

This week at St Lawrence's



28th/29th May 2016

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
(Missal Page 83 – YEAR C Vol. 2)



Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17
Next week: 10th Sunday of the Year (Missal Page 93): 1 Kings 17:17-24; Psalm 29;
Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 7:11-17

Dear Friends,

I love today's celebration, the **Feast of Corpus Christi** – the feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord. Corpus Christi was the name of my previous parish in Covent Garden, and as Cardinal Manning said in his sermon at the opening of the Church in 1872, a shrine has been set up to honour the Blessed Sacrament in the heart of London. I was privileged to be Parish Priest there, and on this Feast Day each year we used to hold a street procession around Covent Garden market – and the buskers would stop whatever they were playing and strike up "Amazing Grace" and "O When the Saints go marching in" as the procession passed. It was beautiful. I love this feast too because, if the Mass is central to your life then today's celebration is one great big song of praise.

On this day each year our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Eucharistic Ministers – renew their commitment to this very special ministry in the parish. Several of them don't just give Holy Communion at the weekend but take the Blessed Sacrament to our sick and housebound parishioners at home or in hospital. This journey from Church to the equally sacred space of someone's home is a kind of Blessed Sacrament procession all of its own. Their commitment ceremony today is a reminder that we can all commit to the same, each of us Eucharistic Ministers in our own way, ministering and giving the mercy, love, joy and peace of Christ to one another and to a world which hungers for Him, our Bread of Life.

Before each Mass at the weekend our Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers pray this prayer together in the sacristy. I share it with you today – for today and for every Mass you come to:

God our Father, you have given us the privilege
of serving at your altar.

Help us to be attentive and reverent in your home.
May we always think of what we are doing and saying,
and may we listen to your word.

May we give glory to you
and be an example to others

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With my love and prayers for each of you.

Fr Chris

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

A warm welcome to Sophia Pawelek, Olivia Hope Castillo, Kenneth Aseda Junior Morrison and Christian Nathan Chinkhandwe who were baptised this weekend and offer our congratulations to their families.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our warmest congratulations to Roselin Leopold and Amit Singh who celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please keep our 114 children in your prayers who will receive their First Holy Communion at our weekend Masses on the **4th/5th, 11th/12th, 18th/19th and 25th/26th June**.

First Holy Communion Rehearsals will take place **Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June**, please refer to the schedule you were given at the parents meeting to ensure you are at the correct rehearsal.

CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Groups 1 and 2 will take place on **Saturday 2nd July 2016** at 12 noon. The Reconciliation Service for both Confirmation groups will be on **Thursday 23rd June** in Church at 7pm and the rehearsal will take place on **Thursday 30th June** at 7pm.

PARISH NOTICES

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

There will be an outdoor Eucharistic Procession of Witness after the 11am Mass this Sunday.

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to renew their commitment at any of the Masses this weekend. There is a sign up list in the sacristy.

HELPING HANDS GROUP

The Helping Hands group will meet on **Thursday 2nd June** in the school hall at 7.30pm. If you have signed up to be part of this group or would like to find out more, please come along to the meeting.

If you have received your DBS form back please bring this with you, we will also need to take your photo then you can be issued with a St. Lawrence's Church ID badge, which you will need when visiting parishioners.

FIRST FRIDAY AND CAFOD COFFEE MORNING

Our early bird Mass will take place at 6.45am on **Friday 3rd June** and CAFOD's First Friday Coffee Morning will take place after the 9.30am Mass.

SATURDAY MORNING CHANGES

There will be **no** 11am Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions on **Saturday 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th June**. Instead there will be special First Holy Communion Masses at 12 noon, to which everyone is invited.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - fantastic response

Last weekend's appeal on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need raised £1,901.00 for oppressed and persecuted Christians. Thank you for your great generosity and for being such a friendly and welcoming parish (Chris Long – ACN).

If you didn't get the opportunity to donate, there is still time, please consider sponsoring our parish rep, who will be running the British 10k for ACN in London on 10th July. To give £3, you can text HAMJ52 to 70070 - or visit www.justgiving.com/HELEN-MCILDOWIE-JENKINS. Thank you for your continued support.

SUMMER FIESTA 2016

The Goan Community are holding a Summer Fiesta on **Saturday 16th July** from 7.00pm in the School Hall. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Centre Building Fund. There will be delicious Goan food, Live Band and dancing, spot prizes, raffle prizes. Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Adults: £12.00 Children (6-10 years) - £6.00. Dress code: Summer wear/dress to impress. Contact George or Johnny.

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHURCH DRIVEWAY*****

There will be **NO vehicle access from Monday 6th June to Sunday 12th June inclusive** in the Church driveway due to drainage works. Please do not attempt to bring your car up The Green.

PARISH SUMMER BARBECUE

The Parish Barbecue will be held on **Saturday 11th June** from 7pm in the School Hall. Bring your own drinks. Tickets on sale this weekend: Adults £5.00 Children under 11 £2.50.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we have eight vacancies that have arisen for the Parish Pastoral Council Committee and are looking for nominations of candidates – "ideas people" who would bring prayerful good sense to our discussions. Do you know somebody in the Parish who "fits the bill"? Even yourself, perhaps? Please nominate someone for election to the Parish Council – be sure to ask their permission first. There are forms at the back of the Church if you would like to complete and return to the Parish Office. Closing date for nominations is today, **Sunday 29th May**.

OTHER

SPIRIT IN THE CITY FESTIVAL (1-4 JUNE)

For a detailed programme pick up a leaflet from the back of Church or see flyer on the notice board. Also on **1st June** the UK Premier of "Full of Grace", the story of Mary, Mother of Jesus at 6.30pm Prince Charles Cinema. Tickets £15.00 – see flyer on notice board.

CELEBRATE TWICKENHAM

On **Saturday, June 18th and Sunday 19th** at St Mary's University, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham, Greater London TW1 4SX.. *The theme this year is "Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8)*. For more details visit the website at:

www.celebrateconference.org or see flyers in the porch. **Highly Recommended**

VOCATIONS PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Saturday 18 June. A day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated and married life. For further details and bookings, contact Fr Richard at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH PILGRIMAGES

YEAR OF MERCY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

Date: **Saturday 9th July**. The cost is £20.00 per person. The coach is now **FULL** but there is a waiting list in case anyone drops out. **All those who have put your names on the list but haven't yet paid, please do so by 31st May to secure your seat**. Please post your money in an envelope, clearly marked with your name and "WALSINGHAM", to the Parish Office.

LOURDES 2016

LAST CALL FOR ANYONE WISHING TO GO TO LOURDES, there is still time to book a place. Dates: **23rd-31st July**. On the way to Lourdes we will be visiting the shrine of the Sacred Heart in Paray le Monial and on the return journey we will be stopping in Poitiers and Lisieux – the shrine of St Therese. Price £699 per person based on two sharing plus insurance £35.00, single room supplement £199 per person. Price includes full board whilst in Lourdes and half board at stops on route. Forms available from the Parish Office, complete and return as soon as possible. We especially need young people (16+) to help care for our sick, disabled and elderly pilgrims, and a nurse to accompany us on the pilgrimage.

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the souls of **Lancelot Potts RIP, Hanna McCluskey RIP** and **James Egan RIP** who died recently. Please also keep in your prayers their loved ones and all who mourn them. Their funerals will take place on:

Hanna McCluskey RIP – Memorial Service at St Lawrence's on **Friday 3rd June** at 10.45am

James Egan RIP – **Monday 13th June** at 11am at St Lawrence's.

Lancelot Potts RIP – **Tuesday 14th June** at 11am at St Lawrence's.

Mass intentions and other services this week:

Saturday 28th Feria	11.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	11.45	Benediction
	12.00	Jonathan & Sarika Fernandes in Thanksgiving
	12.45	Sophia Pawelek, Olivia Hope Castillo, Kenneth Aseda Morrison Jnr and Christian Nathan Chinkanowe
	13.30	Wedding of Roselin Leopold and Amit Singh
	15.00	Mass in Tagalog led by the Filipino Community (Flores de Mayo and Santacruzán)
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	People of the Parish
+ Sunday 29th THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	09.00	Frank O'Connor RIP (Anniversary)
	11.00	Barbara May Light RIP <i>(followed by Eucharistic Procession of Witness)</i>
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	Melky D'Costa RIP
Monday 30th Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Blanche Rocha RIP
Tuesday 31st THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Brigid Geoghean RIP
	10.00	<i>Novena to Our Lady</i>
Wednesday 1st St Justin	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 2nd Feria	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Danny & Tom Glasheen and Mary Ward RIP
Friday 3rd THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	06.45	Martin Dean-Ferguson RIP
	09.15	Morning Prayer
	09.30	Joseph Perera RIP
	10.45	Memorial Service – Hanna McCluskey RIP
Saturday 4th The Immaculate Heart of Mary	12.00	First Holy Communion
	15.30	Wedding of Anna Gruszecka and Adam Apolnarski
	17.00	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	18.00	First Holy Communion
+ Sunday 5th Tenth Sunday of the Year	09.00	First Holy Communion
	11.00	First Holy Communion
	13.00	Mass in Polish (Msza sw.)
	18.00	People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp: Brian O'Neill RIP

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Offertory Collections:

21st/22nd May: Envelopes: £998.52 Loose: £842.42 Standing Orders: £530.10 **Total: £2,371.04**

PARISH CENTRE UPDATE: MONEY BANKED AS AT 24/05/2016 – £71,621.75

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Sunday Mass Times: Saturday 6 pm (Vigil Mass), Sunday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm (Polish) & 6 pm; Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) - Saturday 11am & 5pm