

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

27 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

When I was ordained in 1962 and began to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism, the majority of babies were given Christian names. Children were given names dedicating them to a particular saint, often family names. I remember Cardinal Heenan who had been made a bishop by Pope John XXIII and made archbishop of Westminster by Pope Paul VI was most impressed when he visited the parish for the Sacrament of Confirmation and quite a few boys had chosen John or Paul as their Confirmation name. He was quite deflated when we told him that the boys had chosen the names of John Lennon and Paul McCartney of the Beatles. So many children now do not have a Christian name. Instead they have a first name which may or may not be Christian.

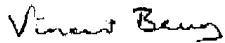
Today we hear of a city called Cæsaria Philippi. Philip was one of the sons of King Herod the Great and after Herod's death, the Kingdom of Israel was split into three and Philip became Tetrarch of Galilee. He built Cæsaria Philippi in honour of the Roman Emperor. It was built in the north of Palestine on the slopes of Mount Hermon near springs which gave rise to the river Jordan.

Against such a background we see the inspired response of St Peter in today's Gospel. Jesus had asked his friends who the people said the Son of Man was. They offered different suggestions, that he was John the Baptist or one of the Old Testament prophets. It was Peter who said: 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' For Peter, Jesus the Messiah is not just another of the prophets, nor simply the greatest of the prophets. He is God incarnate who will rule with justice, mercy and love. Jesus' titles do not tell us *how* he is to free Israel, *how* he will restore God's rule in the promised land. Only the gradual unfolding of the Gospel can do this, as it draws

us further into the mystery of the Christ's life, death and resurrection. But in the second part of today's Gospel we already glimpse something of how Christ acts to free us, as Jesus gives Simon a new name, Peter, the rock on whom his church is to be built.

Simon's new name of Peter, the 'rock' is important. The so-called kings of this world built a pagan city and temples on the rocky slopes of Mount Hermon, but Jesus builds a church, a new people, on the rock of his apostle. It's an extraordinary contrast, between one type of power, one type of building, and a very different power shown to us in a very different foundation. The first thing we hear about this Church is that not even the gates of Hades (Hell) can hold firm against it. Jesus as the Christ must struggle with the very forces of death, be killed before rising to new life. His Church is caught up in that same struggle, will know persecution, suffering and death. She suffers now terribly in Iraq and Syria; but the Church, too, will overcome death to share in the risen life of Jesus. And Peter has the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PARISH CAR PARK

The Parish Car Park will be closed as from next Tuesday 29 September. Major works will be carried out over the next few weeks. This includes installing a drainage system and soakaway in the main area of the car park. We will also be installing a lighting system. It is hoped that part of the car park will be available after completion of the drainage works. Parking in Langdon Street will be difficult during the next two weeks because of the installation of services for the new cottages next door to the Church.

FATHER DAVID BURKE

Father David has been appointed parish priest of the two parishes of Berkhamsted and Tring. He will take over the Sacred Heart parish at the beginning of September and Corpus Christ parish at the end of September. Each church will have two instead of three Sunday masses. The Masses at Corpus Christi will be on Saturday evening at 6.00 pm and Sunday morning at 10.15 am. He will speak at all masses on 9 and 10 September. He would also like to meet parishioners on Wednesday 20 September at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

NEW CHURCH ROTA

Sue Wright has prepared a new ministers rota which ends on 24 September, the last date before the change in mass times. Please contact Sue by email on swright@aldbury.herts.sch.uk to let her know your preference for the new mass times of Saturday, 6.00 pm or Sunday, 10.15 am. Also, let her know if you have more than one ministry, Eucharistic minister, reader or welcomer.

HELP WANTED

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

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. Proceeds will go towards the Watford Refugee Project. Even if you cannot attend, please make a donation. Tickets cost £5 and will be available after mass today.

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.

SPONSORED BIKE n' HIKE

The annual sponsored Bike n' Hike takes place on Saturday 9 September in aid of the Beds and Herts Churches Trust. Corpus Christi is one of the churches where the bikers and hikers have to register as part of their journey. Our church will be open from 10 am to 6 pm to enable participating bikers and hikers to register and also be offered a drink of water and a biscuit. We need volunteers to offer an hour (or more) to man the registration post. If you can help, please sign the volunteer list on the table at the back of the church.

Notices for the week beginning 27 August 2017

Sunday 27 August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 120

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

10.30 am Intentions of Patricia Collins.

Monday *St Augustine*

No Mass

Tuesday *The Passion of St John the Baptist*

No Mass

Wednesday *Saints Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Mary Todd

Thursday *St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Michael Hornsby

Friday *Feria*

Mass 10.00 am Intentions of Anne De Cesco

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 3 September Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am Lily Butler (Sick)

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor, Edith Burch, Lily Butler, Barbara Dixon, Patrick Foster, Angela Gannon, Bruce Hinds, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Laverty, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Honor Owen, Lana Ridley, Anne Wilkinson and Gerard Wright; **Latently Dead:** Philip Doody; **Anniversaries:** Thomas Beary, Tom Blackburn, Michael Cole, Liselotte Drescher, Nora Francis, Thomas Gibney, Mick Kennedy, Elizabeth Knight, Sydney Lancashire, Martin Long, Patrick McDonough, Vincent McInerney, Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Joseph Scarborough, Ellen Sheehan and Joseph Tanti. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
02/03 Sept	E	F Sherratt	S Whitehead	H Houston
		M Todd	K Andrew	
	R	M Sherratt	P Milton	G Maloney
		M Miles	S Whitehead	P Apps
	W		S Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £236.40

Loose £210.19

Building Fund £43.00