



# CORPUS CHRISTI, TRING

*Third Sunday of Lent - pg. 158 in the Parish Mass Book*

Dear Parishioners

In this week's first reading we hear about God giving the 10 Commandments to Moses, and since then these Commandments have surely been the very foundation of all Jewish & Christian communities and laws. They give us a direction and foundation to our lives and we are reminded of how our first love and duty is to God and secondly how we should treat and love our neighbour. If we were to keep these Commandments we would live in a perfect society - however, we are flawed human beings who have through Original Sin the desire to sin ourselves.

The First three Commandments tell us about our duty to God and that we have no other Gods but him. That his name is Sacred and we should not misuse it, I for one am very conscious that I do sometimes take the Lord's name in vain, it might be when I make a mistake or when driving the car. The Sabbath we are told must be kept Holy, what does that mean to us in 2024? It means that we express our love for God and all He has done for us when we come to Mass each and every Sunday. When we love someone, we desire to give them our time, we want to be with them and open our hearts to them, and we do this every day in our prayer life with God. God the Father and God the Son have called on us to come together as a Community to express both our individual and communal life. The early Christians very quickly changed the Jewish Sabbath, which is on a Saturday, to a Sunday. The reason for this was of course the Lord's Resurrection on a Sunday and also that the Jewish converts to Christianity were quickly expelled from the Synagogues.

So, from the very beginnings of the Church the Christian Community has gathered together to Celebrate the Mass, The Holy Eucharistic. Christ at the Last Supper called on his disciples to "do this in memory to me" and so we, over 2000 years later, gather in this Church not out of fear but out of love, we gather to receive food for our Souls and strength for the journey.

Whoever the priest may be, he stands at the Altar not as an individual such as Fr. John or Fr. Peter, he stands in Persona Christi, that is in the Person of Christ. His personality etc in some ways ceases to exist and he becomes, however unworthy, Christ at the Altar and it is through him standing in the person of Christ that we receive our sacred food, Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

God Bless Fr. Sean

## Offertory

Loose Plate – £227.46 - thank you for your generosity.

## Mass Intentions for the Month of March

Sat 2nd	5.00 pm	Dr. Garth Cocking R.I.P
Sun 3rd	9.00 am 10.30 am	Kathleen Hayes Anni Sheila Finucane Anni
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 Noon	Dominic Tucker R.I.P
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Kieran Tucker R.I.P.
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	John Maloney R.I.P.
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	5.00 pm	Derek Kierner R.I.P.
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am 10.30 am	Irma Kurucz R.I.P. Aoife Dungan Anni

## Funerals:

Paul Deane – Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> – 11.30 am - Funeral Mass

Andrew Reilly – Andrew's body will be welcomed into the church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 am - Funeral Mass

## Mass Times for Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm Mass of The Lord's Supper
Good Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Stations of The Cross  11.00 Walk of Witness, Churches Together start from St. Martha's Church, Chapel Street.  3.00 pm Passion of The Lord
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00 am Giles Harwood R.I.P. 10.30 am Joseph Finucane Anni

## Sick List

The Sick and the Housebound in our parish –  
We pray especially for: Winifred Winstone, Elizabeth Le Juge de Segrais, Phyllis Edwards, Michael Glencross, Catherine Clifford, Willie Nordick, Pierre Corrun, Lana Ridley, Francis Sheridan, Susan McQueen, Jasmin Mayo, Pete Harrison

## Anniversaries

We pray for all who are recently deceased especially Andrew Reilly and Paul Deane, and their grieving families.

### Ministries for the weekend in March 2024

#### Saturday 2nd

Reader: Pricilla Milton

Eucharistic Minister: Lucy Hutt

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

9.00 am

Reader: Paul Kelly

Eucharistic Minister: Annabelle Halliday

10.30 am

Reader: Heather Houston

Eucharistic Minister: Gerry Booth

### Sanctuary Candle

This week, the Candle will be lit in memory of WILLIAM CREMIN, recently deceased.

*If you wish to have the Sanctuary Candle lit for a Special Intention or Anniversary, please let me know.*

Lenten Alms – This year's Almsgivings will be for the Florence Nightingale Hospice- there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection at the end of Mass.

### Stations of The Cross

Will be on Fridays after the 6.00 pm Mass

Mass Intention Envelopes – Please can you fill in all the details on the Mass Intention envelopes as we can Gift Aid it. The name/address of the Donor is important for me to check if they are Gift Aiders.

### Dates still available for Mass Intentions

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 6.00 pm (Evening Mass again this week)

Children's Liturgy is held on Sunday at the 9.00 am Mass, please bring your children along as it is a wonderful way for them to learn about the Scriptures. The children listen to the Gospel 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.



### 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).

### 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.

### Dates for your Diary in March

#### 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Florence Nightingale Hospice

Michael from Florence Nightingale is going to speak a bit about the hospice on Saturday 5.00 pm Mass & Sunday 9.00 am & 10.30 am Mass.

#### St Patrick's Celebration:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Sacred Heart Berkhamsted,

#### St Patrick's Day Special Sausage Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> March after 9.00 & 10.30 am Masses

#### Churches Lenten Lunch

Corpus Christi are hosting on Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 12 Noon – 2.00 pm – We will need soup & rolls.

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