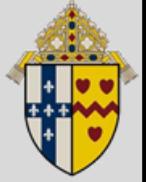




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*a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Southwark
in the Pastoral Care of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham*



CORPUS CHRISTI

19th June 2022

In the gospel reading today, we hear that we share in the priesthood of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Every time we eat his body and drink his blood we proclaim the power of his death and resurrection until he comes again. The eucharist is our commitment to God in Christ. It is a memorial not only of a past event but something which effectively flows into our daily life. You are a priest for ever.



Corpus et Sanguis Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ) is celebrated today. In some countries it was last Thursday. In England the Bishops have moved it to today so many more people can celebrate this wonderful feast of Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament.

First Holy Communion for a number of our younger folk today. Many congratulations to them. Please keep them in your prayers that they may always be faithful to the Lord.

Home Communion. Do you, or do you know of anyone, who would like to receive Holy Communion at Home? See FrC

The Sacred Heart is the devotion for June. Visit the shrine today. Do you have an image of the Sacred Heart in your home? Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

A day for Catechists - teachers of the Faith. due on 25th June has been postponed due to trade unions striking on the railways. It's been scheduled for November Are you interest in teaching the Faith to others? See FrC

Returning to Mass in real life. The Archbishop has sent a letter for us to take to anyone not here. Do you know anyone to invite to Mass?

A Welcome Team at Mass. Would you be part of a team to facilitate the smooth running at Mass. There is always lots of preparation before and during Mass. See FrC

Post Mass Quiet is an important part of Mass. Some want to stay to pray; many are watching on-line, so please maintain a prayerful space after Mass. Besides, the angels will need time to leave!

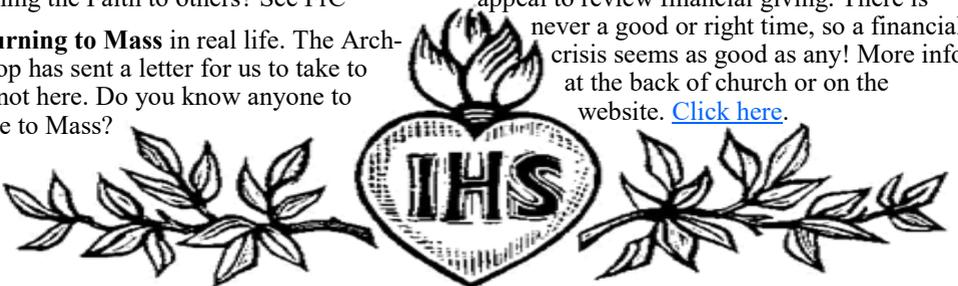
The Sacristy is redecorated. It looks splendid. Come and see.

Day for Life today, a day in our calendar set aside to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year our focus in on caring for and valuing the elderly. See *overleaf*.

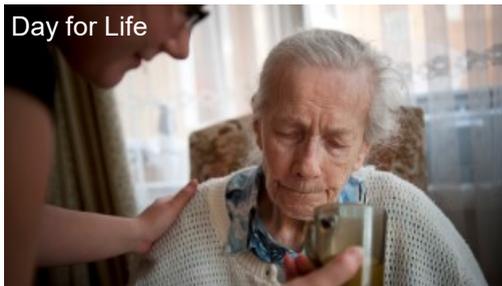
A Second collection for the *Day for Life*.

Lourdes Pilgrimage, The Southwark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage is back. 19 - 26 August. £850. Further details [available here](#)

Thank you to those who responded to the appeal to review financial giving. There is never a good or right time, so a financial crisis seems as good as any! More info at the back of church or on the website. [Click here.](#)



Day for Life



Caring for the Older Person

The focus of the Day for Life this year is older persons. 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 wound of deep grief which hurts and is still in need of healing.

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*Rt Revd John Sherrington,
Bishop for Life Issues*

Valuing older persons

There are many challenges which we face; the way in which we provide care for older persons, its cost and the means of payment, the shortage of staff in care homes, the time and energy needed to help older people feel valued and wanted. Many feel they have become a burden or can feel treated as a burden, a ‘bed-blocker’, or a nuisance because they move more slowly, struggle with more physical challenges and live a different rhythm of life. They often feel vulnerable and worry when they hear talk about and even concrete proposals for the legislation of assisted suicide and euthanasia. We share their concerns and in better valuing older persons need to find new ways of building bridges by our actions.

Pope’s Catechesis

Pope Francis has recently offered a very different and more positive perspective. In his *Catechesis on Old Age*, he writes: “The alliance between generations, which restores all ages of life to the human, is our lost gift and we have to get it back. It must be found, in this throwaway culture and in the culture of productivity.”

He invites us to listen to the dreams of older women and men and to learn from their wisdom (Joel 2:28). Older persons have a different rhythm to life from which we can learn. He continues:

“The arrogance of the time on the clock must be converted into the beauty of the rhythms of life.”

Provide accessible palliative care

We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities.

We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of the older person so that no-one feels like a burden in our society.

We challenge our politicians and healthcare system to provide accessible palliative care for all the dying.

We encourage people to learn from a closer accompaniment of the elderly that there is a real richness in the journey through old age, which offers a deeper meaning and a new rhythm to the whole of life; something which can be celebrated and lived with hope in eternal life.

St Joachim and St Anne, pray for us.

First Holy Communion

Please pray for those who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time today.

Aaron
Annamaria
Bethany
Celeste
Elsie
Emmanuel
Helena
Jessica
Lesiree
Quirino
Sherece
Sophia
Tabatha



What is the Eucharistic Fast? It is to refrain from eating or drinking anything for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. Unless you are on medication, sick or caring for someone who is sick, this is expected of all Catholics.

Should I always receive Holy Communion? Only if you are in a state of Grace. If there is something you know you have done, or living a life not as a Catholic, then go to confession before going to Holy Communion. You don't have to receive HC every Sunday, just be at Mass every Sunday.

I noticed that lots of people receive on the tongue rather than in their hands. Yes, this is the preferred way. Whilst it is permissible to receive in the hand, it has the action of taking, rather than receiving, and we can only really receive and never take from God.

If I'm late, can I receive HC? Yes, if it's not your fault. The bigger question is why don't care about being late?

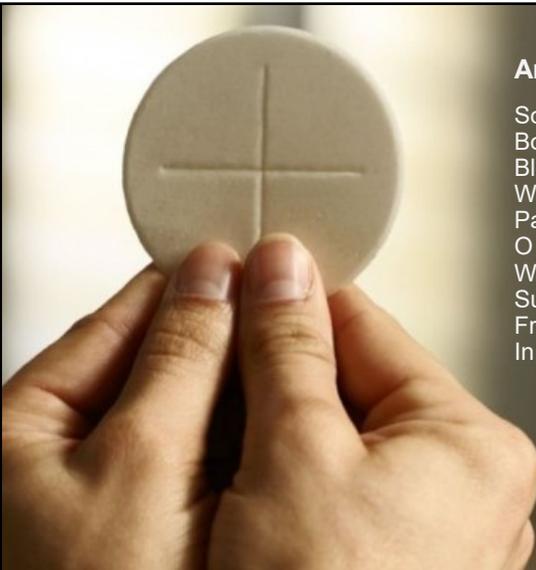
Should I go to Mass every Sunday? Why would you not want to be?

Pray for Peace in Russia and Ukraine

Anima Christi

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 you
that with thy saints
I may praise thee
for ever and ever. Amen.

prayer of St Ignatius Loyola



This Week: Mass & intentions

Day	Time	Intention
This Sunday CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI	09.30 11.00	Fr George Newton <i>foundation</i> Parishioners
<i>Mon</i> 20th (<i>St Alban</i>)		
<i>Tue</i> 21st <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	12.35	Thanksgiving (SM)
<i>Wed</i> 22nd SS John Fisher & Thomas More	12.35	Restful sleep (AC)
<i>Thurs</i> 23rd <i>Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	12.35	
<i>Fri</i> 24th MOST SACRED HEART	12.35	
<i>Sat</i> 25th <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.00†	Dn Cherry - ordained today
Next Sunday THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	09.30 11.00	Parishioners

Next Week's Readings Acts 12:1-11 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18 Matthew 16:13-19

Sacrament of Confession. Tuesday - Friday 12.00-12.25

† **Mass in the Ordinariate Use** of the Roman Rite

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: Richard Hughes, Justina Onuorah. 0800 0935063

Holy Father's Intention for June 2022: Families We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives

For your prayers:

In priestly formation: Br Philip OP (Jeff Gerlomes), Dn David Cherry

Those received recently: Christian, Lucas, Alastair, Katherine

St Joseph's School: Appointment of a new Headteacher

Peace: In Ukraine

Those who are Sick: Mary, Monica, Betty, Lottie, Karen, all those with Covid

Recently Departed: Michael Keoghan *priest*, Baby Giacomo, Patrick O'Leary *priest*

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