



## CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Pg. 96 in the Parish Mass Books

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 – Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88 2-3, 16-19 “I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord”

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

Dear Parishioners,

When I was a little boy, I always had a huge problem whenever I heard this passage from the Gospel read, because how could I have more love for anyone than my mother and father? It was impossible for me to imagine, loving a person or a thing more than I loved them. As my relationship with God grew and deepened I began to understand this passage more clearly. For many people it still raises questions about their loyalty and love.

Throughout the history of mankind there are countless examples where people have put their love for God first. In our own history during the Reformation people died for their love of God when denounced by their own family members. Mothers and Fathers betrayed their own children who had become Catholic and children denounced their own parents for holding to the true faith. In modern times in family lives I have known parishioners, and one case in particular, who were ridiculed for going to Sunday Mass. One lady I can think of was laughed at by her own children too influenced by their atheist father for believing in God and going to Sunday Mass.

In the recent conflict in Iraq when a group Christians were captured by Islamic terrorists it was discovered that one of the captives was not a Christian and was told he could go home to his family, but on discovering that his fellow workers because of their Christian faith were to be beheaded he said “If all these men are willing to die for their belief in God, their belief must be true” and he chose to die along with them. The church calls the death of a non-Christian in defence of the faith “Baptism by Blood”.

The love that God has for us makes me shiver at times, for it is love completely beyond my comprehension and understanding and if that man, that tortured figure on the cross, would die for love of me in such a horrific way then he must be my first love. Our religion is all about love - its very foundation is love and love is a gift. What must the giver of that love be like?

God Bless, Fr. Sean.

### Mass Intentions for the Month of July

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July 5.00 pm Thanksgiving (Carmen Randall)

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9.00 am Magdalene Davis Int  
10.30 am O’Connell Family R.I.P.

Mon No Mass Fr. Sean on holiday

Tue No Mass Fr. Sean on holiday

Wed No Mass Fr. Sean on holiday

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 6.00 pm Maurice McGrath Dec’d Birthday

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July 5.00 pm Bridget & Frank Nash R.I.P. Anni

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 am Annabelle Halliday’s Family INT  
10.30 am People of the Parish

Fr. Benedict will be saying Mass on Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>.

Confessions will be available from 4.15 pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

### 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, Paul Donnelly, Andrew Reilly, Catherine Clifford, Willie Nordick, Pierre Corrun, Lana Ridley, Linda Pennicott, John Lloyd.

### Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased, Maxwell Evans and his grieving family.

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

### Collections: - January 2023 - June 2023

Loose plate - £4,852.15

Standing Orders: £16,023.00

### The dates below are free for a Mass Intention

Tue 11<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July 6.00 pm

## Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Reader: Chris Pennicott

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Todd

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>

9.00 am

Reader: Grace Hercek

Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am

Reader:

Eucharistic Minister:

Child/Toddler bed for sale hardly used, complete with mattress and bedding 140 x 90 cm.

Price to be agreed, to be donated to CAFOD. Please contact Caroline on 07713148130

## What Is a SPOG? As SPOG's we are 'Special People of God.'

SPOG is Corpus Christi's YOUTH GROUP and all young ones in Year 4 (post F.H.C.) upwards to roughly Year 8.

Time: 6.30pm to 8pm.

Dates: Wednesdays Term time.

Venue: Church Hall.

Cost: £1.50 per session.

For the younger children it can be 6.30pm to 7.30pm, parents welcome. There's plenty of tea/coffee!

We are very fortunate to have several adults who support the group and they are invaluable.

Any queries: contact Tricia on mob 07927 313165 or email [patriciaapps@aol.com](mailto:patriciaapps@aol.com).

Next week games indoors/ outdoors dependent on weather, following week T shirt printing.



New-Dawn-In-The-Church-Walsingham-202

The New Dawn website <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/> provides more detailed information as well as links to available accommodation in the Walsingham area. There is also information about the availability of seats on a coach from Euston Station to take pilgrims from London to Walsingham on Monday, 31st July, returning on Friday, 4th August - <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/travel/>

Mission Unleashed: an event with Cardinal Tagle. The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

## Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSRs) -

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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.

## Servers

\*We will need to change the date of the Servers training to Saturday July 15th 10.30 – 11.30, please let me know if your child is interested in becoming a server.

Annabelle

## Churches Together at Tring Summer Carnival Saturday 15 July - 12 Noon - 5.00 pm

Dear all

We are looking forward to Tring's Summer Carnival and as usual have planned a creative CTT stall with craft and things for all ages!

If anyone can help out on the rota for an hour (or two!) between midday and 5pm, please let me know when so I can add you.

We are also going to be giving away honeycomb, so if you have any bakers who'd like to make this please let me know and I can tell them where and when to drop it off.

With many thanks

Polly

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