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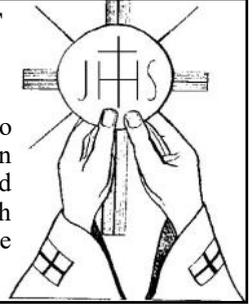
MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

6th June 2021



In the gospel reading today, we hear that Christ is our High Priest who constantly makes intercession for us. He offers himself to the Father as an atonement for our sins and establishes a new covenant or pact with God which is his own body and blood. This is far greater than the old Jewish sacrifice of goats and bull calves. It wins for us the eternal inheritance which we have been promised. This is My Body. This is My Blood.

Corpus et Sanguis Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) is celebrated today. We celebrate with Benediction at the end of Mass.

Holy Communion is one of the most precious things we receive: the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Don't let the regulations and guidelines and face-coverings remove some the devotion and respect and love we had when receiving Holy Communion.

Remove, two three, receive, *two three*, move, *two three*! Remove your face covering as you approach the priest; put one hand on the other at arms' stretch; receive the Most Blessed Sacrament in silence; consume before moving; then move away. It'll soon become like a military manoeuvre, *two three* ...

An Act of Thanksgiving can be done anytime, the best is as soon as you return to your place. A good one is the *Anima Christi*.

Evensong & Benediction at 4pm today

The Sacred Heart is celebrated on Friday this week; why not make the effort to be at Mass to thank God for the love of Jesus,

The Immaculate of Heart of Mary is on Saturday this week. The old man Simeon warned Mary that a sword shall pierce her soul. Only hearts that love, can be broken.

Have you had the vaccine? Don't delay, protect yourself; protect others.

Some Definite Service. Could our parish benefit from the Archbishop's call to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese?' No parish is the same. For more information, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds

Michael Daly died last Tuesday after a short illness. He was a new but enthusiastic member of the parish. Funeral to be announced.
Lord, be merciful to him.

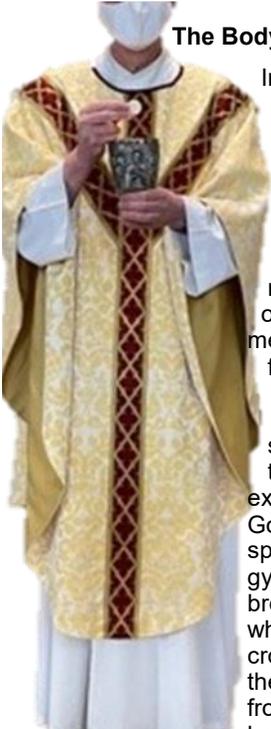
Mass via live stream has been invaluable to many of our parish, and quite a few more besides. If you take part on-line, or if you don't, click the *Subscribe* and/or *Like* button.

Wedding Anniversary 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th this year? The Archbishop will send an invitation to Mass on 9th Oct at 3pm.
Email FrC.

Day of the Lord is a paper from the Bishops encouraging us to return to Sunday Mass when possible. [Full text here](#)

Safeguarding. All volunteers who need a DBR check will be contacted soon as all are due for renewal. The Archbishop has directed that all checks are to be renewed every three years. More info from our Safeguarding rep kate.pope@preciousblood.org.uk

Virtual Ordinariate Lay Conference. Saturday June 12th from 10:30 until 12:30. Each group is invited to have at least one lay delegate, but more are welcome. [Register here:](#) .



The Body and Blood of Christ

In his homily for Corpus Christi, the Pope recalled that during the Last Supper, Jesus gives us His Body and Blood in the bread and wine, to leave us the memorial of His sacrifice of infinite love, and by means of this 'viaticum', full of grace, the disciples have everything that is necessary for their path through history, to extend the kingdom of God to all. As the responsory of today's liturgy shows, "See in this bread the body of Christ which hung upon the cross, and in this cup the blood which flowed from His side. Take His body, then, and eat it;

take His blood and drink it, and you will become His members. The body of Christ is the bond which unites you to Him: eat it, or you will have no part in Him. The blood is the price He paid for your redemption: drink it, lest you despair of your sinfulness".

Francis explained the meaning today of being torn from Him and of despairing, as cowards. "We are torn from Him when we are not obedient to the Word of the Lord, when we do not live brotherhood between us, when we race to occupy the first places, ... when we find the courage to witness to charity, when we are unable to offer hope. The Eucharist allows us to be not torn from Him, for it is the bond of communion, is the fulfilment of the Covenant ... that we might remain united. ... The Christ present in our midst, in the signs of bread and wine, requires that the power of love exceed every laceration, and at the same time that it become communion with the poor, support for the weak, fraternal attention to those who are struggling to carry the weight of everyday life and are in danger of losing faith".

To be cowardly, to despair of our sinfulness, he said, "means to let ourselves be affected by the idolatries of our time: appearance, consumption, the self at the centre of everything; but also being competitive, arrogance as the winning attitude, the idea that one never need admit to a mistake or to find oneself in need. All this demeans us, makes us mediocre, lukewarm, insipid Christians, pagans".

"Jesus shed his blood as a ransom and as a lavacrum – a cleansing agent, that we might be purified of all sins", he continued, "that we might be preserved from the risk of corruption. ... The Blood of Christ will ... give us back our dignity. ... We will be His eyes that go in search of Zacchaeus and of the Magdalene; we will be His hand who helps the sick in body and spirit; we will be His heart that loves those in need of reconciliation and understanding. ... In this way we understand that the Eucharist is not a reward for the good, but rather strength for the weak, for sinners. It is forgiveness, the viaticum that helps us on our way".

"Today, the feast of Corpus Christi, we have the joy not only of celebrating this mystery, but also of praising Him and singing in the streets of our city", he continued. "May the procession we will make at the end of the Mass, express our gratitude for all the journey that God has allowed us to make through the desert of our poverty, to take us out of slavery, by nourishing us with His love through the Sacrament of his Body and the Blood. Soon, as we walk the streets, let us perceive ourselves in communion with our many brothers and sisters who do not have the freedom to express their faith in the Lord Jesus. Let us feel that we are united with them, let us sing with them, praise with them, worship with them. And we venerate in our hearts those brothers and sisters who have been asked to sacrifice their lives for their fidelity to Christ. May their blood, united to that of the Lord, be a pledge of peace and reconciliation for the whole world"



What is the Eucharistic Fast? It is not eating or drinking anything for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. (unless you are on medication, sick or caring for someone who is sick).

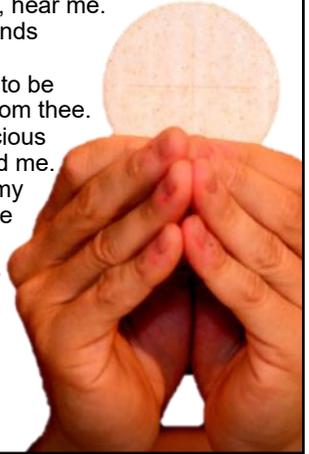
Should I always present myself to receive Holy Communion? Only if you are in a state of Grace. Is there any sin you should confess? Catholics don't have to receive Holy Communion at Mass.

If I'm late, can I receive HC? Yes, if it's not your fault, maybe the bus was late, the car wouldn't start etc. If it was your fault, then the bigger question is why are you so casual about Mass that you don't care about being late?

Should I go to Mass every Sunday? It's probably easier now than ever to take part in Sunday Mass, either by being present, or taking part on-line. A more important question is why you would not *want* to be at Mass every Sunday.

Has the Obligation returned? The so-called Sunday obligation continues to be suspended. When (if) it returns it should make no difference to those who *want to*, rather than *have to* be at Mass.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
 Body of Christ, save me.
 Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O Good Jesu, hear me.
 Within thy wounds
 hide me.
 Suffer me not to be
 separated from thee.
 From the malicious
 enemy, defend me.
 In the hour of my
 death, call me
 and bid me
 come to thee.
 That with thy
 saints I may
 praise thee
 For ever and
 ever.
 Amen.



The Laurels School Virtual Open Event
 Thursday 10 June 2021 6.00pm
 Registration at: www.thelaurelschool.org.uk
 The Laurels School, Church Lane, Boreham, Essex, SS16 5LH

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me!
 Immaculate Heart of Mary, be my salvation!
 Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
 make my heart like unto
 Your merciful heart!
 Amen.*

CORONAVIRUS
 is still out there

Wash HANDS

Cover FACE

Make SPACE

This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	09.30 11.00	Paul Cunningham ✕ <i>recently</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon 7th feria</i>		
<i>Tue 8th feria</i>	10.00	FrC
<i>Wed 9th (St Ephraem)</i>	10.00	George Harrington <i>foundation</i>
<i>Thurs 10th feria</i>	10.00	Tadeusz Oberc ✕
<i>Fri 11th SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	10.00	Tina <i>very poorly</i>
<i>Sat 12th Immaculate Herat of Mary</i>	10.00	
Next Sunday 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Ezekiel 17:22-24 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Mark 4:26-34

Sacrament of Confession. *After each Mass or by appointment during lockdown*

Evensong 4.00pm, & Benediction, 1st Sunday
6.00pm, Thursday *term-time*

Safeguarding. The parish is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safeguarding Officers: Kate Pope, Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for June: *The Beauty of Marriage*

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

For your prayers:

In formation: for Ministry, Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes)

Those who are Sick: Mary, David, Fr Brian, Neville

And for all those with Coronavirus

Coronavirus: The medical profession, doctors, nurses, first responders, support-staff, research scientists, those who make big-impact decision,

Recently Departed: Paul Cunningham, Michael Daly, Paolina Santoro

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