



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

3rd Sunday of Lent - Page 159

*First Reading Exodus 17 3-7, Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 94:1, Second Reading Romans 5:1 5-8
Gospel - John 4:5-42*

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel reading today our Blessed Lord tells the Samaritan Woman that he is the way to Eternal Life. That same offer is given to us and we can either accept it or reject it. We believe in the God of love and love is never forced on anyone it is a free gift that is offered to us every day of our lives.

How do we receive God's Love? Primarily we receive it in the Sacraments and the Sacraments that we would receive frequently are Confession and Holy Communion. God the Father understands our human nature and his son became man and was tempted in every way that we are. Like any Father who always forgives his child God offers us forgiveness in the sacrament of confession. Why do so many Catholics not respond to God's offer and receive his forgiveness and healing in this most wonderful Sacrament.

To say that we do not need a priest to bring that healing and forgiveness into our lives is not Catholic teaching. Christ himself said "go and forgive sins in my name" and in another passage "those sins you forgive are forgiven". It takes humility and courage to do this, during the Lenten Season it is a great opportunity to return to this Sacrament. Never be afraid to reach out to Christ and ask forgiveness, the priest is a mediator between God and man and needs to go to the Sacraments himself.

Friday the 31st March Fr. Michael O'Boy the parish priest of St. Alban & St Stephen will be hearing confessions in the Church between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity for those who find the thought of going to me for Confession to be daunting and terrifying. And the greatest means of Grace that the Lord offers us on this earth His very Self, contained in the most Holy Eucharist, His Body and Blood.

This is the Living Water he mentions in the Gospel to the Samaritan Woman, Food for our Souls and Food for the Journey. Our Lord gives us his Body as Food in Holy Communion and we have the privilege and opportunity to Worship His real Presence during Eucharistic Adoration when the Host is Exposed in the Monstrance for our Worship. Many times, in the Scriptures we are told how various people bow or knelt down to Worship Him, we too may do so as we Worship the same Christ mentioned in the Scriptures and Exposed for our Adoration.

Beginning next Saturday there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Saturday evening at 4.00 pm, I extend a special invitation to the extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to attend this Eucharist Devotion. You were chosen to bring Communion to the sick and then secondly to assist the Priest at Mass if numbers were so many it would take too long to distribute Communion. In your Ministry you are called to have particular devotion to the Eucharist for it is an extraordinary privilege to touch the Host and give Communion to the Sick and Housebound. Let us pray that all of us in the Parish of Corpus Christi will grow in Love, Reverence and Understanding of our Lords Real Presence in the Eucharist. God Bless You All, Fr. Sean.

Mass Intentions - March

Saturday 11th 5.00 pm Dominic & Kieran Tucker R.I.P.

Sunday 12th 9.00 am Mary Langley R.I.P.
10.30 am Alife Dungan Anni.

Monday 13th 10.00 am

Tuesday 14th 10.00 am People of the Parish

Wednesday 15th 10.00 am

Friday 17th 6.00 pm
6.30 pm Stations of The Cross.

Saturday 18th 5.00 pm Rocco Adamis R.I.P.

Sunday 19th 9.00 am Cathy Wehrle R.I.P.
10.30 am Gerald Ellicott Dec'd R.I.P.

Exposition will be at 4.00 pm and Confessions will be at 4.15 pm on Saturday 18th March before the 5.00 pm Mass.

Reconciliation before Easter: Friday March 31st There will be Confessions between 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm and the visiting priest will be Fr. Michael from St Alban & St Stephen RC Church.

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Castells, Patrick Rice, Alison Marshall, Laurence Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Alice Perry, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Reilly, Matthew Fernandez, Colin & Kathleen Humphrys

Anniversaries

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

Dates that are free for Mass Intentions in March:

Monday 13th

Wednesday 15th

Friday 17th

20th - 22nd Fr Sean is on holiday

Saturday 25th 5.00 pm

Sunday 26th 9.00 am and 10.30 am

Monday 27th

Tuesday 28th - Fr. Sean has an appointment at the Royal Free.

Wednesday 29th -

Parish Priest – Fr Sean Thornton: Seanthornton@rcdow.org.uk
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Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

Saturday

Reader: D Leadbeater

Eucharistic Minister: M Todd

Sunday

9.00 am

Reader: G Hercek

Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am

Reader:

Eucharistic Minister

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.

Fr Sean: Fr Sean is on part of his annual leave from Monday 20th March to Friday 24th during the day. He will be saying Mass in the evening on Friday followed by Stations of The Cross.

Lenten Lunch March 15th: Please join us if you can, it's a Churches together lunch. There will be Soup, rolls and cheese and biscuits.

Bidding Prayers: Bernie who normally produces the Bidding Prayers is away for Sunday 26th March, 2nd April and 9th April., is there anyone who will be able to step in and produce these prayers for us while Bernie is away? Please let me know if you can.

Sausage Sunday March 12th: It must be the 2nd weekend in the month!! Please join Margaret & Paul and enjoy a breakfast of a Sausage Bap, excellent coffee and great chat.

St Patrick's Evening Saturday 18th at 7.00 pm: Tickets will be sold after the Saturday and Sunday Masses, please bring cash with you if you have put your name on the list. If you coming to the 5.00 pm Mass just come into the Hall after Mass and chill until the evening starts.

World Day of Prayer: Many thanks to those parishioners who attended and helped at last Friday's World Day of Prayer. It was a happy and prayerful event followed by refreshments, much appreciated by our guests from other Tring churches.

An Appeal by Monica a Governor at Thomas Moore School 18th & 19th March - Monica will be speaking at the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Just and Peace: I will be attaching a poster with the Newsletter from Michael Demidecki, it's the J & P News has some interesting pieces in it.

Getting the Church Ready for Easter April 1st: As Easter is on April 9th, I would like to get the Church ready on Saturday 1st April at 10.00 am till around 12.00 pm, there will be coffee and croissants or hot cross buns. A list will be at the back of the Church next week, please put you name down if you can help. Thank you ☺

The Craft Group 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm will be meeting for the first time on Wednesday 19th April, there will be more details about this group nearer the time.



Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy will be held in the hall during the Sunday 9 am Mass. The children listen to a reading, have a discussion and do a related craft activity. We go from the church to the hall before the start of mass and return for the offertory. Suitable for ages up to eight years old. Thank you, Ide Powell.

Dates for your Diary - March

12 th March	Sausage Sunday – after 9.00 am & 10.30 am Masses
15 th March	Lenten Lunch 12.00 Noon – 2.00 pm
18 th March	St Patrick's Family Quiz Night 7.00 pm
19 th March	St Patrick's at Sacred Heart – Lunch time – please check their website for the times.
31 st March	Reconciliation before Easter – Confessions will be at 6.30 – 7.30 pm

April

1st April	Getting the Church ready for Easter
19 th April	First Wednesday for the Craft Group

Dates for the following groups to follow:

Sewing Group
Gardening Group
Walking Group