

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Corpus Christi Church, Langdon Street, Tring

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Times of Services

Sunday	Mass: 6.00 pm (Vigil), and 10.15 am
Weekday	No weekday masses this week
Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Letter from Langdon Street

My dear people

This is my last Letter from Langdon Street. Many years ago, when driving through France, I drove past the windmill at Fontvieille in Provence which was the inspiration for Alphonse Daudet when he wrote a series of stories called “Letters from my Windmill.”

Tomorrow, 25 September, will be my eightieth birthday. “Three score years and ten” are the words of the old translation of the psalms to describe a good and long life. The psalm however continues “and eighty for those that are strong.” So I have made it. Having quoted the great French author, Daudet, I would also like to quote Robert Browning’s poem, Rabbi ben Ezra, which begins: “Grow old along with me. The best is yet to be.”

This is a special weekend for me and I am glad to have with me three of my four sisters, Una from Australia, Frances from Canada and Anne from Durham, together with nephews, cousins and friends and former parishioners from other parishes who have shared my life as a priest. Sadly my sister Margaret died two years ago.

I was ordained by Cardinal William Godfrey in Westminster Cathedral on Thursday 24th May 1962 and on the following day I celebrated my First Mass at St Paul’s Church, Wood Green. These past fifty-five years have been momentous times in society in

general and in the Church. I was one of the last priests to be ordained before the start of the Second Vatican Council. Since the Council life for us priests and you the people has changed considerably.

My first appointment was as a curate to Canon John McKenzie in the parish of St Michael and St Martin in Hounslow where I remained for six years. My fellow curates were Father Ned Bushey and Father Paddy Cassidy.


After Hounslow I spent two happy years working at the Crusade of Rescue (Catholic Children's Society) with Canon later Bishop Philip Harvey and Canon John McDonald. I then spent two years as part of a parish mission team begun by Bishop Victor Guazzelli. There were three of us in the team, Father Michael Giffney RIP and Father Pat O'Donoghue who is now the retired Bishop of Lancaster. In

1972 I went to the parish of St Gabriel and St Bernard in South Harrow and Northolt where there were two churches to look after. I was curate to Father Bernard Canham for four years and then took over as parish priest for ten years. I was lucky to have Fathers Joe Ryan, Keith Barltrop and Robin Houghton as my curates. My world then turned upside down in 1986 when I became vicar general for the clergy for three years.

In 1990 I went to the parish of Our Lady of Dolours in Hendon which I thought would be my last appointment. The late Father Damian McManus was my assistant. It was another shock to the system when I was asked in 1996 to go to St Mary's, Cadogan Street in Chelsea, which I thought would definitely be my last appointment. Three priests assisted me there, Fathers Hilary Crewe, Hugh McKenzie and Richard Marriott. Eleven years ago I came to Corpus Christi, Tring which has definitely proved to be my last appointment!

I just want to end this last Letter from Langdon Street by saying how much I have enjoyed these past few years with you in Tring. It has been a pleasure being with you and you have given me so much to be thankful for. God bless and keep you.

Yours sincerely



Parish Priest

MESSAGE FROM FATHER DAVID BURKE

Thank you to those from Berkhamsted and Tring Parishes who came to our open meetings over the last week. I found them informative, lively and encouraging. I am aware that some points made do require further consideration. As I am away for the beginning of October, I have decided that our *new mass times (as yet unfinalised)* will commence the weekend of 21st October. More information to follow. A number of supply priests will be here during my absence. I trust you will make them welcome.

Fr David

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PARISH CAR PARK

The major works are over. The drainage system is complete and cables have been laid for some lighting. Starting on Monday 200 tons of tarmac will be laid over a period of several days. It will be necessary for the Parish Car Park to closed completely while the tarmac in six lorries is brought on site. We are sorry if this causes inconvenience but health and safety considerations make it essential. The hall will remain open for regular users but you are asked to tread carefully as you approach from the road.

SPOG IS BACK

SPOG (Small People of God) is a group for young children (Key Stage 2) led by Tricia Apps. It meets in the church hall on Fridays from 4.30 to 6.00 pm. Younger children are welcome with parents (we have toys and coffee!). Cost: £1 per child - if we have outings that is costed extra. As a retired primary school teacher and catechist (First Communion) Tricia's experience and expertise is with children. Tricia needs adult help. We could have a rota - with 6 people that would be twice a term helping.

THE ANNUAL GRAND PUDDING QUIZ

The Quiz held on Saturday 9th September is proving so popular that it was completely sold out within a few days of tickets going on sale. It was held this year in support of the Watford & Three Rivers Refuge Partnership. **The event raised £601.09.** A big thank you to all the guests who supported the event, those who made delicious puddings and those who helped to set/clear up. Thank you also to The Akeman Restaurant for their raffle prize of a meal for four and Altered Image hairdressers for their Restyle Voucher. The Winning Team, captained by Annabelle Halliday, won by one point in a closely fought contest. Tremendous fun was had by all judging by the amount of laughter heard throughout the evening

Notices for the week beginning 24 September 2017

Sunday 24 September Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Book, pages 7 and 131

6.00 pm (Vigil); 8.30 am; 10.30 am

Monday *Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday *St Cosmas and St Danian*

No Mass

Wednesday *St Vincent de Paul*

No Mass

Thursday *Feria*

No Mass

Friday *Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

No Mass

Saturday *St Jerome*

Confessions 5.15 – 5.45 pm

Sunday 1 October Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00 pm (Vigil); 8.30 am; 10.00 am

PRAYERS

Please pray for: **Sick:** Lily Butler, Barbara Dixon, Patrick Foster, Angela Gannon, Wendy Hinds, Michael Hornsby, Rita Lavery, Adeline Lewis, Peter McDonald, Paul Mostyn, Lana Ridley and Molly Sunderland; **Anniversaries:** Eric Berry, Franco Besanelli, Anne Brown, Katie Harrison, George High, Ivy Hornsby, Margaret Jenkins, Nonie Jones, Mary Lynch, Anna Maria Messeri, Patricia Morgan, Harry Morley, Hermione Mostyn, Angela Murray, Mary Anne O'Shaughnessy, George Oakley, Norman Reeves, Mary Sharpe, Mollie Shepherd, Breda Stevens, Rachel Sulch, Michael Whitehouse and Barry Williams. May they rest in peace.

PARISH MINISTRIES

2017		6.00 pm	8.30 am	10.30 am
23/24 Sept	E	G Booth	A Halliday	P Apps
		F Sherratt	K Andrew	H Houston
	R	M Miles	S Whitehead	U Wadling
		J Lee	D Crauford	A Berry
	W		D Kerr	J Brown

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes £239.50

Loose £258.47

Building Fund £30.50