



CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9 - Responsorial Psalm - 62: 2-6

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2 - Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Dear Parishioners,

I believe that in every Catholic home there should be a Crucifix, for it reminds us and anyone visiting our home that this is a Catholic family, its also a daily reminder of God's love for us. Looking at the Crucifix stirs up different emotions in different people and for some people the Crucifix of our Lord is a gruesome image that they do not care to see. In recent times it become popular in some places to replace the bleeding body of Christ with a clothed Christ or a resurrected Christ to hid the suffering and remind us of the Resurrection.

In our own Church we have a beautiful Cross donated by Canon Berry hanging over the Sanctuary and it is greatly appreciated. Personally, I prefer at Mass to see a suffering Christ as it is a reminder that the Mass is first and foremost a sacrifice during which the sacrifice on Calvary is made present again on the Altar. Again, speaking personally, the Crucifix with a suffering Christ is the most powerful symbol of love.

In the Gospel today, our Lord tells his disciples of his future suffering and death and reminds them that if they wish to be followers of his they must also be prepared to embrace the Cross and follow in his footsteps. The idea of suffering is something that none of us wants or desires in our own lives or the lives of those we love. I was very much reminded of this when I saw the sufferings of my own Mum when she was dying of Cancer. I prayed and prayed that God would take from her this pain and even asked him to give it to me instead of her. When we watch a loved one suffer we can seriously question the existence of a loving God. The most painful thing I have done in my life so far was to give my Mother the Last Rites. It is only on later reflection that I could see the love of God and his mercy in this suffering. I was drawn closer to God and I believe so was my Mum, somehow, we have to offer our own sufferings and those we love to the sufferings of Christ on the Cross and it is sometimes only through suffering that we realise how much we love. No one wishes to look for the Cross and we should certainly try to help those who are suffering under its burden, but there will be moments in all of our lives when we must heed the words of our Lord "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his Cross and follow me"
God Bless you all Fr. Sean.

Mass Intentions for the Month of July

Sat 2 nd	5.00 pm Agnes Keane R.I.P.
Sun 3 rd	9.00 am Anderson Family Int 10.30 am People of The Parish 12 Noon Fintrá Butler's Baptism
Mon 4 th	10.00 am No Mass Fr. Sean is on Holiday
Tues 5 th	10.00 am No Mass Fr. Sean is on Holiday
Wed 6 th	10.00 am No Mass Fr. Sean is on Holiday
Fri 8 th	6.00 pm <u>Canon Derek is saying Mass</u>
Sat 9 th	5.00 pm Joanna Nash R.I.P. <u>Canon Derek is saying Mass</u>
Sun	9.00 am Stephen Halliday RIP 10.30 am <u>Fr. Benedict is saying the Masses</u>

Confessions at 4.15 am on Saturday

Offertory For the weekend of
Loose Plate - £182.64

Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish –

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

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

I will be working from home next week when Fr. Sean is on holiday, the phone will be re-direct to my mobile. There will be a Brief Newsletter next weekend.

Holidays:

Fr. Sean –	4 th Sept – 11 th Sept 18 th Sept – Fri 22 nd Sept 9 th Oct – 15 th Oct
Anna - Adventure W/end	17 th Sept – Wed 20 th Sept 29 th Sept – 2 nd Oct

Ministries for the weekend in September

Saturday 2nd

Reader: Chris Pennicott

Eucharistic Minister: Jenny Brown

Sunday 3rd

9.00 am

Reader: Gerry Maloney

Eucharistic Minister:

10.30 am

Reader: David Leadbeater

Eucharistic Minister:

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat 2023

at St John Fisher RC Church, 80 Imperial Close, North Harrow, HA2 7LW on Saturday 9 September from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers.

The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School Open Evenings for Year 7 (First Form pupils)

These events are designed for parents and prospective pupils to attend. They will include an address from Mr Stubbings, Headmaster, and a tour of the school.

Thursday 14th September 2023 & Tuesday 19th September 2023. The Headmaster will speak at 4.30pm and 6.00pm.

Full details are available on our website
<https://www.cvms.co.uk/Admissions/>

John F Kennedy Catholic School

Applications for secondary transfer 2024-25 opens in September 2023 and closes on 31st October 2023.

Please view our 2024-25 Admissions Policy which details the application process and supplementary forms for completion and submission to JFK.

Open Evening – Tuesday 3rd October 2023, 6.00-9.00pm – tours of the school during the evening with 2 bookable presentations by the Headteacher, at 6pm and 7pm, with limited seats and requiring booking in advance

Open Morning – Wednesday 11th October 2023, 9.30am – an opportunity to see the school in action (limited availability and advised to only book if unable to attend Open Evening), bookable in advance

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.

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

Fri 8 th	6.00 pm
Mon 11 th	10.00 am
Tue 12 th	10.00 am
Wed 13 th	10.00 am
Fri 15 th	6.00 pm
Sat 16 th	5.00 pm
Sun 17 th	9.00 am
Sat 24 th	9.00 am
Mon 25 th	10.00 am
Tue 26 th	10.00 am
Wed 27 th	10.00 am
Sat 30 th	5.00 pm

Dates for your Diary

Sausage Sunday unfortunately is cancelled for September as Margaret & Paul have a work's event on Sunday the 10th.

The next Sausage Sunday will be on October 8th after the 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses

Wednesday September 13th – Coffee & Chat after the 10.00 am Mass

Wednesday 13th – Crochet & Knit Club at 2.00 pm in the Hall, all welcome including complete beginners.

Sunday 24th September - Canon Vincent Berry's Mass at 10.30 am and a Blessing of his Grave Stone at Tring Cemetery, followed by Wine & Cheese in the Hall. More details to follow

December 2nd – Fr. Sean is having a Christmas Drinks Party for all Volunteer workers in the Parish at the Presbytery after the 5.00 pm Mass.

December 14th Ladies Christmas Meal has been booked at the Kings Arms, names and deposits will be taken from late September.

Sunday December 17th - 3.00 pm Nativity Play, followed by Carols and a Parish Tea in the Hall afterwards