

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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22nd June 2014

THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Deserts are hot and harsh environments with no food and little vegetation. Humans are not able to live in such places without perishing from dehydration and starvation. If we suddenly found ourselves in the desert, we would soon become aware of what is essential for survival. The first reading today recounts the experience of the Israelites when God led them from slavery in Egypt through the desert to the Promised Land. They were hungry, thirsty and groaning. God had already given them the Ten Commandments, and now led them through this time of suffering to test them and see if they really trusted and believed in Him. He provided what was truly necessary – bread from heaven and water from the rock – to show them that they depend on Him for every good thing.

Our lives are in some ways like going through the desert. It can feel like a long and tiresome journey, where we are not happy or at peace. We can try to cling to things that give us comfort, just like the Israelites preferred to be in slavery in Egypt. But God had to lead them through the desert to freedom. There can be things in our lives that enslave us, addictions – big or small – and breaking free is difficult. It takes time, patience, and trust in God. The Lord purifies the chosen people in the desert, giving them what was essential to sustain them for each day, so they would not forget their dependence on Him.

As the Israelite people received the essentials for life, likewise the Lord gives us what is essential for eternal life in the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. Whoever eats me will draw life from me.' To receive Holy Communion is to receive Jesus Himself. If we receive this food with the right disposition, our souls are filled with grace; we are nourished and strengthened on the road to eternal life. Holy Communion can transform us into Who it is we receive, that is Christ – we become what we receive.

The Eucharist is the greatest treasure and gift that Christ left for us. We should never underestimate its power, but it is essential to approach it with the right attitude. If we are conscious of having committed any serious sin, we should go to confession before receiving Holy Communion at Mass. We also keep a fast one hour before Communion. To put ourselves in the right frame of mind, we should spend some time quietly preparing ourselves before Mass. When we go to meet a friend, we think a lot about it beforehand; where we will meet, what time we will arrive, what we will say, what we will wear. We will make great efforts for something as trivial as going to a concert, and yet be lazy when it is time to meet Jesus at Mass. Yet here at Mass we not only meet, but may also intimately receive our Lord and Master, hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. We priests also have to remind ourselves that saying Mass is not a routine. If we approach Mass with the right frame of mind, the Lord will transform us.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we are reminded of this great gift of the Eucharist. Through it we receive the grace that reminds us of our total dependence on the Lord. Jesus said, 'I am the living bread come down from heaven. He who eats this bread will live forever.' Does the prospect of eternal life with the Lord really attract us? The Eucharist is the foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

Fr Maurice

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Prior attendance to Baptism Course required. The next course will take place on Monday 30th June at 7.30pm in the Church.

MARRIAGES: By appointment. Six months notice is required.

HOLY HOUR FOR NEW BISHOP: Bishop-elect Alan will be consecrated seventh Bishop of Brentwood at the Cathedral on Tuesday 1st July. We will be praying for his intentions and for our diocese during a holy hour from 6.00-7.00pm on Monday 30th June, to which all are welcome.

CHARITY FUNDRAISER: On Friday 4th July from 8pm, we will be hosting a charity fundraising event in the Parish Hall, to raise money for the Naughton family, former parishioners here, who have three boys with Duchenne's muscular dystrophy. The event includes a live band, raffle, auction and licensed bar, and tickets are still available this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2014-15: There will be a meeting for parents who would like their children to make their First Communion next summer (2015). This will take place in the Parish Hall at **7:30pm this Monday 23rd June**. The First Communion programme is open to children who are in school year 4 or older and who live in Our Lady and St George parish or whose families regularly attend Mass here.

HOLY FAMILY SUMMER FAIR: Saturday 28th June 2014, 12:00noon-4:00pm, 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 3EA. The Friends of Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form are holding an afternoon of family fun, with a driving school, stocks, coconut shy, foodie treats from Portugal and Africa along with what we think of as the best BBQ in the borough, afternoon tea and home made cakes will be for sale too, plus, we are showcasing our students many talents with a technology exhibition and the Holy Family Has Talent final! A limited amount of outdoor tables will be available at £ 15.00 (£10.00 if paid before the event); to book a table email t.friends@hollyfamily.waltham.sch.uk for a booking form or phone the school on 0208 520 0482. Entrance fee: 50p Adults, 20p children/concessions.

GIFT AID: Gift Aid is a government scheme that allows the parish to reclaim tax on all donations made by UK taxpayers, at no cost to you. If you are not currently enrolled in the Gift Aid scheme, please pick up a Gift Aid form from the back of the Church or for further information, please contact Hana on 07939 485957. This provides much-needed additional income for the upkeep of the Church and support of our schools.

PARISH CATECHISTS: On Monday 7th July, 7.30-9.30pm, Sr Nuala Gannon IBVM will be running a session for all parish catechists in the Church meeting room. This will be an opportunity to share good practice and to explore together questions related to our present approach to Sacramental preparation – for children, young people, adults and the parish community. All catechists are invited to attend.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos, the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are three weeks of the camp: For boys: 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August; for girls: 9th to 16th August For more details and for application forms log onto www.svpboscocamp.org.uk, or speak to one of the priests.

UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS? Do you have a musical instrument gathering dust in a drawer or cupboard, once used by you or your children, but no more? At St Teresa's, Basildon, children are working with classical musician James Rhodes to form a school

orchestra. Could you donate your instrument? Please contact Fr Dominic Howarth, 01268 281732, or email frdominic@basildoncatholics.org. We will pay postage or arrange a pick up, and your instrument will be put to very good use – it could truly transform the life of one of our children, as they discover new talents. Thank you.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING: Monday 23rd June is a National Day of Prayer and Fasting for the end of Abortion and Euthanasia. Please remember to pray and to fast in any way possible. This could be fasting on bread and water or it could be fasting from a particular thing i.e. alcohol, cigarettes, TV. For details see; www.goodcounselnetwork.com

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on **Sunday 29th June 2014 7.30pm to 9.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES by coach – great value, 6 days 5 nights in Lourdes, plus luxury coach travel and a central hotel, from just £418. Join 450 pilgrims of all ages on the 25th Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan Williams. There are a few coach places left, departing Brentwood on Friday 25th July, returning on Friday 1st August. The price includes all meals in Lourdes as well as a full Diocesan programme of Masses, liturgies, processions and social events. There is still time to book – full details at www.brentwoodlourdes.org or call Cathy O'Connor about booking, 01206 501146.

SIXTH FORM ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: 36 hours (plus 2 hours overtime) per week - 45.4 weeks per year; Salary Scale 5, Point 22 - £21,588 (full time equivalent). Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint an experienced Sixth Form Administrator from July 2014. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. If you are interested in applying for the post, details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email jlamarque@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday, 4th July 2014

TEACHING VACANCY: St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy requires for September 2014 a KS2 CLASS TEACHER (TLR2 considered for suitable applicant). Please telephone or email for details. Benton Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4AS, Tel 020 8590 5223 email: admin@st-aidans.redbridge.sch.uk.

SEN TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY: 15 hours per week - 43.2 weeks per year Salary Scale 2, Point 13 - £17,367 (full time equivalent). Trinity Catholic High School wishes to appoint a SEN Teaching & Clerical Assistant from May/June 2014. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. If you are interested in applying for the above post, details and an application form are available on the school website <http://fc.tchs.uk.net> or email sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Monday 30th June 2014.

RIP: Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Giannetta Monte, whose funeral will take place at St Patrick's Cemetery on Monday 23rd June at 2.30pm.

ROTAS – JUNE

Counting:	1/6 E	8/6 D	15/6 B	22/6 D	29/6 A
Hospital:	1/6 B	8/6 D	15/6 A	22/6 B	29/6 D
Christian Kitchen	31/5 C	7/6 Nor	14/6 D	21/6 E	28/6 F

The offertory collection for 15th June was £1449.45
Thank you very much for your generosity.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George
CORPUS CHRISTI (A)

6.00pm	Paciencia C Turvey (Ints)
Sun 22 nd June	<i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus (A))</i>
8.30am	Members of St George's Blessed Sacrament Confraternity
10.00am	Jan Salamonowicz (RIP)
12.00pm	Parish
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>
Mon 23 rd June	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Jack Cullen (RIP)
9.15am	Thomas Joseph Flynn (RIP)
Tue 24 th June	<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>
7.00am	Antonio Huba (Thanksgiving)
9.15am	Gordon Colleary (RIP)
Wed 25 th June	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Bridget Madu (Ints)
9.15am	Augustina Osei (RIP)
Thu 26 th June	<i>Feria</i>
7.00am	Bishop-elect Alan Williams (Ints)
9.15am	Doris Javris (Ints)
Fri 27 th June	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
7.00am	Holy Souls
9.15am	Richard Loughlin (RIP)
Sat 28 th June	<i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
10.00am	Hil Kavoci (RIP)
6.00pm	Chris Colaco (Ints)
Sun 29 th June	<i>Ss Peter and Paul</i>
8.30am	Adeline Rosario (RIP)
10.00am	Flory D'Souza (RIP)
12.00pm	Felicia D'Souza (RIP)
6.30pm	<i>[Ordinariate Mass]</i>

We pray for those in our parish community who are ill:

Christoper Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Maureen Bee, Denis Collins, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Angelina Hoareau, Archie Garrod, Gilda Baptiste, Margaret Messenger, Martin Keane, Muriel Chetty, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Ronald Rolle. Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati. Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Mary and Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Joan Beirne, Bill Walsh, Margaret Perry, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Boyce Chandasingh.

Morning Prayer:

Rosary:

Adoration & Exposition:

Reconciliation (Confessions):

Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.45am

Weekdays after morning Mass

Mon – Fri: 7.30am-8.30am and at the following times:

Mon: 10.00am – 7.00pm Weds: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Fri: 9.45am – 10.45am, Sat: 10.30am-11.30am

Sat. 10.30am – 11.00am. 5.00pm – 5.30pm (Or on request)