



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Dear Parishioners,

At the end of 10.30 Mass a week or so ago, I said to the congregation isn't it a joy having an organist, to which they showed their approval. I found the first year without an organist quite difficult as I enjoy listening to organ music and singing the Mass. Thursday night I popped into the Church during the Choir rehearsal and I was absolutely delighted that the Choir gallery was pretty full of singers and even more delighted that they were learning to sing the Proper of the Mass with the new modern mass setting. I thought how lucky we are to have Tom as our Organist and enthusiastic people joining the Choir. However, in order for this to continue we need to have a Music Fund. Churches are crying out for Organists who are few and far between, and I for one as I am sure many of you want to keep Tom as our Organist. Playing is not just something that Tom enjoys it is his bread and butter and so like other parishes he needs to be paid for his work. This means that we need to raise money for a Music Fund in the Parish.

I am pretty sure that a majority of the congregation enjoy listening to good music, the same standard of music should also be heard in our churches. During the late 60's, 70's and 80's Church music fell into an appalling state, totally disregarding the edicts of the Second Vatican Council many parishes pushed aside hundreds of years of church music. Gregorian Chant which the Council stated is the normal music of the Church and must be retained along with Polyphony were jettisoned and were replaced in my opinion with such banalities as Kumbaya.

Music which had raised people's minds, hearts and souls to God for centuries, was thrown out like the baby in the bath water.

Thank God there is now a change and appreciation of all that is beautiful, you only have to turn on the radio to such channels as Classic FM & Radio 3 to hear Gregorian Chants, Polyphony and Mass settings by many great Composers such as Mozart & Haydn. Good Church music is now being sung in our churches written by the likes of James Macmillan, Liturgical Music had a great boost as did all things Liturgical by the late Pope Benedict who inspired an increase in vocations to the Priesthood.

To be part of the proper process of renewal we need to learn new mass settings which aid us in our spiritual lives and for this we need an organist. This is a Parish of good singers and I was really inspired by how well people sang unaccompanied and I have noticed with the aid of an organist the congregation's enthusiasm for singing has increased. Without generous donations to this fund we will not be able to continue to pay our organist. I therefore propose a quarterly retiring collection to support this fund. If anyone has any ideas of how we can continue to raise money for this salary please do contact either me or the office. I for one would be heart broken if we took the backward step not to have an organist and I believe that many of you share this opinion.

Tom had no idea I was going to make this necessary appeal, I hope I have not embarrassed him.

I am away this weekend for my brother Michael's Birthday.

Thank you, Fr. Benedict for standing in for me.

God Bless Fr. Sean.

Mass Intentions - February

Saturday 11 th	5.00 pm	Mary Todd Int
Sunday 12 th	9.00 am 10.30 am	Maurice McGrath For His Soul Kathleen Moynihan Ani
Monday 13 th	10.00 am	Michael Culligan Dec'd
Tuesday 14 th	10.00 am	Joseph Moran R.I.P.
Wednesday 15 th	10.00 am	Paudie Palmer R.I.P.
Friday 17 th	6.00 pm	Bridget Grealish R.I.P.
Saturday 18 th	5.00 pm	Michael Houihan R.I.P.
Sunday 19 th	9.00 am 10.30 am	Joe Finucane R.I.P. Maurice & Catherine Cremin Ani

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 Segrais, 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 20 th	10.00 am
Monday 27 th	10.00 am
Tuesday 28 th	10.00 am

March

Wednesday 1 st	10.00 am,	Sunday 5 th	9.00 am
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Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

Saturday

Reader: O Conway
Eucharistic Minister: M Todd

Sunday

9.00 am
Reader: W Everitt
Eucharistic Minister:
10.30 am
Reader: Janet Graves
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).

Wedding:

The Wedding of Jonathan & Megan took place in our church on Friday afternoon at 1.00 pm, the Bride looked beautiful as did all in the wedding party. Thank you to the ladies for ushering.

Sausage Sunday 12th February (this Sunday):

This will be after the 9.00 am and 10.30 pm. Please join Margaret & Paul for their delicious sausage bap and excellent coffee.

Going forward:

Help Needed after the Sunday Masses with preparing the coffee & tea and washing up. Please put your name down on the sheet at the back of the Church. This is a good way to meet people.

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.

Readers:

We would like a few more readers for the Sunday 10.30 Mass and Eucharistic Ministers, please let me know if you would like to read or Eucharistic Minister for this Mass, as it is getting busier by the week, which is wonderful.

Paying Directly into The Bank:

Please can I ask if you are paying into the Bank for an intention or the Ton-Up Club that you put in the reference what the payment is for, as this will help me greatly when reconciling the bank.

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

Sunday 12th after 9.00 am & 10.30 Masses – Sausage Sunday.

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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Fri 9am – 1.00 pm