



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Page 102 in the Parish Mass Books

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11, Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 64: 10-14

Second Reading: Romans 8: 18-23 Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel today, in which Christ explains the parable of the Sower, urges us to reflect on the depth of our own faith. I was reading about a Catholic country where there has been a massive decline in Mass attendances in the last decade or so; in that country there had been a considerable number of child abuse cases involving priests. This scandalized not only the inhabitants of that country but throughout the world. Understandably the discovery of such crimes over decades was shocking and traumatic. Probably as a result of this, a huge number of Mass-attending people have lapsed from the faith. Although each and everyone of us are rightly horrified by sex abuse scandals, should such crimes empty us of our faith? Understandably, family members where crimes were committed may never recover from the shock and our prayers and thoughts go out to them. But for thousands of people to stop practising their faith seems very sad. We cannot judge our faith through the actions of individuals, and if we do, and I am being the devil's advocate here, does it show that our faith has little depth?

A different scenario was the Pandemic and the large number of people who have not returned to the church on a Sunday. Admittedly there are a minority of those who are genuinely fearful of crowds during and after the Pandemic. For a larger percentage going to Mass was perhaps only a habit and not a reflection of Faith. If we believe in what the Eucharist truly is and understand our membership of the Church, the Body of Christ, we would never miss a Mass. Another reason why some lapse from the Faith is the death of a loved one; their grief is so desperately deep, and I understand that, that they wish to blame someone for their dreadful loss and God is the culprit.

Christ in the Gospel speaks about this "Depth of Faith"; in the Parable he tells where some people lose their Faith very easily because it has no root in them, or where the lure of riches chock the faith they have as material things are more important to them. Then of course there is the other group of people where their Faith lands in rich soil, because they hear the word of God, understand it and live it.

As from today there will be no newsletter until September. There will be a list of Mass times and Intentions at the back of the Church, on the noticeboard outside, and on-line. I would like to wish everyone a joyful and happy Summer Holiday and if you are travelling from Tring, a safe journey. I am writing this at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon and the rain is pouring out from the skies. Let's hope the Lord will bless us with plenty of sunshine. God Bless, Fr. Sean

Mass Intentions for the Month of July

Sat 15 th	5.00 pm	Robina Scahill Recently Dec'd
Sun 16 th	9.00 am 10.30 am	Kathleen Moynihan R.I.P.
Mon 17 th	10.00 am	Hannah McChesney-Martin R.I.P.
Tues 18 th	10.00 am	
Wed 19 th	10.00 am	Thanksgiving
Fri 21 st	6.00 pm	Ken Pickering R.I.P.
Sat 22 nd	5.00 pm	Michael Mortimer R.I.P.
Sun 23 rd	9.00 am 10.30 am	People of the Parish

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish -

We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Dhoon Casstells, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Andrew Reilly, Catherine Clifford, Willie Nordick, Pierre Corrun, Lana Ridley, Linda Pennicott, John Lloyd

Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased, Joe Moroney, Maxwell Evans & Robina Scahill and their grieving families. If you wish to add a name to our sick list or the deceased list, please let Annabelle know

Offertory For the weekend of 8th & 9th July

Loose Plate - £196.47

Mass Intentions: The following dates are free for Mass Intentions:

Tuesday 18th July 10.00 am

Sunday 23rd July 10.30 am

Mon 24th, Tue 25th & Wed 26th July, 10.00 am

Ministries for the weekend of Saturday/Sunday

Saturday

Reader: Sue Wright

Eucharistic Minister: Lucy Hutt

Sunday

9.00 am

Reader: W. Everitt

Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am

Reader: Betty McMahon

Eucharistic Minister: Annabelle Halliday

CAFOD appeal: At Masses this weekend there will be a short talk in support of a campaign to request the World Bank to support small farmers who, at present, are being forced to buy expensive seeds from large companies instead of using and sharing their own seeds. This makes their efforts to grow food unsustainable. There will be a letter at the back of the church for you to sign (name only required) so please do support the small farmers. Further information from Caroline on 07713 148130."

I. 01362 421442. www.walsinghamcommunity.org

Children's Liturgy: This Sunday (16th) will be the last children's liturgy. We will have a break over the school summer holidays and return again on Sunday 3rd of September.

Young Adults Formation

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer.

As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such as *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*.

There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September.

To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org

Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4AZ.

Dates for your Diary:

Sewing Group – Saturday 29th July 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Sausage Sunday Sept 10th after 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses
Wednesday 13th Sept – Coffee after the 10.00 am Mass

Provisional Dates: These dates might change
Saturday 18th Nov – Quiz Night & with Fish & Chips
Thursday 14th December – Ladies Christmas Dinner

There will be a Craft Fayre around the end of November - date and time will be given at a later date.

There will be handmade goods from our knitting and sewing clubs.

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.

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.

Volunteers

I would like to start a Volunteer Directory to help with transporting parishioners to and from doctors & hospital appointments, bringing them to Mass or Parish functions etc. if they need transport.

If I could get about half dozen people it will mean that we can have a weekly rota of available drivers.

The only criteria will be that you will have to do a Safeguarding course. Heather Houston or Sue Wright our Safeguarding representatives will be able to advise you.

Please let me know if this is something a few of you would be interested to giving your time to.

Just e-mail me tring@rcdow.org.uk or ring me on

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