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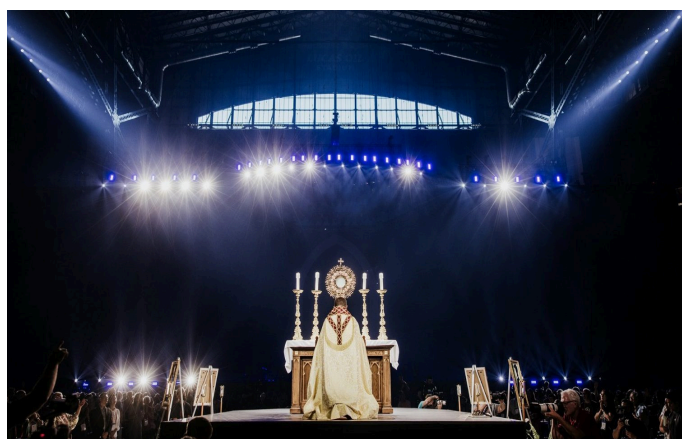
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Cardinal Pierre calls**true revival at Eucharistic Congress**

As the National Eucharistic Congress opens in Indianapolis, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States invites the faithful to pray for greater unity in the Church “so that we may become more fruitful in our mission.”

**By Christopher Wells**

As the United States' Tenth National Eucharistic Congress opened Wednesday night in Indianapolis, the Apostolic Nuncio, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, explained to the faithful that his presence was a sign of Pope Francis' “spiritual closeness, and his unity with you and with this country.”

“What a gift this is!” he said, “that we can be united as a Church through our Holy Father.”

At the same time, the Nuncio recalled that “the Holy Eucharist is also an immense gift for unity,” suggesting that the main prayer for the Congress should be “that we, as a Church, may grow in our unity, so that we may become more fruitful in our

mission.”

In order to realize this unity, Cardinal Pierre said, it is useful to ask the question, “What is Eucharistic revival?” And, perhaps more pointedly, “How will we know when we are experiencing Eucharistic revival?”

He explained that true Eucharistic revival, though “always accompanied by sacramental devotion” such as adoration, benediction, catechesis, and processions, “must extend beyond devotional practices.”

A true revival means seeing Christ in others, not only our own family, friends, and communities. True revival means seeing Christ even in those from whom we feel divided, whether by race or class, or those who challenge our own ways of thinking, or who think differently from us.

“When we encounter such people,” Cardinal Pierre said, “Christ is present to be a bridge,” uniting all peoples, who are children of the same heavenly Father and called to the same eternal destiny.

Greater efforts to build bridges of unity are a sign of true Eucharistic renewal, the Nuncio said, explaining that when we celebrate the Eucharist, we experience Jesus, Who built the first bridge by becoming man even when humankind was separated from Him.

For this reason, he said, believing in the real presence is not only the belief that Jesus is present in the Sacrament under the species of bread and wine, “but also in the assembly of His believing people,” and even in those “who struggle to connect with Him because of wounds, fear, or sin.”

Cardinal Pierre said adoration is essential to our relationship with Christ. He also said it is important to understand adoration precisely as a relationship: not seeing the Blessed Sacrament merely as an

object, but relating to Jesus present in the Eucharist and thereby learning “to relate to others in a way that reverences the presence of God in them.”

This, he said, “is what it means to live a truly ‘Eucharistic’ life: the adoration spills into our daily life: our life relating to others, our way of seeing others.”

The Cardinal warned that the problems of our “mission of evangelization” – including the problems of modernity, of learning to love those who think differently, of overcoming division, of responding to suffering – cannot be solved by our own efforts, but only through the power of God.

The Apostolic Nuncio to the United States concluded his keynote address with the invitation for everyone “to pray for true Eucharistic renewal,” that our eyes might be opened and that we might learn to think differently.

Cardinal Pierre said Eucharistic revival must therefore lead to “pastoral conversion” and called on the faithful to ask the Lord to reveal places of resistance, so that allowing ourselves to be led by God, “we can become true apostles of His Kingdom.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-07/cardinal-pierre-calls-for-true-revival-at-eucharistic-congress.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-07/cardinal-pierre-address-to-eucharistic-congress-full-text.html>

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) ,on Saturday evening before the 6.30pm Vigil Mass and on Sunday before the Holy Masses. 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 4

Lectionary

Sundays Year B: week 16 Ordinary Time

ROBERT KIRBY RIP

The reception of his body into Church will be on Wednesday 24 July at 5pm. His funeral will be held on Thursday 25 July at 11am and then to City of London crematorium. There will be refreshments in the hall thereafter. Please keep Ellie and Issy in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

DEBORAH MESSER RIP

Her funeral will be held here on Wednesday 31 July at 11am and then to City of London crematorium. Please keep her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

SUMMER BBQ

A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Summer BBQ. The volunteers, supporters and Tina for organising the event. We raised just under £2,000 after expenses.

BAPTISM COURSE

The final session of the course is on Thursday 25 Jul, 7pm. This meeting will take place in the hall.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 24/25 **(Year 3+ in September 2024)**

Enrolment forms are in the porch. Deadline for returning the completed form is **15 September**. Please post them through the letter box at 7 Grove Crescent in an envelope. The new programme will commence in the Autumn.

Parents should already be providing proof of their children's attendance at Mass by completing a Mass attendance form found in the porch for their children **every Sunday**. **If you are attending Mass at a different Church or if you are on holiday, please ask the priest at that Church to sign the newsletter and hand it in to Fr Barto.**

THANK YOU

To the parishioners who helped move the top soil to the new raised beds. You can see photos of this on our website. Look for Parish Garden.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

Afternoon Club Next meeting will be on Wednesday 31 July at 2pm in the hall.

Table tennis. On Fridays 3-5pm in the hall. Contact Mike on 077157 582 260

GIFT AID 23/24

Gift Aiders who would like a statement confirming their donations to the Parish for 23/24 please contact the gift aid coordinator, Anthony Collins.

OUR COMMON HOME

Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si (Praise Be) warns of the problem of the climate crisis and urges all of us to take some action. So we now wish to see how we, as a parish, can follow Pope Francis. There are many things we can do as individuals but we also wish to have a common goal as a parish.

This week we invite all parishioners to give feedback on which ideas we could follow, as a parish, to support Care for Our Common Home in line with the principles outlined by Pope Francis in Laudato Si - to care for the Earth and the Poor. You can vote on forms available at the back of church or by going to our website page <https://saintanneline.com/parish-action-on-our-common-home-your-choice/>

All replies are anonymous.

LISTEN TO GOD- Lectio Divina

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/>

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

is holding a Celebration of St Faustina's Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS **31st August, Walsingham House at Abbotswick**

We invite anyone who may have been involved with Walsingham House over the years to celebrate 40 years of volunteer teams with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm and followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

OPEN HOUSE BILLERICAY

On Saturday, 12th October, 9.30am – 5pm the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

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. Complete one per child and drop the completed form into the box provided **as you leave Church**.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Retreat Manager

Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The

Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

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.

Please also check the notice boards in the porch for other news and information.

Please pray for those who are sick.

Anniversaries 22 July – 28 July

Joseph Pinto, Sarah Turley, Patrick Fernandez, Guy Labat-Rochecouste. Fr John Jones, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney, Rodwell Victor Chung, Mrs Scrivener, Miss Hamilton and Robert Peter Hall,

Last weekend Mass attendance was 230.

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Safeguarding Coordinator

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Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator

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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.

Mass Intentions 20th July – 28th July

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 Fr Barto Ints
6.30pm Shelagh Dewhurst RIP

Vigil Mass **16th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

Sunday 21st 9.30am Winifred Dewhurst RIP
11am People of the Parish
12.30pm Holy Mass (Romanian)

Monday Holy Souls

Tuesday 7pm Sr Stanislaus Beh RIP

Wednesday 9.30am In Thanksgiving (Fr Barto's ministry)

Thursday 9.30am Rosa & Nico Federico RIP

11am Robert Kirby RIP – Funeral Mass

Friday 9.30am Maureen, Tricia & Norah Ints

Saturday 27th 9.30am Fr Barto Ints

6.30pm Muneton family Ints

Vigil Mass **17th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

Sunday 28th 9.30am People of the Parish

11am David Squires (anniv)

12.30pm (Holy Mass Romanian)

Parish Website - contains the following:

- Newsletter
- Mass Times
- Parish Garden
- Our Common Home
- Click to Pray (with Pope Francis)
- Posts and updates