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Corpus and Sanguinis Christi

Today we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi, the feast day of the Blessed Sacrament.

Throughout the world Catholics will gather in their city squares to have Corpus Christi processions, where the Blessed Sacrament is carried through the streets, accompanied by music and hymns and prayers.

In other places, there will be times of Eucharistic adoration, where Jesus is the Blessed Sacrament and is adored and worshiped.

And parishes throughout the world, including our own parish, set this weekend aside to celebrate First Holy Communion Masses, when children, and some adults, first receive Our Lord in Holy Communion.

All these processions, times of adoration and First Communions are ways that we, as the Church, show our love and devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Sadly, not everyone knows what the Blessed Sacrament is.

At the Last Supper Jesus took bread and said "This is my body", and he took wine and said "This is my blood, do this in memory of me". And we take Jesus literally, we believe what he said. We believe that when the priest says these words over bread and wine, they become the Body and Blood of Jesus.

This is the Blessed Sacrament: that Jesus comes down onto our altar, remains with us in our tabernacle, and allows us to receive him at Mass.

This is what we are agreeing with when we say "Amen" at Mass. When we receive Holy Com-

munion, the minister says to us "The body of Christ" and when we reply "Amen", we are saying "Yes, I believe this is the body of Christ".

Now, Eucharistic processions and adoration are not the only ways of showing reverence and love to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. There are many ways, even in our own church, of being respectful and loving.

For example, when we come into church, we make a genuflection, we go down on one knee. Sometimes this can be force of habit, but if we think about what we are doing, and who we are showing reverence to, our genuflection can become a prayer of its own.

Another example; when I was growing up, my mother encouraged us to make a sign of the cross whenever we passed a Catholic Church, "Because", she told us, "Jesus is there in the tabernacle, and we shouldn't forget him."

Before Mass we can mentally prepare ourselves to receive Holy Communion. After Mass, we can make a thanksgiving, asking Jesus for the graces we will need this week.

Today is a great feast day, celebrating and reminding us of one of the greatest mysteries of our faith: that Jesus is physically present on our altars and in our tabernacles. Let's remember him there, let's remember the love he has for us, that he is constantly available to us. "Do this in memory of me" – He is there, on our altar, in our tabernacles, let's remember him, and show him some loving devotion.

Fr Tom Lynch



Let The Children Live!

Next weekend of **June 28th/29th** Fr Peter Walters will be speaking about the work of Let The Children Live! in Colombia and making an Appeal at all Masses.

Fr Peter, who is the Founder and Director of Let The Children Live!, first went to Colombia in 1982, as a tourist. Stranded there for two weeks longer than he had expected, he was helped by a group of street-children who 'adopted' him, and looked after him, even sharing their food with him. Deeply moved by the children's care for him, Peter went to see the local Archbishop, who received him kindly. Asking what the Church was doing to help the children, Peter heard the Archbishop saying, "Maybe God is asking you to do something to help them....." Hear the rest of the story on June 28th/29th.

THANKS FOR A GREAT CELEBRATION

What a joy to celebrate the Eucharist with so many of you on Trinity Sunday! Even though it is 14 years since I was parish priest, the friendly welcome and smiles were as warm as ever. Thank you all. Thank you too for the very generous Jubilee Presentation which came to well over one thousand pounds!!! What kindness! Thanks and be sure of my prayers for all your intentions. Finally I have been able to cut the fab celebration cake and meet so many of you. God bless you all as you continue to work and pray for the growth of God's Kingdom of love and peace.

Fr. Tony Ford

MISSING...

We are missing some tablecloths from the Confirmation party, which took place on Saturday 7th June. If you have them, could you please return them to the Presbytery. Thank you.

KINGSTON FOODBANK COLLECTION

As ever, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in our monthly Foodbank collections – it is very much appreciated (see website for more information www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk). Foodbanks continue to be extremely busy, and the one in Kingston is very much in demand.

Our next Foodbank collection is due to be after all Masses next weekend (28/29 June) – so do please remember to bring donations, even if it is one item, it really does help to make a difference. We need new, in-date, undamaged, non-perishable food, and donations can be left in a box in the church porch.

Food they particularly need at the moment is tinned fruit, long life fruit juice, fruit squash, long life milk, coffee and instant custard.

Many thanks for your help.

Helen Emmett, Jackie Murphy, Anne O'Brien, Ruth Oliver (OLI Foodbank Coordinators)

OLI OLD CHAPEL APPEAL

Many thanks to all of you who have already donated so generously to the Old Chapel Appeal. We have now raised **£14,958**, which is **21%** of the required total. However, we still have a long way to go before we reach our **£70,000** target by February 2015. Our beautiful Old Chapel is in desperate need of renovation. Please please keep your donations coming in.

Access the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>) for further information on this important Appeal, including details on the ways in which you can donate. Donations can be made online (**JustGiving site** : <http://www.justgiving.com/OLI-Tolworth>), by cheque or cash. We also invite any offers of loans. Also included on the Parish website (and displayed at the back of the church) are some fascinating original construction pictures. Can you identify any of the construction workers? They were also Parishioners and Fr Anthony would love to hear their story.

If you missed being given an Old Chapel Appeal Box after Mass last weekend, there are still some to spare at the Presbytery. Boxes will be given out again after all Masses over the weekend of 28 / 29 June.

The sponsored walk, which is taking place on **Saturday 5 July**, has generated a lot of enthusiasm. Fr Tom and Parishioners are looking forward to either a **16 mile or a 26 mile marathon walk** along the River Thames and around Richmond Park.

Please contact Elspeth (Elspeth.casey@rbs.co.uk) if you are interested in taking part. If you can't walk that day, please sponsor us.

CAFOD Summer campaign events

Our climate is changing... and we can play a vital role by taking action. Come to one of our exciting events and hear from Antony Mbandi (Director, Caritas Kitui – Kenya) about what CAFOD is doing to tackle climate change. Food and drinks provided.

If you are aged 18-30 you are invited to a special Young Adults campaign evening on Wednesday 2 July, doors open 6pm to start at 7pm at Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road SE1 7JB, please book online at: cafod.org.uk/Events/youngadultclimateevent

Or on Thursday 10 July, 6pm to start at 6.30pm, an evening open to all at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Corner of St George's Road and Lambeth Road SE1 6HR. Please book online at: cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Take-action-today/campaign-events

For more information contact the CAFOD Southwark office on 020 8466 9901

Bro. Michael Richards wishes to thank all parishioners for their generosity in donating £1126 towards their Missionary work during their recent Appeal for the Sacred Heart Missions Betharram

THANKS FROM LIFE :

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Ten Bridges Walk for LIFE last month. Money is still coming in. So far we have received £1514.85 of which £393.65 was raised by walkers and sponsors from OLI parish

Parish Library



The Parish Library will be open next weekend after each Mass, in the RDJ Room. All welcome.

The Birth of John the Baptist - 24th June.

John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokesperson. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great profit like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in us.

St. John's motto was, "Jesus must become more and more. I must become less and less." He said that he was not even worthy to loosen the strap of Jesus' sandal.

World Priest Day 2014 - 27th June

In 2002, the Catholic Church announced a special annual World Priest Day, a day of prayer for the sanctification of priests to be held on the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for Priests 2014:-



The Annual Global Rosary Relay idea is a simple one: in that each of the 84 participating shrines in 46 countries prays a particular mystery of the Rosary at a particular half hour on the day in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implore the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. With the coming of midnight on the 27th June 2014, the entire world, by then, will have been encircled

in prayer for our priests on this The Annual Rosary Relay Day.

Day for Catechists

There will be a Day for Catechists at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 28 June 2014. If you would like to attend, please see Fr Anthony or Fr Tom this weekend.

Thank you

Saints Thomas More and John Fisher 22nd June

Thomas More and John Fisher angered Henry VIII by steadfastly refusing to approve the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. They further angered the king by refusing to acknowledge him as supreme head of the Church of England. For refusing to compromise their beliefs, both were beheaded.

On this day, the Church invites us to pray for those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH AND SCHOOL SUMMER PICNIC CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF OLI PARISH

We are delighted to invite all OLI parishioners and families to the 2014 Summer Picnic, sponsored by the Parish, School and Greenfield Estate Agents.



Date: 28th June 2014

Venue: Richard Challoner Sports Fields

Time: 1-4pm

Tickets cost £2.50 per adult, children are free. Please purchase from the Presbytery or the school office before the event. Please note entrance will be by ticket only.

No parking is available at the grounds, but you can park in the surrounding residential streets, take the K1 bus which stops nearby or the train to Malden Manor. Post-code as guide only: KT5 9QN.

Please bring your own food and drinks. We will also have an ice-cream van on-site.

(Please note there are toilets on site, but with steps so unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs. We would also like to remind you that all parents/carers are responsible for supervising their own children during the event.)

We will be finishing the day with the release of 80 balloons to mark the 80th anniversary of OLI Parish. We will be inviting all Year 6 children to release the balloons along with Fr Anthony, Fr Tom and Greenfield Estate Agents.

The Southwark Brethren

The Southwark Brethren is a long standing charity which helps sick and retired priests who are in need. We thank you for your continuous generosity in the past and ask for your help again this year. Please send donations to:- Rev Paul Hough, St Elpheges Presbytery, 120 Stafford Road, Wallington SM6 9AY. Last year we were able to give £1,200 each to 34 priests in the Diocese of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help 7 working priests who had serious sickness, to make their situation a little easier. In addition, we have a Gift Aid Scheme for those who pay tax and we thank the lay people who have joined by applying for a Gift Aid form.

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Commission

Saturday 28th June – Peace Walk. Justice and Peace in the three London dioceses together with Pax Christi invite you to walk for peace and commemorate peace making 1914-2014. The walk will begin in Tavistock Square at 10am by the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and end at the Tibetan Peace Garden, in the grounds of the Imperial War Museum at 2.30. There will be a mid-way starting point leaving St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square at 12 noon. For more information please contact office@southwarkjanddp.co.uk or phone 0207 928 9742. Everyone is welcome, especially children and families.