



# Parish News

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## OUR LADY IMMACULATE PARISH

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### Corpus Christi

In these Sundays following Pentecost, the Church reflects on the great mysteries of our faith.

So today we celebrate and reflect on the Holy Eucharist, particularly Holy Communion, the real presence of Jesus in the host and in the chalice.

Of course the major feast day and celebration of Holy Communion is on Maundy Thursday, the actual night when Jesus took bread, and then wine, and transformed them into his Body and Blood.

For those who have been to the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Mass which takes place on the evening of Maundy Thursday during Holy Week, you may notice that this celebration is very busy, there is a lot going on. There is the washing of feet, the procession. There are also conflicting emotions, the joy of commemorating the first Mass and institution of the Eucharist, but also the sorrow of the betrayal of Judas, and the expectation of the cross.

So, in the Middle Ages, the Church felt that we needed another feast to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. A feast, not in the sorrow of Holy Week, but outside Easter time. A feast not only to give glory to God for this great gift, but also for ourselves to fully contemplate and receive the gift of the Eucharist.

And what a gift it is! The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus, not in a merely symbolic way, nor in a metaphorical way. But Jesus, is truly present in the host and truly present in the chalice. His body, blood, soul and divinity (in other words, every part of him) is brought down from heaven to our altar.

It's quite a claim to make, but we Catholics believe this because Jesus himself told us. "This is my body, this is my blood". "I am the bread of life, which has come down from heaven ... for my body is real food and my blood is real drink. (John 6:35-38, 55)"

Throughout the life of the Church, Catholics have believed that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. St. Paul writes beautifully about the Holy Eucharist. "The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?"

The great saints that have been raised up in the life of the Church have also had a great love for Jesus in the Eucharist. I'll just give you the example of St. Francis, who said "I conjure you all to show all reverence and all honor possible to the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom the things that are in heaven and the things that are on earth are pacified and reconciled to Almighty God."

Next week we have our celebration of First Holy Communion, when the children who have been preparing for quite some time, will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. It's a special time, and so we should pray very much for these children and for their families. That their hearts may be set on fire for God, and that they may be drawn closer to him.

Let's pray for ourselves also. Perhaps over time we forget the importance of what we're receiving, perhaps we fall into routine reception of Holy Communion. Let's pray for ourselves, that we may be renewed in our love for Jesus, our friend and saviour, who comes to us in Holy Communion. I'll leave the final words to Saint Francis: "Let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest. O sublime humility! that the Lord of the universe, God and the Son of God, so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread."

Fr. Tom Lynch

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 6th/7th 2015**  
**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**(Corpus Christi) (YEAR B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** John Richard Cullen (Eileen Cullen & Fmly)

**Sun 9.00am** Michael & Tomas Casey RIP (Casey Fmly)

**11.00am** Chaz Cavazzi

**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Harrison Cox and  
Olivia McLoughlin

**6.00pm** People of the Parish

**10TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**8th— 13th June 2015**

**Mon 8th** **Feria**

**7.00am** Holy Souls

**9.30am** Tom Casey RIP and Family (Family)

**Tues 9th** **Feria**

**7.00am** Holy Souls

**9.30am** John Elworthy RIP

**Wed 10th** **Feria**

**9.30am** Holy Souls

**Thurs 11th** **Saint Barnabas**

**7.00am** Holy Souls

**9.30am** Holy Souls

**Fri 12th** **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**9.30am** Holy Souls

**Sat 13th** **The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed**  
**Virgin Mary**

**No 9.00am Mass**

**11.00am** **First Holy Communion**

**2.30pm** **First Holy Communion**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13th/14th 2015**  
**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Ronald Bastiampillai Family-  
Thanksgiving  
(Mr Bastiampillai)

**Sun 9.00am** Sybil Livesey RIP (Elspeth Casey)

**11.00am** **First Holy Communion**

People of the Parish

**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Maximo Yasnikouski and  
Darren Robinson

**6.00pm** Holy Souls

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK**  
**Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm**

**Last Sunday's Collection** **£1544.00**

**Cash counters**

This week: Eileen Kaye and Elizabeth Christmas

Next week: Alan and Marie-Helene Cook

**Next Sunday 2nd Collection for Catholic Trust for England and Wales.** This trust supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops with revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

**Introduction to Next Sunday's Readings:**  
**11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)**  
**Introduction**

As we gather for our Eucharist, the Lord wants us to be confident that he is at work within us.

**First Reading** Ezekiel 17:22-24

Speaking of Israel's future, Ezekiel pictures God transplanting a tiny sprig into new ground where it grows into a mighty cedar.

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Though we make our journey "by faith and not by sight", we walk with confidence.

**Gospel** Mark 4:26-34

Jesus compares the kingdom to a mustard seed that grows into a mighty tree, but its growth is often as imperceptible as that of a seed hidden in the ground.

**Died Recently**

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Helen Boyd who died on Wednesday. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

**Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time and for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.**

**We remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, we remember especially those within our own parish family:**

Arthur Bailey, Josephine (Jo) Bull, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Evie Durkin, Geoff Grenade, Thomas Haley, Ken Hammerton, Roisin Loftus, Philip Mooney, Simon Munnery, Canon John Naughton, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

**Baptisms in the Parish**

All parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the Baptism Preparation Sessions. These sessions are held on the First and Second Sunday of the month (except in the month of August) between 10.00am –11.00am in the Old Chapel. Before following the preparation sessions please be good enough to speak to the priests and register for the sessions, so that the Catechists can be informed of the names of those who are attending. Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the preparations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and fill in the Baptism Registration Forms and collect the forms to be completed by the parish priest of the God Parents. For more details please speak to one of the priests.

**Regular events in the parish**

**SVP** meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. **Next meeting 10th June at 7.30pm**

**Justice & Peace Group** meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

**Coffee and Tea in the Old Chapel:**

3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

**Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

**Monthly Syro Malabar Mass** is on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm

**Bible study:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 10.15am to 11.15am (RDJ Room, before the sacristy)

### Invitation from Fr Tony

*I am celebrating the 40th Anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood on Friday 19th June at 7pm. Please do remember me in your prayers and I would be delighted to see anyone who wishes to join me for Mass and refreshments afterwards.*

*This takes place at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 59 Burgate, CT1 2HJ.  
Fr Anthony*

### NEW ROTA

A new rota for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers is now available on the parish website ([www.olionline.co.uk](http://www.olionline.co.uk)). If you are not able to access the website please take a paper copy of the rota from the RDJ Room. If you are unable to minister or read when your name is shown on the rota please try to find another minister or reader to take your place. Before Mass please remember to tick your name off on the rota pinned to the notice board in the Sacristy so that the priest celebrating is aware you are present. (Rota Co-Ordinator: Pat Parker ([pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pdparker@blueyonder.co.uk)) OR 0208 390 0179).

### GIFT AID BOXES

Boxes of Gift Aid Envelopes for the year from June are now available for collection from the RDJ Room. Please pop in and pick up your box. Thank You.

### Thank You

"The Justice and Peace Group Coffee morning and plant sale last Sunday raised £212.50 for the Nepal Earthquake appeal.

Many thanks to all those who attended and contributed to this grand total, and to all who helped with the organisation of the event."

### PARISH COUNCIL AGM

This will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. Reports will be made by the Chair, Parish Priest, Finance Committee, Maintenance Committee, and Liturgy Committee. This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear what has been going on over the past 12 months, and also have an input into what is done / discussed over the coming 12 months

### Society of St Vincent de Paul

#### Can the SVP help anyone you know?

If you know a local person who is in need and could benefit from a visit by a member of the parish's newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Society group then please pass their details to Fr. Edward.

### Annual Day for Catechists

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 11am at St George's Cathedral. I encourage all catechists to attend this day. Please let me know by the 30<sup>th</sup> May if you intend to go.

### Save the Date - OLI Parish Picnic - Richard Challoner Sports Ground Saturday 4th July 1-4pm

All Parishioners are invited to attend the annual Parish Picnic organised by the PTA. Bring a picnic and enjoy a relaxing day amongst parishioners. There are multiple attractions for all the family. See poster in the porch for details.

Volunteers are sought from the youth of the parish to help with games and activities for the children. Tickets are £2.50 per adult and children are free. Purchase in advance only from the Presbytery, School Office or email John Sweeney

### Charity for Sick and Retired Priests

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 Wallingon Surrey SM6 9AY. Last year we were able to give £1400 each to 31 priests in the Dioceses of Southwark and Arundel and Brighton, and also help 3 working priests who had serious sickness, to help their situation. 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.

### CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE

Celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? If so, Archbishop Peter invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday June 20 at St George's Cathedral. Your family are welcome too and refreshments will be served after Mass. Email (or phone) your full names, address, phone number, parish and number of years married to [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com) (tel: 020 8651 2477). You will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop Peter. But don't delay: time is of the essence.

**PILGRIMAGE TO PARIS:** We have just booked a pilgrimage to Paris for the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November. Full details can be found on our parish website (there is a link half way down the centre section of the home page). We will visit The Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in the Rue de Bac, Chapel of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, Sacré-Cœur, & Notre Dame. The price is £275 per person based on two people sharing, half board. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, or earlier if the trip is full. A £100 deposit is required to book a place along with your full name, address and phone number, and email if you have one (full process on the website) and left at the presbytery for my attention. Cheque payable to OLI. If you have a query please contact Andrew on 0208 399 3466

### **Spirit in the City Festival 10– 13th June 2015**

1 festival ~ 4 days ~ 4 churches ~ LIVE music ~ talks ~ workshops ~ THEATRE: Three Witnesses play ~ Masses ~ procession ~ surprises.

**Three Witnesses Play.** A remarkable narrative of The Gospel of Luke in the 21st century on Wednesday 10th June at 19.30.

### **SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICES**

#### **Summer Youth Day - 20th June 2015**

Aylesford Priory, Kent. 10am–7pm. £10pp. Yr7–Y11  
To book contact: [jean@scys.org.uk](mailto:jean@scys.org.uk) or 01227 272900

#### **World Youth Day 2016**

Join Pope Francis and young people from across the globe in Krakow, Poland

Open to all aged 18–30. Start fundraising now!

#### **Lourdes Pilgrimage with Catholic Association**

See notice board for details of all the above.

**The Catholic Miracle Rally** celebrates that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of His Spirit is moving in His church today. Expect inspirational talks, praise, worship, Adoration, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Mass, and Miracles. Everyone is welcome. **13-14 June** at newly refurbished, Friends Meeting House, Euston - *opposite Euston station*. Sat 9.30am-9.30pm; Sun 9.30am-5pm. £5 registration fee and collection taken later. Holy Mass both days. Open Healing service from 6pm Sat - no charge. Please invite your friends and those who are sick. Speakers: Archbishop Kevin McDonald; Darrell Tunningley; Fr Cyril

### **Pilgrimage & Day of Celebration for People with Differing Needs**

Sunday 5th July, 12.00 noon at The Friars, Aylesford

#### **A GRAND DAY OUT**

That's what you can expect at the **5th annual pilgrimage of faith'n'fun** for grandparents and their families. It takes place at Aylesford Priory near Maidstone, Kent, on Saturday July 11 between 11am and 4.30pm. No booking is necessary: just turn up - don't forget to bring a picnic. See the poster on the church noticeboard for more details or email [marriage2014@virginmedia.com](mailto:marriage2014@virginmedia.com) or telephone 020 8651 2477. All are welcome.

### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGES**

*Please see Notice Board for details of the Diocesan and other pilgrimages to Lourdes.*

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage is from 21st–28th August. This year is a special year for us in the Archdiocese of Southwark, as Southwark was raised to an "Archdiocese and Metropolitan See" fifty years ago. For details of the pilgrimage, please speak to Canon Edward Perera, the Southwark Pilgrimage Director.

### **St Christopher's**

is a charity which has been caring for children for over 140 years. We are trying to recruit foster carers in your area to give a good home to disadvantaged children. Its not always easy and it can be quite challenging, but if you think you can provide a loving and stable environment for a vulnerable child and have a spare bedroom, please phone 0800 234 6282.

Have a look at St Christopher's website!

[www.stchris.org.uk](http://www.stchris.org.uk)

### **Apostleship of the Sea—Supporting Seafarers Worldwide**

#### **Sea Sunday is on July 12.**

Watch this [Sea Sunday video](#).

[www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

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### **St Philomena's Catholic High School, Carshalton Open Evening for September 2016 Entry**

Tuesday, 30th June 2015 from 3.30pm until 8.00pm.

### **New Job Opportunity: Evangelisation Field- worker**

Do you have a passion for evangelisation and a desire to help parishes further their mission? The Diocese of Birmingham, in partnership with the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis (England and Wales), is offering a new position – Evangelisation Fieldworker – to work within specific parishes to enthuse, inspire, motivate and mentor committed Catholics to engage in activities to share the joy of the Gospel. An initial focus will be the setting up of parish evangelisation teams, with an emphasis on reaching out to non – churchgoing (lapsed) Catholics to rediscover their love of Christ Jesus and return to the Church; and to attract those from outside the Church to explore its riches and experience the love of Christ. For more information please see: <http://www.cbcew.org.uk/CBCEW-Home/About-Us/Recruitment/Evangelisation-Fieldworker>