

# **CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117:2-4,13-15, 22-24 Second Reading 1 Peter 1: 3-9 & Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Dear Friends,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Parish's Celebration of Easter. The Church looked splendid and that was thanks to the volunteers, the flower ladies and anyone who volunteered in anyway to ensure our lovely Church was so beautiful for Our Lord's Resurrection.

If I say so myself, I thought the Liturgy wasn't too bad either! A big thanks to the Readers for bringing alive the Sacred Scriptures, the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for assisting when needed, the Altar Servers who were first class and to Annabelle for ensuring things ran so smoothly. But most of all I want to say an enormous Thank-You to Tom our new Organist and the Choir who worked so hard to beautify the Liturgy as it should be. St Augustine said "He who sings prays twice" and this is very true. I can't tell you how moved I was by their splendid contribution to the Liturgy. I must admit when I first arrived at the Parish I was saddened by the non-existence of a Choir and Organist, and was determined to try and change this. Luckily, I came into contact with Tom through Heather. It's wonderful not only to hear his talented playing on the organ but I am also touched by his great enthusiasm for music and the choir. He was soon joined by enthusiastic parishioners who formed the Choir. In the few months that they have been singing they have gone from strength to strength, and I have no doubt that soon we will be hearing the glories of Mozart, Haydn and Byrd. You never know, there might be even more musical parishioners out there who are hiding their talents under a pew. Do Sign Up!! And bring along your Voice, Oboe or Violin etc. But leave the tambourine at home!

We are a small Parish and have to be careful of any expenditure and so the Finance Committee have decided to have a regular collection. As far as I am concerned, and I know many of you mentioned after the Easter Masses how beautiful the music was, music has to be a priority within the expenditure of the Parish.

The Liturgy and the beauty of this Church is the most important part of my work as a Priest. A beautiful Church and good music raises our minds and hearts to God and draws us deeper into the Mystery of His Love. Playing the organ, for Tom and many parish organists, is their bread and butter and therefore we must try and pay the going rate. Without your generosity this can't happen.

I would also like to thank Annabelle for making things run so smoothly, not just in the office but in the Sacristy and Church. Annabelle does far more hours in the office than her salary allows and gives an enormous amount of time and support to me, which must I am sure, be very taxing for her.

I shall be off for the weekend but will be back for Kieran Tucker's Requiem Mass on Monday. Finally, can I thank you for your most generous Easter Offering to me and the many kind and thoughtful cards and gifts. God Bless Fr. Sean.

Mass	Intentions	- April
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<u>Mass Intentio</u>	ns – April		Sick List
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Fr. Sean's Intention	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
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am 10.30	Nora Procter R.I.P. People of the Parish	Sherwood, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Reilly, Matthew Fernandez Colin & Kathleen Humphreys, Margaret Tucker, Catherine Clifford
			<u>Anniversaries</u>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> -	10.00 am 12.00 Noon 1.00 pm	<i>No Mass</i> Kieran Tucker – Funeral Mass Burial at Tring Cemetery	We pray for Steve Wright, Petronella Ibbett, Aida Jones & Robert Fuller recently deceased and their grieving family.
	2.00 pm	The Wake in the Hall.	If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list,
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Denis McCarthy	please let Annabelle know.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Imy O'Connor Anni	Kieran's Funeral Monday April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Robert Fuller R.I.P.	Funeral Mass: 12.00 Noon Burial: 1.00 pm Tring Cemetery Wake: Corpus Christi Hall – 2.00 pm
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00 am 10.30 am	Petronella Ibbett R.I.P.	Danny, Kieran's son, has given us the website below to donate for Kieran's funeral and RSVP for the Wake after the funeral. https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/06-03-2023-kieran-
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> & S	unday 16 <sup>th</sup> Fr. Se	an is taking part of his Easter holiday;	james-tucker/
therefore Fr. Ben weekend.	edict will be here	saying Mass this evening and over the	https://rsvp.studio/kieran-tuckers-funeral/

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Parish Priest –: <u>frseanthornton@btinternet.com</u> Administrator: Annabelle Halliday: <u>tring@rcdow.org.uk</u> Office Hours: 9.00 am – 12.00 Noon – Mon, Wed & Fri 9am – 1.00 pm

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## **Update on Year To Date Income**

Assessable Income January – March

	2023	2022
Standing Orders	£7973.50	£7439.50
Loose Plate	£2181.54	£1691.79
Total	10,155.04	£9131.29

This shows an increase year to date of £1023.75, 11.2%

This increase is very welcome, thank you for your continued support.

#### **Organist Fund**

It was delightful to have Tom play the Organ and the Choir singing during the Easter Services. We have had numerous lovely comments saying how wonderful the music was, how it really enhanced the Easter week at Corpus Christi. Thank you, Tom.

As we have previously mentioned, the organist is an additional expense to the Parish. We will therefore be making an appeal next weekend for the Organist Fund.

#### Ministers for the weekend of Saturday/ Sunday 15th & 16th April

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

5.00 pm Mass Reader: L. Fabre & Family Eucharistic Minister: Jenny Brown

Sunday 16th

9.00 am Mass Reader: W. Everitt Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am Mass Reader: Eucharistic Minister: Annabelle Halliday

<u>Articles for the Newsletter -</u> Please send any pieces for the Newsletter by Wednesday to <u>tring@rcdow.org.uk</u> <u>Corpus Christi Church Tring, Langdon Street, HP23 6BA</u> <u>Tel: 01442 823161 e-mail: tring@rcdow.org.uk</u>

#### <u> Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) –</u>

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#### 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.



### <u>Children's liturgy</u>

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.

#### Mass Intentions

If you would like to book a Mass intention, please call the parish, e-mail, or see Annabelle. The Diocesan suggested offering is £10. Many thanks.

Mass envelopes are at the back of the church, please make sure your phone number is on the envelope. Many thanks.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

- Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April: Gardening between 10.00 am 12.00 Noon – plans are to tidy up the borders and plants. Volunteers will be treated to freshly made coffee & tea. Please try and join the Gardening Club.
- Sun 16<sup>th</sup> April: Sausage Sunday after the 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses. There is also a book sale organised by Caroline.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April: after the 10.00 am Mass there will be coffee & biscuits in the Sacristy.
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April: there will be Knitting/Crochet club from 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm - everyone is welcome.
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Sew & Natter Group 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm