

Services During the Week

(Each weekday, Morning Prayer will be at 09.10 am.)

Sat 17 Jun	Vigil for Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord
5.00 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions.
6.00 pm	Mass Our Parish Community.
Sun 18 Jun	Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord
08.00 am	Mass Mary Murnane. RIP
10.30 am	Mass Pat & Margaret O'Leary. Intentions
<i>(concludes with a procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament)</i>	
Mon 19 Jun	St Romuald, Abbot
09.30 am	Mass Anton Jesudasan. RIP Anniversary
Tues 20 Jun	St Alban, Martyr
09.30 am	Mass Mrs Dalphina Fernandes. RIP
Wed 21 Jun	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
09.30 am	Mass Bridget Bass. RIP Anniversary
Thurs 22 Jun	Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
09.30 am	Mass Marian Ghent. RIP Anniversary
Frid 23 Jun	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
09.30 am	Mass Celine Neuwerth. RIP
Sat 24 Jun	Vigil for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5.00 pm	Holy Hour with Exposition and Confessions.
6.00 pm	Mass Donal O'Gara. RIP
Sun 25 Jun	The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
08.00 am	Mass Marie O. Simone Rose. RIP
10.30 am	Mass Our Parish Community.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Unless otherwise stated, there is a Holy Hour every Saturday from 5 pm, during which time the priest will be available in the Reconciliation Room to hear confessions. Confessions are also available on request after weekday Masses or whenever Fr Matthew is in the Presbytery, or by appointment at any time.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF THE LORD (YEAR A) - 18 JUNE 2017



Corpus Christi

Today is Corpus Christi - the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. It is also Father's Day, and it is the Church's annual Day for Life. To see a connection between these different things, let us reflect on the prayer of blessing from the Rite of Baptism which is said over the father of the newly-baptised child:

*God is the giver of all life, human and divine.
May he bless the father of this child.
He and his wife will be the first teachers of their child in the ways of faith.
May they be also the best of teachers,
bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do,
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

God is the giver of all life: That is why life issues are considered so important by the church. Life is good because it is a gift from God, who wants to share his life with us. This prayer also reminds us that life is not limited to what we experience in the world we live in now. God wants us to share his divine life. In the Eucharist God feeds us with himself, using the outward sign of bodily food as a means of feeding our souls for eternal life. This is a mind-blowing gift which we should never take for granted.

The most important thing parents can do for their children is to bring them up to know their heavenly Father and lead them to a relationship with him, so that their life in this world may be a preparation for eternal life. Bringing children to Mass is not easy, so I wish to thank all parents who make this a priority in their family life. On Father's Day, I wish to encourage fathers in particular to remember what an important witness it is for your children to see you take your faith seriously. Remember also - and this is true for those fathers who are not catholic themselves - that making your home a place filled with love is the first step in leading your children to learn about God's love.

The procession that follows the 10.30 am Mass today is an act of witness to the centrality of the eucharist in our lives and in our faith. Our word and actions point to the simple but profound truth that the eucharist IS Christ! Sometimes we are forgetful of this, so let us ask God's help in making sure that the eucharist - Christ - really is at the centre of our lives. Let us make sure our actions each week reflect this - our commitment to being at Mass each Sunday; observing the eucharist fast of an hour before receiving communion; getting to church in good time to prepare for Mass; active and prayerful participation in the liturgy; the reverence with which we approach the altar to receive Our Lord; the time we spend in thanksgiving afterwards; our willingness to be changed by this encounter with Christ as we return to our daily routine. In all these ways may we give due honour to the Giver of Life, open our hearts more fully to him and (whether parents or not) play our part in bearing witness to the faith we have received.

God Bless you all

Fr Matthew

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS IN THE CHURCH

Parish - Regular Notices

SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL: If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is most important to let Fr Matthew know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (*at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 447761; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877*).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for Dyllis Barrie-Dangerfield, Ciara David, Michael Fitch, Mary Fontenelle, Tyrone Foster, Greg Gallagher, Catherine Hunt, Luis Lai, Joan Marshall, Ann Matthews, Chris McNamara, Amanda Monroe, Mary O'Driscoll, Agnes Osei-Minkah, Giuseppe Palumbo, Lawrence Pereira, Kathleen Reynolds, Tony Sheridan, Maureen Springham and Theopillai Stanislaus. Also the sick Priests of the Diocese - Canon Tony McKentey.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR JUNE: Thomas Barnam, Robert Barry, Kathleen Bush, John Byrne, Martin D'Cunha, Soosipillai Dhiruchelven, Jo Dignon, John Grey, Laura Harrison, Mary Kemp, Betty Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy, Joe Loughlin, Fr Ambrose O'Gorman, Francis Osei-Minkah, Jane Parker, Iolanda Palumbo, Marie Stein, Nancy de Strayter, Michael Swatts and Joe Whitehead.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please contact Helen Mac Mahon on 020 8590 9981 who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

MASS REQUESTS: Special envelopes for this purpose are available at the back of Church. Please use one for each request and place your donation within it.

CHURCH HALL: The Church Hall is available for bookings by Parishioners and non Parishioners alike. Please contact Sid on 07887983310 for bookings and conditions.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30 AM MASS ON SUNDAY: Tea & coffee will be available in the Hall after Mass. Please do come along.

Parish - Meetings this Week

Sunday: KSC in the Pastoral Centre at 09,15 am.
Tuesday: Coffee Morning Group in the Pastoral Centre after Mass.
Legion of Mary in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 pm.

Parish - In & Around

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: At the end of the 8.00 am Mass this Sunday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar for a period of adoration. Please stay and pray for as long as you feel able to.

PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: The 10.30 am Mass this Sunday will conclude with an outdoor procession. Please follow behind the Celebrant carrying the Blessed Sacrament, joining in with the hymns printed on the separate sheet. The procession concludes with Benediction, as on the sheet. Weather permitting, Benediction will take place on an altar set up outside, between the Church and the Hall. After Benediction, you are invited to go into the Hall for refreshments.

EXAMS: Please continue pray for the young people of our parish

who are sitting exams in the coming weeks.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Thank you to everyone who supported the "CWL Annual Plant Sale" which this year raised £132 for charitable causes. Also, to help the CWL in its current review of their organisation, you are invited to complete an on-line survey at <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/55Y7T/> The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and is anonymous.

CHURCH CLEANING: Team B.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION: The Offertory collection (Inc. Standing Orders) for last weekend amounted to £889.02 of which 64% was "Gift Aided". Thank you all for your continued generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND: The retiring collection last weekend for the Diocesan Sick

& Retired Clergy Fund, amounted to £327.55. Many thanks for your generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK-END: This Sunday has been designated "Life Sunday" by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales. It is the day in the Church's year dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life and, as in previous years, there will be a retiring collection to fund pro-life related activities supported by the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Donations may be "Gift Aided", so if you are a taxpayer, please use one of the special blue "Gift Aid" envelopes which are at the back of the Church or bring one of your "Special Collection" envelopes with you next week and increase your gift by a further 25%!

RAMFEL: The Knights of St Columba will be taking items to the RAMFEL Foodbank in Ilford this week. Donations of non-perishable food and clean clothing may be left in the Sacristy this weekend or in the early part of the week

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: On this coming Tuesday, (20 June) from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm led by Dr D Jayanand, a Catholic Evangelist & International Preacher, Goodwill Ambassador for Israel & Founder of Jesus Cares Ministries, India. The

Service commences with Holy Mass at 6.30 pm celebrated by Fr Mathew, followed by Praise & Worship, Scriptural Talk and Eucharistic Healing Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after holy Mass. Please do come along and be blessed.

BISHOP ALAN'S VISIT: On Wednesday, 28 June, Bishop Alan is visiting our parish. At 7 pm he will celebrate Mass with the Sacrament of Confirmation. All are welcome - do please come and support our confirmation candidates. There will be a chance to meet Bishop Alan after Mass in the Hall. This evening we also celebrate the Vigil of the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul and so by attending this Mass you will fulfil the obligation for the Holy Day.

PARISH BBQ: This hugely popular annual event will take place this year in just 3 weeks time on Sunday, 09 July and provides the perfect opportunity for parishioners to get together for a catch up whilst someone else does the cooking! Food will be served from 1.00 pm and will include chicken, burgers, sausages, potatoes and a variety of salads. Tickets (£5 adults; £3.50 children under 10 and free for children under 5) are now available from Jane McParland after the 10.30 am Mass on

Sunday or by calling her on 020 8599 7714.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

On Sunday, 02 July, St Aidan's Catholic Primary Academy's will be holding their Summer Fête.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY

PILGRIMAGE: It would be nice to see a good turnout from St Teresa's at this diocesan celebration in Walsingham **on Saturday 22 July**. So, please don't delay and add your name to the list in the Porch of those who have already reserved their place(s) on the coach. Remember, there will be no Saturday evening Masses celebrated anywhere in the Diocese on that day but the Mass to be celebrated in the afternoon by Bishop Alan will fulfil the Sunday obligation. The provisional timings are 8 am departure and return about 9 pm. The cost will be £16 per person, but the Parish will subsidise children: £8 for those under 18 and free for under 5s.

USED STAMPS: The Knights of St Columba are collecting used stamps for charity. Please save up your stamps from your post across the next few weeks, and we will collect these during the weekend of 01/02 July. Just snip any envelope around the stamp and place in the postbox

at the back of the church. These will be donated to St Francis Hospice, who will make good use of them. Any stamp, any class, all very welcome

VISITORS: If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a tax payer and would like to "Gift Aid" your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are very welcome here at St Teresa's. Please make yourselves known to Fr Matthew and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? If you think you might be ready to take the next step in your journey of faith and become a member of the Catholic church, please speak to Fr Matthew as soon as possible.

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RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: The next Recollection evening will take place **from 6.45 pm to 9 pm on this coming Tuesday, (20 June)** at St Augustine's Church, Barkingside and all are welcome.

HEALING MASS: There will be a Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood, celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power, **at 2.30 pm on this coming Wednesday, (21 June)**. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome.

DIOCESAN CENTENARY LECTURES:

'The Diocese Today – A Reflection' is the title of the third of the four scheduled lectures to be held in the Cathedral Hall, Brentwood **at 7.30 pm on this coming Wednesday (21 June)**. The speaker will be Fr Martin Boland, (Dean of the Cathedral). The remaining lecture will be held on **28 June**: 'The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood' - Dr Paul Doherty, (Headmaster, Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford Green). Admission to the lectures is free.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE: On this coming Wednesday (21 June 2017) the vigil of Sts John Fisher and Thomas More, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. Thousands of babies are saved from abortion each year by Catholic, Pro-Life work, backed up with your Prayer and Fasting. For more information visit www.goodcounselnetwork.com

MEETING THE "LIVING GOD" SEMINARS 2017: Next Saturday, (24 June) will see the second of the three Seminars scheduled to take place at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood. It is entitled "God has a dream for each one of us." with the speaker being Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. The final seminar will be on **Saturday, 15 July** entitled "Contemplative Prayer – is it for me?" with the speaker being Bishop Alan Williams, sm. All three Seminars will be from 10.30 am to 12 noon. For further information please contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01277265285.

CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS:

The Annual Martyrs' Walk will take place **next Sunday, (25 June) starting at 1.30 pm** from St Sepulchre-without-Newgate to Tyburn, with the devotional walk ending with Benediction. More information is available on our website, catholichistorywalks.com or of course by contacting chwalkslondon@gmail.com

ST AUGUSTINE'S PLAYERS present their Summer Production Unoriginal Sin by David Tristram on **next Friday & Saturday 23/24 June** in Holy Trinity Parish Hall Mossford Green, Barkingside, IG6 2BX. Doors open 7

pm for 7.30 pm start. Tickets £8 (not suitable for young children). Book online www.staplayers@webs.com or 0208 554 7747. Not been to see us before why not come along?

A MUSIC DEANERY DAY will be held at Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Ilford **on Saturday, 01 July from 10.00 – 3.30 pm**. Everyone most welcome – please bring packed lunch and instrumentalists please bring a music stand. Please either email the Music Office at Brentwood Cathedral music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or phone 01277 265288 to book a place. The day will be led by Frances Novillo and Andrew Wright will be the accompanist. We look forward to seeing you.

30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: Please join us at Abbotswick Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood **on Saturday, 8 July from 11.30 am - 4.30 pm** for this wonderful event. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Mc Mahon. You are invited to bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided. For further information please call 01277 373959 or visit our website www.abbotswick.org.

FR THOMAS BYLES was an English Catholic priest who famously remained on board the RMS Titanic as she was sinking after colliding with an iceberg, hearing confessions and giving absolution. A blue plaque will be unveiled at the Presbytery at St Helen's Church, Ongar, **on Sunday, 9 July at 3.00 pm** stating that Fr Thomas lived there. Fr Emile, the current Parish Priest, will be blessing the plaque, followed by a small celebration. All are welcome!

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP, ALDHAM

The Boys Camp runs for 2 weeks from **22 July to 5 August**. Age range 8 – 13. The Girls Camp runs for 1 week from **5 to 12 August**. Age range 9 – 12. Children are accepted for 1 week only. Children will need to supply their own sleeping bag. Suggested camp donation is £145. For further details contact the Boys' Booking Secretary on 07534065347 (6-9 pm only) or the Girls' Booking Secretary on 07491811167 (6-9 pm only). Alternatively email bookings@boscocamp.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2017: In the centenary year of our Diocese, whose Patroness is Our Lady of Lourdes, why not join our Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. Bishop Alan will lead the pilgrimage **from Sunday, 23 July to Friday, 28 July**. There are brochures at the back of the church but if you require more information, please call the Pilgrimage Administrator Cathy O'Connor on 01206 735623.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to Gerry Gillan at gerry.gillan5@gmail.com and copy to admin@stteresasnewbpark.com The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter **is Thursday 12 noon**. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee to include all requests we receive in the paper edition but we will make every effort to accommodate articles and insertion requests in the on-line edition including job vacancies.

Job Opportunities

DESPATCH OFFICER: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) wishes to recruit a full time Despatch Officer whose role will be to open daily post and prepare all outgoing post. The position, to commence in July and based at SPUC's Kennington HQ, would suit someone with good IT skills, organisational skills and manual lifting ability. To request an application pack please contact email Miss Rhea Steel at rheasteel@spuc.org.uk or call on 0207 8203147. **Closing date for applications is Friday, 30 June.**

CLASS TEACHER: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Upminster is looking to recruit a Class Teacher for September. This post would be suitable for a newly qualified teacher. Please contact the School Office on 01708 220277 for more information. Full advert on www.jobsgopublic.com