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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

YEAR A

Thought for Today - Corpus Christi

Following the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity, we celebrate Holy Communion itself; the precious treasure

(His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity) which Christ first gave to His Apostles at the Last Supper and which He longs, every day, to give to us, not as a reward for being good, but to assist us in actually becoming good.

Thanks to the present English translation of the text of the Mass, we can clearly ponder, just before Communion, the fact that, in ourselves, we are totally unworthy to have God come into our body and soul. Indeed, echoing the words of the Centurion, we declare, "*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed*". In this profound prayer, we not only admit our fallen human nature, but we proclaim our firm belief that Christ can, in His Goodness, providing that we are truly sorry, drive out sin.

It is because Jesus, God the Son, actually comes to each of us personally that the Church insists upon our being in a State of Grace, i.e. free from Mortal Sin. She requires us, also, under normal circumstances, to fast for one hour (water and medicines excepted) before receiving Communion. Hopefully, realising the importance of the Food of our Souls compared to earthly food, this is no big deal. We might also remember that, decades ago, the fast lasted a full 24 hours, later reduced to three hours, until eventually being reduced to the present one hour.

Should we feel that our desire for Holy Communion is not as strong as it ought to be, then two child-martyrs, *Saint Tarcisius* and a Chinese girl, *Little Li*, who both gave their lives for the Holy Eucharist in times of persecution, will help us to re-ignite our love for the closest union with our God before He embraces us in Heaven.

Read the stories of *Saint Tarcisius* (<http://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/TARCIS.htm>) and *Little Li* (<http://www.myfirstholycommunion.com/portfolio-view/little-li/>) on the internet. Remember, too, that in various parts of the world, our Brothers and Sisters are still risking their lives for the Privilege of going to Communion. Wonderful stories, here, to inspire you and your children! Happy Feastday!



Thank you for your generosity

Last week's collection came to **£1800.00** (comprising £1155.00 in baskets; £645.00 in standing orders.)
The second collection, for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales, raised **£523.00**.

Today, there will be a second collection for Day for Life. Today is dedicated to the sacredness of human life. This collection provides the main funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, and assists other life related activities supported by the Church. This includes the provision of grants to certain Catholic charities. A special leaflet is available in the porch, which includes a prayer to Mary, Mother of the Life within. Please take one.

Gift Aiders - Should you wish to Gift Aid your contribution, kindly use one of the spare BLUE envelopes which are found at the back of your boxes. This is why Standing Order givers need to take their boxes away.

Coffee Morning today with the UCM, to be held after the 10.00am and 11.30am Masses.

In the coming week:

Father Innocent will be away this week, joining fellow priests of our archdiocese as part of their ongoing priestly formation in Merville, France. We wish him a fruitful week and a safe journey.

Saturday 24th June - The Confirmation Group will be present at the 10am Mass, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents, guardians and sponsors are also invited to attend this event.

Please note that the rehearsal will take place on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm.

The Confirmation Mass itself will take place on Friday 30th June at 7pm.

Saturday 24th June - Father Paul's Presentation takes place in the hall after the 6.15pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday 25th June - Coffee Morning with LIFE after the 10am and 11.30am Masses, including sale of knitted goods, with proceeds going to LIFE HQ - Please see: www.lifecharity.org.uk;

Sick and Housebound

If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass, and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing, please contact the parish office. Please note that dedicated chaplains meet the pastoral needs of Catholic patients in hospitals.

Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Mrs Austin, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Frances Caulfield, Fr Gerald Coates, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaella Forte, Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Eamon Gillespie, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Felix Isichei, Mary Kenny, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Gerard Mascarenhas, Ajitha Mahatantila, Mary Meyern, Edgar Ming, Maria Parnis, Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy, Maggie Sunich, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams, Carole Winch, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo.

Church Cleaning: Group 6:

Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin, Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Gloria Osiobe. *Please could you help clean God's house? Kindly contact the parish office.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOGRAPHS

All orders have now been printed, and these are available for collection from the windowsill in the porch. Thanks to John Taylor. Please collect & pay for photos promptly, given that John produces photos from his own resources.

NOVENA IN HONOUR OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

This will be run by the Redemptorist Fathers at St Mary's in Clapham, from Monday 19th June to Monday 26th June 2017. There are some leaflets in the porch. All are welcome to attend this Novena.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THOSE WHO GIFT AID THEIR WEEKLY OFFERING

End of year letters are now available for collection from the Gift Aid office. Please take your letter, as you may require it in the event of being asked by HMRC to complete a Tax Return. We appeal to all those who Gift Aid by Standing Order to take their boxes of envelopes away. Special letters have been written to all those giving by Standing Order. These letters regarding Standing Orders contain reply slips regarding next year's envelopes.

AN APPEAL FROM FATHER DEO FOR NEW MONEY-COUNTERS

We are now looking for more volunteers to help count the proceeds of our weekly collections. We currently need 10 new parishioners to come forward to join the rota. The commitment would be once every 5 to 6 weeks, or even less often, dependent upon the number of people putting themselves forward. If you are willing and able to join the rota, please give your names to any of the clergy, or contact the parish office. Training will be provided. You do not need to be a mathematical genius, though that would of course help!

A NOTE FROM THE SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

On the weekend of 1st & 2nd July 2017, the SVP will be making an appeal for financial support in our work to help individuals and families that we visit. This year we are sponsoring three children to attend the St John Bosco Summer Camp. Mindful of the many calls upon your finances these days, we just ask that you please be as generous as you possibly can. We shall let you know later on how we have spent your kind donation. If you know of any person or family in the area that would benefit from our help, please drop a note into the parish office for our attention, and we shall contact you in confidence. May God bless you all, and thank you for your support. If you would like to know more about the SVP, or would like to consider joining us, please get in touch.

A SPECIAL REQUEST FROM DEACON GED

Are you Confirmed and aged between 18 and 29? If so, I need your help?

As part of my formation for the Permanent Diaconate, I am studying for an MA in Pastoral Theology. For my dissertation I am looking into why some authors and theologians have remarked that the sacrament of confirmation is seen as the 'exit door' from the Church.

The focus of my research will concentrate on confirmed people aged between 18 and 29. In recent studies this age group were seen as the least likely to practice their faith. Therefore I am looking for your help to answer a short questionnaire about your faith practice following your Confirmation. You can answer this questionnaire anonymously and all information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence. The questionnaire will only take 15 mins to complete.

As well as being part of studies I am hoping that my research will help me in my pastoral ministry as a deacon to get better understanding of the concerns, barriers and blockages that prevents a proportion of this age group from practicing their faith.

If you wish to participate in this research then please email at gerardpdissertation@yahoo.com and I will arrange to send you the link to the questionnaire. If you do not wish to complete this online then I have some hard copies of the questionnaire should you wish to use this method instead.

Additionally, if you know somebody who may be able to help then please pass on the message to them. All completed questionnaires will be entered into a draw to win either a £20 Amazon voucher or to have £20 donated to the person's chosen charity.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Would you like to become an Altar Server? And have you made your First Holy Communion?

If the answer to both these questions is "yes", we have a training course for new Servers coming soon. It will take place on **both Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th September at 6pm, immediately after the 5pm Mass.**

Prospective servers will need to attend **both** sessions, each of which will last for **one hour**.

Please collect an **application form** from the Sacristy, and return it before **Sunday 3rd September** so that we can get an idea of the numbers to expect.

St Bede's Clapham Park Corpus Christi Procession - This takes place on Sunday 25th June at 3pm.

Please see the poster in the porch for full details.

St Joseph's College Car Boot Sale - takes place on Sunday 25th June from 8am to 2pm. Please see poster.

PARISH AGM

Advance notice is hereby given of this year's Parish AGM, to be held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 in the parish hall at 8pm. The Parish Pastoral Council will be in session, and all parishioners are welcome to attend. All parish groups are now invited to submit a written report, to be received by the parish office no later than Friday 15th September 2017.



In Our Parish This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.83; Next Friday (Sacred Heart) p.87

Weekday Masses: Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Morning Prayer of the Church: Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Adoration and Benediction: Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm

Rosary: Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Confessions: Saturday, after the 10.00am Mass, until 11.00am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Date	Time	Intention
Sunday 18th June 2017		
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	6.15pm (Sat 17th June)	Holy Souls
	8.30am	Ellis Foundation Mass
<i>UCM Coffee Morning after Mass</i>	10am	Hervé Yoo Foo RIP
<i>UCM Coffee Morning after Mass</i>	11.30am	Patrick John Lacey RIP
	4pm—Benediction	
	5pm	People of the parish
Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time:		
Monday 19th June 2017	7.30am	Mary Gordon RIP
	10am	Mario Rodrigues RIP
Tuesday 20th June 2017	7.30am	Victims of the recent fire in West London
St Alban, Protomartyr of Britain (Memorial)	10am	Welfare of Eda Devaney (Birthday)
Wednesday 21st June 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (Memorial)	10am	Requiem for Celine Lobo
Thursday 22nd June 2017	7.30am	Holy Souls
Sts John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs (Feast)	10am	Welfare of Christel Ruetter
Friday 23rd June 2017	7.30am	Rosina Ryan RIP (1st Anniversary)
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Solemnity)	10am	Requiem for Peter Ranawake
Saturday 24th June 2017		
The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)	10am	Our Confirmation Candidates
Next Sunday 25th June 2017		
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.15pm (Sat 24th June)	Pietro Mobile RIP (1st Anniversary)
	8.30am	Jim Clark RIP
<i>LIFE Coffee Morning after Mass</i>	10am	Thomas Coelho RIP (10th Anniversary)
<i>LIFE Coffee Morning after Mass</i>	11.30am (Hymn Choir)	Sauveur & Carmen Vella RIP
	4pm	Benediction
	5pm	People of the parish