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## 19 June 2022

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (C)

### Corpus Christi

#### Masses & Intentions

Sat 18	<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
6pm	Bryan Hunt RIP
<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Day for Life</b>
9.30am	Peace on Earth and Care of the Planet
	Coffee Morning after Mass
11am	People of the Parish - esp. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Mon 20	<b>St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain</b>
8.30am	Exposition & Adoration
9.30am	Thanksgiving (MSL)
Tues 21	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>
	<b>(St John Rigby martyred, Southwark, 1600)</b>
9.30am	Marian Nowosielski RIP
Wed 22	<b>Sts John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs</b>
	No Mass Today
Thurs 23	<b>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>
10.15am	Funeral Mass: Brendan Caulfield RIP
Fri 24	<b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity</b>
9.30am	Frances Griffin RIP
10-11am	Exposition & Adoration
5pm	Rehearsal for FHC Mass on Sunday
Sat 25	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>
6pm	People of the Parish
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
9.30am	for Family Life
11am	FHC Children, Parents & Families

#### Readings: Corpus Christi

1st reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Resp. Psalm 109: *You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.*

2nd reading: 1 Cor 11:23-26

*Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone*

*who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11-17

**Our prayers are requested for** Clare Bertolotti, Mary Birch, Tony Harlow, Fiona Hopwood, Angelo Lopez, John Napier, Brian Stannard & Yvonne Webb.

**Today is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi**, a day when we reflect on the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist, the Bread of Life. Heaven and earth are united when we celebrate the Mass, when the bread and wine on the altar truly become the Lord's Body and Blood. We are celebrating Corpus Christi this year in between two celebrations of First Holy Communion. Fifteen of our young parishioners are receiving the Lord for the first time in Holy Communion. Can we remember our First Holy Communion? What does it mean to receive the very life of God into our very being? It is an awesome experience. Do I have a sense of awe, wonder and thanksgiving as I receive Holy Communion? Do I have a deep sense of reverence as I enter church, I see the sanctuary lamp lit, Christ truly present in the tabernacle? If I truly believe in the Real Presence, how could I not be overcome by God's love and want to live that love in so many ways? It can only be for our good to rediscover the Church's teaching on the Real Presence and for us to marvel at God's love inviting us to this banquet of eternal life - not only that, but to share in His divinity.

**Today is also Father's Day** Many good wishes to all our fathers and families. We also remember all our fathers who have died and we pray are in heaven. As we celebrate the World Meeting of Families and the Day for Life, we are well aware of the indispensable role of the parent in the family. It is often later in life that we realise just how important our parents are in our lives. Perhaps this is one of the areas we can look at in the future - parenting as Catholic and Christian parents. (see what Pope Francis says on fatherhood at the end of this newsletter)

**Celebrating The Family** Wednesday 22 June 2022 sees the start of the 10th World Meeting of Families (WMoF), held every three years, with events celebrating the family taking place globally. It runs until Sunday 26 June. Pope Francis will celebrate a special family Mass in Rome (which you can watch online) and issue a papal message on the importance of the family to the world. Do make use of the WMoF prayer card. Visit the website [World Meeting of Families June 22-26: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://WorldMeetingofFamiliesJune22-26:ArchdioceseofSouthwark(rcsouthwark.co.uk)) for more information.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Brendan Caulfield, whose Funeral Mass is here on Thursday

23 June at 10.15am. Please also keep his family in your prayers.

**Fr Tom Scannell** is settling in to his new home at St Peter's Residence, 2a Meadow Road, London SW8 1QH. Fr Tom celebrates his 80th birthday and the anniversary of his priestly ordination on 6 July 2022. Please do remember Fr Tom in your prayers and he would be delighted to receive a card from you.

**Congratulations** and the assurance of our prayers to Krzysztof Kaczmarek (son of Ella and Richard Kaczmarek) and Tatiana de Berg who celebrate their marriage in Monmouth on Saturday 25 June. May God's blessing be on them all the days of their lives.

**Second Collection Today for the Day for Life**, a special day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. The proceeds from this collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church., usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year. This year the focus is in on caring for and valuing the elderly. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. They carried the highest burden which included prolonged isolation, the distress for families being unable to visit, delayed medical interventions and tragic, isolated, deaths followed by shortened, minimal, funeral rites. Many family members and friends continue to bear the wounds of deep grief and are still in need of healing.

**Catechesis on Old Age in Early 2022**, over a number of weeks, Pope Francis used his weekly Wednesday audience to offer an in-depth catechesis on old age. Here is just one glimpse of the Pope's wisdom: *The little ones learn the power of tenderness and respect for frailty: irreplaceable lessons that are easier to impart and receive with grandparents. For their part, grandparents learn that tenderness and frailty are not solely signs of decline: for young people, they are conditions that humanise the future.* (Pope Francis, Catechesis on Old Age – on the Vatican website: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va))

**Parish Coffee Morning after the 9.30am Mass Today.** In view of the planned redevelopment of the Kew Retail Park site, we have arranged for a representative of JTP Architects to attend today's Parish Coffee Morning. **Kew Retail Park** is an important site in Kew and is jointly owned by St George and Marks & Spencer. The site has been allocated in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames draft Local Plan for residential-led, mixed-

use development. Charles Campion RIBA AoU, Partner at JTP Architects, will be available at our Coffee Morning to answer your questions and to encourage attendance at the Community Planning Weekend which will be held on 24-25 June at the National Archives. Poster in the narthex or visit: <https://www.jtp.co.uk/projects/kewretailpark>.

**Junior Church** We need more volunteers to help if we are to maintain Junior Church on Sundays during term-time. Two of our current volunteers will be moving from the parish in the near future.

**Acutis Club** will next meet on 26 June at 4.30-6pm.

**Masses During June** The 9.30am and 11am Sunday choirs will combine for the 11am Mass on 26 June for the First Holy Communion Mass. The organ will continue at the 9.30am Masses but there will be less singing.

**Masses During July** Fr Tom Ryan will celebrate the 6pm Mass on 2 July as I will be at an Ordination. I will also be at an Ordination on 9 July. I have not been able to find a supply priest for that day. **There will be NO 6PM MASS on Saturday 9 July.** However, there are 3 Masses on Sunday 10 July: 9.30am and 11am and Mass at 3pm organised by the SVP for the Anointing of the Sick – all are welcome. I am away at my niece's wedding on 16 July. Masses that weekend will be covered by the annual Mission Appeal priest.

**Masses During August** Many parishioners are away in August and the choirs, too, will be resting. We will have two weekend Masses during August: Saturday 6pm and **Sunday 10.30am**. Please note the Sunday morning time. Weekday Masses as usual.

**Parish Finances - Total offertory donations for May 2022:** £5,989.68. Breakdown as follows: Standing Orders into parish bank account £3,764; Contactless devices in church £923.20; Contactless via donation button on parish website £88.82; Collection plate (includes cash / cheques/ Charity Aid vouchers) in church £1,213.66. The 'offertory donations' are the total monthly giving for the life of the parish and exclude diocesan 2nd collections and third-party collections which are forwarded to the diocese or the third party (for example, the collection for Ukraine). Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

**The Final First Holy Communion Mass** is on Sunday 26 June at the 11am Mass. There will be a rehearsal starting promptly at 5pm on Friday 24 June. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers. The Eucharist is the greatest gift.

**A Prayer for Peace in Ukraine** *O God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those*

*who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.*

### **Temporary Ramp to Improve Access to the Church**

We have received quotations to install a temporary modular ramp in front of the Church in order to improve access. These quotations are in the region of £8,000 (including installation costs). If anyone has any experience to share – either as a user or as a provider – please do get in touch with Fr Brian or Juliet Thompson – Chair of the Parish Finance Committee: [julietlgt@gmail.com](mailto:julietlgt@gmail.com) – 020 8940 2931. As part of the longer-term refurbishment of the Parish Estate all aspects of accessibility will be considered and properly designed in the overall plan. But we need to do something now for all who come to our church and are finding access very difficult.

**Site Security** Gates across the driveway between the church and house will be installed during the summer. The cost is in the region of £2,000 +VAT.

### **Journeying Together Parish Meetings**

Three priorities emerged: adult formation, children & youth, and social activities. We also need to give attention to the buildings and the fabric of the church. There will be a report to the parish at the end of June on next steps in these priority areas. Please do let me know if you would be able to help or offer advice in any of these priority areas. The final Diocesan Synthesis Report is now on our website.

**Covid Protocols and Returning to 'Normal'** Please be aware of this and the need for all of us to follow sensible protocols, especially in indoor and crowded spaces. The NHS continues to be under pressure and all we can do to help does make a difference.

### **Clearing the Garages behind Church and House**

The time has come for another decluttering of the garages. If you are aware of items in the garages which need to be kept, please contact the parish office – either in person during office hours or by email: [kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kewgardens@rcaos.org.uk) We are aware of some things which need to be kept.

**'Come Home'** is a diocesan initiative to welcome back to church and Mass those who have not yet returned after the pandemic. There are two sets of materials in the narthex. One – A4 size – is a letter from the Archbishop to those attending Mass and a request to take the second – A5 size – also from the Archbishop, which is an invitation to those who are not at Mass. If you feel able, you are invited to share the invitation from the Archbishop with someone you know who might welcome a personal approach about church and Mass. These materials should have arrived in time for Pentecost. I appreciate that inviting someone you know back to

Mass can be a delicate matter. But personal contact does work. Many thanks.

### **The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at [tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association](http://tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association). Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera [edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and Bishop Paul Hendricks [paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk).

### **Relic Tour in September & October 2022**

The relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be at St Mary's University Chapel, Strawberry Hill on 6 September, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, 19-21 October and The Friars, Aylesford 24-28 October.

### **Embracing Age Fundraising Quiz Night**

on Saturday 25 June, 7.30pm, at St Stephens Church in Twickenham. The Quiz Master is Sean Carey, who writes for The Chase. Tickets are £5 and are available from [embracingage.org.uk/quiz](http://embracingage.org.uk/quiz) or by phoning 07735 332584. See poster in the narthex.

### **'Understanding Islam the Basics'**

Dr Chris Hewer will be giving a three day course on Wednesday 29 June to Friday 1 July 10am - 4pm. Tea & coffee will be provided but you are asked to bring your own lunch. The course is free but optional donations to cover costs and thank Chris are welcome. The location has not yet been decided, at the moment it is at a private home in Ham, easy to get to on the 65 bus. There are currently 5 places available. To register please email [dianamills31@gmail.com](mailto:dianamills31@gmail.com) or text or phone on 07804 866 349.

### **Pope Francis on Fatherhood**

*The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book 'The Shadow of the Father', tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (Deut 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life. Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some*

way he becomes a father to that person. Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (1 Cor 4:15). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (ibid.). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (4:19). Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration. When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have

us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9). In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son. (Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter Patris Corde, sec 7).

**A prayer for our First Holy Communicants  
and for Us on Corpus Christi**



O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and  
Blood  
that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
Amen

**Delayed Sabbatical** After 6 very demanding years on the staff of the seminary, most of them as Rector, I was given a sabbatical. Covid intervened and the sabbatical was not possible. I was then very glad to accept the appointment as your parish priest. The opportunity has now come to have a shortened sabbatical of up to 3 months, probably starting in late August. The diocese has arranged for Fr George Ajani, from Nigeria, to be here during the sabbatical and living full-time in the presbytery. Julia will be here as usual and will ensure the smooth running of the parish office.

**School Forms 2023 Entry** Parents with Secondary School Catholic Practice forms for 2023 entry should contact the parish office ASAP to ensure these forms are signed before the end of August. Primary School forms do not need to be completed until mid-January for 2023 entry. Fr George Ajani will not be able to sign school forms.

I look forward to returning refreshed and re-invigorated and in good time for the lead up to Christmas. I am very fortunate to be your parish priest and eager to build on the Journeying Together initiative in the years ahead.

All good wishes to exam candidates for the final week of exams. A blessed week ahead. fr Brian