

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

6 August 2017



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Times of Services

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| 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

Each Catholic church has an annual feast day. Some churches are dedicated to titles associated with Our Lord. Ours in Corpus Christi. Many are dedicated to Our Lady, sometimes under the title of St Mary. Most are dedicated to one of the saints. Before the Reformation most of the churches dedicated to Our Lady celebrate their feastday on the feast of the Assumption. Those dedicated to Our Lord, usually under the title of St Saviour, celebrated their titular feast today, the feast of the Transfiguration. The story of the Transfiguration tells us of Jesus taking three of his disciples, Peter, James and John, up a mountain. There they have what some people might call a mystical experience. Suddenly Jesus is in company with Moses and Elijah.

The mountain is believed to be Mount Tabor. Moses and Elijah also climbed mountains. It was on Mount Sinai that Moses encountered God and received the Ten Commandments. It was on Mount Horeb that Elijah encountered God, not in the strong wind, or in the earthquake or in the fire, but in the still small voice of calm.

The disciples were touched by the presence of God who spoke to them about his beloved Son and told them to listen to him. Moses and Elijah represented the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament, the Old Covenant and through Jesus they were encountering the New Covenant. We all need to be touched by the experience of the living God. It comes to us in different and differing ways. For some of us it becomes the foundation of our conversion as Christians. Others are sustained by the experience of prayer and worship. Other get it in a loving relationship, or in moments of awe and wonder in the natural world, or in the world of art or music. God reaches out to touch the heart of each one of us in such a way that he leads us on to other things as we continue our journey of faith

This journey may lead us through the darker moments of our lives when faith, knowledge and our comfort zone is challenged by the mysteries of life.

St Peter wanted to build three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. He told Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here. This was not part of Our Lord's plan. The apostles had to come down from the mountain and carry out what the Lord had planned for them.

In the readings at mass today we hear about the prophet Daniel's vision of heaven and a man coming on the clouds of heaven. We see this as an image of Our Lord. We also hear Peter describing the vision he had on Mount Tabor, described more fully in the Gospel. On the mountain Peter, James and John, were given a glimpses of the future and were invited to follow their Lord. We too are all called by the Lord. This is our vocation, our calling, to respond to the invitation of Jesus even if it will cause us grief as well as joy. We are called to be disciples to share with others the gifts and blessings that we have received. We are grace-filled through baptism and the other sacraments.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

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

If you can help Canon to reorganise the office and move items from the Presbytery, and also help with filing and recycling unwanted articles, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

MORE 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. We will have a date available next weekend.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents who wish to arrange for the baptism of their children should arrange to meet Canon Berry to complete an application form. Parents are asked to attend a pre-baptism talk which takes place once a month. Baptisms take place normally on a Saturday or Sunday. At least one godparent must be a Catholic.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will once again take place at Sacred Heart Church, Berkhamsted. Application forms will be available shortly.

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 6 August 2017

Sunday 6 August Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass Book, pages 7 and 173

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

10.30 am Intentions of Wendy Hinds

Monday *Feria (Eighteen Week in Ordinary Time)*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Dominic*

Mass 3.00 pm Funeral of Maria Teixeira

Wednesday *St Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein)*

Mass 10.00 am People of the Parish

Thursday *St Lawrence*

Mass 10.00 am Richard and Anne Berry RIP

Friday *St Clare*

Mass 10.00 am Private Intention

Saturday *Feria*

Confessions 10.00 – 10.30 am; 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 13 August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10.30 am People of the Parish.

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, Lana Ridley and Anne Wilkinson; **Latently Dead:** Maria Teixeira; **Anniversaries:** Sister Agnes de Chantel David, Peggy Abbotts, Emmanuel Adjei, Ellen Dorothy Arthur, Tony Bambridge, Rodney Dentith, Michael Gannon, Lloyd Groves, Michael Hurley, Joyce Jackson, Oliveira Jennings, Theresa Kimura, George Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Roger Lewis, Paula Medlicott, Enrico Messeri, Norah Raftery, Max Regensteiner, Nicholas Robinson, Mary Smith, Ralph Warrington, Anna Watson and Agnes Whitehead. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

| 2017 | | 6.00 pm | 8.30 am | 10.30 am |
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| 05/06/August | E | F Sherratt | A Halliday | P Apps |
| | R | M Leadbeater | K Andrew | |
| | | D Leadbeater | L Hutt | H Houston |
| | | M Sherratt | P Milton | S Lewington |
| | W | | S Kerr | |

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £223.10 Loose £158.35 Building Fund £39.50

July Standing Orders: Offertory £1,884.00 Building Fund £96.00