



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Dear Parishioners,

Generally, men are not very good at speaking about their emotions and feelings. Although thank goodness, this has started to change, the old notion of bottling everything up and carrying on did not help and certainly did not help me. After a conversation with a couple of parishioners, I have decided to say something about myself, which I know some of you may not particularly want to hear. For sometime now before I came to Tring I have been suffering with depression and I am telling you this in the hope that you will understand me a little more especially on the bad days. This subject has not been one to be discussed in the past, certainly not in the Parish newsletter. For all of us the Parish priest has been a figure not just of authority but someone who is there in our time of need, therefore he is seen as a strong character who shouldn't have problems of his own.

Up until recently the question of Mental Health was really a taboo subject, in my own family a great aunt who suffered with her nerves as a young woman went into a large mental health institution and stayed there till the day she died. This was a great failing of the society at the time. People with mental health issues were sent away and therefore out of sight out of mind.

Due to a better understanding of such issues the medical world and society have begun to change their attitude, but however, for a minority of people it is still a subject they do not want to hear about.

You may be asking yourself why Fr. Sean is telling us about such a private matter. It is in the hope you will understand that there are some days that even getting out of bed is a struggle, especially, as a Priest who is supposed to be always on top form. I would like to apologise for the occasions I have been late or seemed detached from the life of the Parish. Those of you who have had mental health issues will understand exactly what I am talking about. For a long time, I myself have pushed all this under the carpet and tried to carry on, and as the old saying goes "smile and wave that's what you're paid for".

Thankfully with the help and guidance of close friends I have taken the step and asked for help. I am away for 2 days on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th seeking professional help. I hope this doesn't change my relationship with anyone and that you understand my reasoning for making this so public. I know that I have not thrown myself into the life of the parish properly. Although I was already suffering before I left London the move after 18 years in a community where I had close friends and a whole support network was much more difficult than I imagined. With the help that is now available I am hoping all this will change and I will be able to take the active part that I should have as Parish Priest. You have welcomed me with open arms and I truly thank you for your kindness, it takes time even years to establish friendships and relationships and I know this is already beginning to happen. I have always tended to bottle up my emotions and feelings but the time has come to try and be a bit more honest.

You are always in my prayers and I ask for yours, so that God may bringing healing and stability back into my life. God Bless You Fr. Sean.

Mass Intentions - February

Saturday 18 th	5.00 pm	Michael Houlihan R.I.P.
Sunday 19 th	9.00 am	Joe Finucane R.I.P.
Monday 20 th	10.00 am	John Hernon R.I.P.
Tuesday 21 st	10.00 am	
Ash Wednesday	10.00 am 7.30 pm	John Armstrong R.I.P. Nicholas Gabarain Dec'd
Thursday 23 rd	4.30 pm	Nora Procter's Body is being brought into the Church.
	11.00 am	Nora Procter's Funeral Mass
	12.15 am	Burial at Tring Cemetery
Friday 24 th	6.00 pm	Matthew Fernandez Int.
Saturday 25 th	5.00 pm	John Brophy Anni
Sunday 26 th	9.00 am 10.30 pm	Nora Procter R.I.P. Sheila Finucane R.I.P.

Please can I ask you mark the envelope when asking for a Mass to be said with the following: R.I.P, Recently Dead or Anniversary. Also, if paying online for a Mass please put in the reference 'Mass Intention' enabling me to put it to the right nominal code.

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrans, Dhoon Casstells, Patrick Rice, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Alice Perry, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Reilly, Matthew Fernandez.

Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased and their grieving families.

If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know

Nora Procter's Funeral is on:

Friday 24th February

Nora's body will be brought into the Church on Thursday 23rd at 4.30 pm.

The Funeral Mass is at: 11.00 am on the 24th

The Burial is at Tring Cemetery at: 12.15 pm

Please make donations to: Parkinsons

Dates free for Mass Intentions: February

Monday 21st 10.00 am

March

Wednesday 1st 10.00 am,

Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

Saturday

Reader: Sue Wright
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Sunday

9.00
Reader: H. Houston
Eucharistic Minister:
10.30 am
Reader:
Eucharistic Minister

SPOG Youth Club is Live!

We meet every Wednesday (term time) 6.30pm to 8pm, in the Hall. Children from year 3/4 to year 8/9 ish are welcome. Bring a friend if you want. We do a lot of stuff, everything from Snooker to Baking to Meditation and more! New ideas welcome. Check out our board - coming soon.

Any queries contact Tricia and Team, Tricia [07927313165](tel:07927313165).



St Patrick's Day 17th March - Family Quiz Night Saturday 18th March

We would like to bring back our St Patrick's Celebration at Corpus Christi. Margaret, Paul, Gerry & I were talking about it last Sunday and thought Saturday 18th after the 5.00 pm Mass. It will be a Quiz Night for the whole family, with hot dogs and nibbles as well as raffle prizes. All you will need to bring are your own drinks, there will be squash for the children. The cost of a ticket will be £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child. There will be a list at the back of church next weekend. What a great start to our Parish get togethers. The Charity will be the Turkey & Syrian Earthquake Disaster. Fr. Sean is very pleased that about this.

World Day of Prayer:

Will be held at Corpus Christi at 2.30 pm on Friday 3rd of March, all welcome and help with refreshments after the service will be greatly appreciated.

Choir Debut – The Choir are going to be singing at this Sunday's Masses. They will be singing the Gloria they have been working on. Thank you, Tom and the Choir, how wonderful to have a Choir again. If you wish to join the Choir please speak with Tom after Mass.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) –

Sue Wright PSR: tringsg2@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Heather Houston PSR: tringsg1@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

Church Offerings

If you are a weekly plate giver, would you please consider setting up a Standing Order.

Our bank details are as follows. Please do include your name as your reference. Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish, it is greatly appreciated.

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Standing Order Forms are at the back of the Church, if setting one up please remember to tick the Gift Aid box.

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass.

The children enjoy listening to a reading, having a discussion and doing a related art or craft activity. We follow the Liturgy of the word for children which is age-appropriate and engaging. We go from the church to the hall the beginning of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for all ages up to eight years old.

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 Children's Liturgy of the Word



Dates for your diary: February

Wednesday 22nd – Ash Wednesday Masses 10.00 am & 7.30 pm

MARCH

3rd World Day of Prayer at Corpus Christ 2.30 pm – we are hosting.

15th – Lent Lunch

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