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Corpus Christi – Year B



At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'" (CCC 1323)

Corpus Christi, also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, this feast honors Jesus Christ, Really, Truly and Substantially Present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation ("change of substance"), when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words which Christ Himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me."

The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen gentium*, no. 11). In the Eucharist, Jesus Himself re-presents for our benefit His Sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:26-29), gives Himself to us in Holy Communion (Exodus 16:4, 35; John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains among us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt. 28:18-20). He comes to us in this humble form, making Himself vulnerable, out of love for each one of us. Yet, as God Himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration.

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/seasons-and-feast-days/corpus-christi-14356>

These truths about the Eucharist seem to be at the heart of why the medieval saint Juliana of Liège was moved to guide the Church toward celebrating this yearly solemnity, more commonly known as Corpus Christi.

Historical Background

St. Juliana, a little-known Norbertine canoness from modern-day Belgium, spent much of her life advocating for a feast to honor and celebrate Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and all the meaning it holds for the Church. St. Juliana was prompted to advocate for the feast in response to not only her own personal devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, but also in response to private revelations. Interpreted later, in consultation with spiritual guides, the visions of St. Juliana that began when she was 16 years old indicated the necessity of a liturgical feast in honor of the sacrament of Christ's Body

and Blood. Given the culture of the early 13th century, she felt there was nothing she could do about instituting such a feast. However, she had confided in two individuals, other than a few members of her monastery, about the visions — both of whom proved to be helpful in bringing its establishment to fruition.

The young monk who served as St. Juliana's confessor, John of Lausanne, collaborated with her to compose an office by which to celebrate this divinely inspired liturgical feast. Eventually their diocesan bishop approved the texts and authorized its celebration in his diocese in 1246.

Bl. Eva of Liège, an anchoress attached to the parish attended by St. Juliana and one of her confidantes, was instrumental in bringing the feast beyond its provincial origins after St. Juliana's death. Bl. Eva had contacted Pope Urban IV with the request to celebrate the feast throughout the universal Church. The future pope originally was a priest of Liège and already had been familiar with St. Juliana's visions and their meaning. And so, it seemed, the hand of providence was behind the pope's 1264 declaration of the solemnity of Corpus Christi — the first universal feast to be imposed obligatorily by a pope. He assigned papal theologian St. Thomas Aquinas to compose new liturgical texts for the feast. This promulgation came at a time when scholastics debated the corporeality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, chief among the defenders of which was St. Thomas, who supplied the philosophical backbone of the Church's Eucharistic doctrine by defining transubstantiation.

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/celebrating-corpus-christi/>

Fr Barto

Baptism of infants & RCIA Please contact the Office or speak to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. For Baptism it is essential that you make contact with us as soon as possible to ensure that Diocesan requirements are fulfilled and a suitable date can be placed in the diary.

Confession is after weekday morning Mass (Wednesday to Saturday) and on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass. Confessions can be heard in English, Italian, Spanish and Romanian.

Marriages We welcome the marriage of parishioners and those who regularly worship here. Please notify Fr Barto or Rev Alan **at least six months in advance** to allow adequate time for preparation.

Can we persuade you to **set up a standing order** if you don't have one? Bank details at the front of the newsletter. If you are a taxpayer, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration Form found in the porch and send it back to the church. You can donate **online** through the Diocesan donation page following this link: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=south-woodford>

Weekday Morning Prayer Psalter Week 1

Lectionary Sundays Year B: week 9 Ordinary Time

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sadie Moore who has died. Her funeral will be held here on Friday 21 June at 11am.

Mary Wynne who died on Tuesday. St Anne Line is grateful to Mary who was very generous to the Parish. The charitable trust set up by Mary paid for the tabernacle to be returned to its central place, for improvements to the Lady Chapel altar and for the cleaning of the main altar and refurbishment of the tabernacle. The Trust also supported the installation of the CCTV and other digital items. She expressed great satisfaction at being able to help. She died fortified by the Sacraments of the Church.

May they rest in peace.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

This will be for the Sick & Retired Clergy of this Diocese.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday 4 June at 7.40pm in the hall.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART

On Friday 7 June . Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and 7pm.

THE NEW LECTIONARY & NEW HYMN BOOKS

We thank parishioners for their generous donations . We have received the full amount to pay for the lectionaries and hymn books.

SUNDAY 9th JUNE- CELEBRATION for the SOLEMNITY of the SACRED HEART OF JESUS

This is the patronal feast of the Romanian Community in our Parish. Parishioners are invited to participate in the Holy Mass at 12.30pm and celebrations thereafter in the hall.

INTERESTED IN THE PRIESTHOOD

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 4 June at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Dan Mason. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

COFFEE MORNING – this Sunday 2 June after the 9.30am and 11am Masses.

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on 5 June at 2pm in the Parish hall.

Murder Mystery at the Casino, Saturday 22 June from 7.30pm. Tickets £12 must be bought in advance to be allocated a character. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Summer BBQ on Saturday 13 July. Volunteers and donations of bottles **urgently** needed. Contact Tina on 07941 227 743.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Liz on 07403 649 306.

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Following the principles outlined in Laudato Si there will be a meeting in the parish hall on June 5th (World Environment Day) from 4.15-5.30pm. We will be looking at how as a parish we can help care for our common home in line with the call from Pope Francis.

YOUTH MASS, 6 JUNE 2024

At Brentwood Cathedral. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

From 20th to 27 July. There are a handful of last minute places available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP

is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27 July – 3 August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children. All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

THE GENERAL ELECTION

This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: "We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead." The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. See: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

MASS OF THANKSGIVING for MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

On Sat 13 July, 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall.. Please speak to Fr Barto if you would like an invitation.

WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE FORMS

Are available in the porch as you enter for the Sacraments, (FHC & Confirmation) and for nursery, primary & secondary Catholic Schools. **Attendance at weekly Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation by your child is required** unless they are ill or isolating. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

DONATIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

(To be left on the table by the organ loft)

- Jumpers, tee-shirts, fleeces, underwear jackets - all sizes
- Joggers, jeans, socks all sizes
- Toiletries (shower gel, deodorant, razor)
- Bleach, anti-bacterial hand wash, laundry detergent (liquid)

NO FORMAL CLOTHES OR FORMAL SHOES AND NO CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED.

Mass Intentions 1st June – 9th June

Mass on **Monday** is celebrated privately. Exposition of the Blessed Holy Eucharist is at 9am from Wednesday to Saturday. Rosary will be prayed after morning Mass from Wednesday to Saturday.

Saturday 9.30am Thanksgiving (Huruma Orphanage)
Vigil Mass 6.30pm Fr Derek Powney RIP

Corpus Christi

Sunday 2nd 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Fred Heath RIP
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm Sr Stanislaus Beh RIP

Wednesday 9.30am Bob & Anne Power RIP

Thursday 9.30am Rev Justin Taylor (ill)

Friday 9.30am People of the Parish

Sacred Heart 7pm Atal/Singh family Ints

Saturday 9.30am Mary Wynne RIP

Vigil Mass 6.30pm Mike Eggleton Ints

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th 9.30am People of the Parish
11am Jean Hunt
12.30pm Holy Mass in Romanian

Please pray for those who are sick

Anniversaries 3 June – 9 June

Canon Jerome Deady, Patrick Cannon, Felix McMahon, Catherine Garman, Doris Manze, Robert Kennedy, Jack Poulter, Irene Keegan, Joseph Few, John Fitzgerald, Amelia Mitlehner, Irma Hejpeter, Thomas Hennessy, Florence Wood, Jack Collins, Fr Edmund Tyler, Margaret Doyle.

Last weekend Mass attendance was 194.

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LISTEN TO GOD

In the parish hall after Friday morning mass we will be praying Lectio Divina. See our website for details or just come along to find out more. <https://saintanneline.com/parish-news/lectio-divina/>

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome!! Please introduce yourself to Fr Barto and Rev Alan. Also complete a registration and GDPR form found in the porch and return to the Parish Office once completed.

SVP SUPPORT

If you, or anyone you know in our community, could benefit from support from the SVP please contact the Parish Office (in strict confidence)

PARISH OFFICE (IN THE PRESBYTERY)

The Parish secretary is in the office on Monday afternoons, Wednesday and Friday mornings.