin, Milada Matejak, Neil Moore, Sheila Pinot de Moira, Mark Pomichalek, Harry Rogers and Mary Sanger. May they rest in peace.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
19/20 August	E	F Sherratt	A Halliday	H Houston
		M Leadbeater	K Andrew	
	R	J Lee	S Whitehead	G Maloney
		M Sherratt	D Crauford	P Apps
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £176.60

Loose £233.49

Building Fund £45.74