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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (A) - 11TH JUNE 2023

(Psalter Week 2)

Entrance Antiphon: ***He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.***

Responsorial Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Communion Antiphon: ***Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.***

If you would like to book a Mass Intention, please use the Mass Intention Envelopes available at the back of the church and put it through the office letter-box with your contact number. The recommended Stipend by the Archdiocese for a Mass Intention is £10.

The Sacrament of Penance is available on Saturday mornings from 11am until the final confession and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and by prior arrangement.

Parish Prayer Group meet at 2:30pm on Mondays in the Upper room of the Hall.

Divine Mercy Devotion after Mass on Wednesdays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays 10am to 12noon with Rosary.

Saturday morning prayer starts at 8:45am followed by the rosary and then Mass.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Paul.

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"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'. They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us'. He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too'" (Mt 20:6-7)

For some time now a Parish Pastoral Council have been slowly evolving in the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council is crucial to the successful mission of a parish to meet the needs within and beyond its doors. We currently have many volunteers in this parish and their contribution is much appreciated, however, very soon all parishioners will be invited to consider whether they would like to volunteer for certain aspects of parish life and more information will be given over the coming weeks.

In the meantime, please see a few quotations from three popes in recent times on this subject:

- St John Paul II stated that The call [go into the vineyard too] **"is a concern not only of Pastors, clergy, and men and women religious. The call is addressed to everyone: lay people as well are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world."** (*Christifides Laici* 1989)
- Pope Benedict **"The lay faithful must no longer be viewed as collaborators of the clergy but as 'co-responsible' for the Church's being and action"** (6th *Assembly of the International Catholic Action Forum August 2012*)
- Pope Francis, as the Bishop of the Diocese of Rome, in January 2023 has himself asked that each parish in his diocese form a Parish Pastoral Council as an organ of **"ecclesial communion, community discernment and co-responsibility to which the bishop must listen."**

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Suggestion Box - The responses to the suggestions received in the suggestion box are displayed on the notice board.

Parish AGM - The minutes of the 30th March Parish AGM are available on the parish website www.stlsidcup.org.

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

We are looking for young people aged 7+ who either play/are learning to play musical instruments and/or young people who have a passion for music/singing, who can sing or would like to learn how to sing. If you would like your children to join this Ministry please bring them to a meeting in the hall on Sunday 2nd July after the 11.30am Mass.

DEATH NOTICES

1. The Funeral Mass for Sheelagh Aughterlony RIP will take place on Monday 12th June at 12noon followed by burial at Kemnal Park Cemetery at 1:30pm.
 2. The Funeral Mass for Hayley Elizabeth Burke RIP will take place on Friday 16th June at 2:00pm followed by cremation at Kemnal Park Crematorium at 3:30pm.
 3. Memorial Mass for Kieran Cawley RIP will be held on Friday 16th June at 7:00pm.
- May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

Fr. Allan will be holding an altar server training for new and old altar servers after the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 18th June in the Church. Please bring and stay with your child for the training if you would like them to serve a Saturday Evening or Sunday Morning Mass. Any child who has made their first Holy Communion is invited to serve Mass. Thank you for volunteering your child for this lovely ministry.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS BOOK

Parishioners are invited to write any prayer intentions in our Parish Prayer Intentions book which has been placed at the back of the church. Please do take some time to read the intentions and include them in your prayers. The Parish Prayer group will pray for the intentions in the book when they meet on Mondays at 2:30pm.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND REPOSITORY

Come and join fellow parishioners in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Mass on Wednesdays and after the 8:30am and 10am Masses on Sunday for tea/coffee, biscuits and cake. The Repository will also be open at these times.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY 17TH/18TH JUNE - DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year. A Novena of Prayer is available on the CBCEW website which will lead up to the Day for Life. All resources, including the full message, may be accessed by visiting the website www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life.

A DAY WITH MARY - SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

10:00am to 5:30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians, Mottingham Road, Mottingham SE9 4ST. See poster on the notice board or visit www adaywithmary.org.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 15TH JULY AT 7:30PM

The Spiritual and Social Events Team are organising a Quiz night that will take place on Saturday 15th July 2023 in the church hall from 7.30pm. Tickets priced at £7 each. Ticket selling after Sunday masses on the 17th/18th June, 24th/25th June, 1st/2nd July and 8th/9th July. Bring your own food and drink. Raffle tickets sold on the night. Any raffle prize donations most welcome, thank you. Profits from the event will be donated to the church.

NEW DAWN IN THE CHURCH - ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT WALSINGHAM

Pilgrims are welcome to join the Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference at the Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham from Monday 31st July to Friday 4th August. For details go to www.newdawn.org.uk or email registration@newdawn.org.uk. See Poster.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE - SEPT 23RD 3PM, AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing the following details: your names, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. Alternatively email your details and parish location to the email: mflse@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you. Marriage & Family Life SE Team.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 10th June	Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)
6.30pm	The People of the Parish
Sunday 11th June	Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)
8.30am	Darrell D'Silva RIP
10.00am	Anne Gurr RIP
11.30am	Philomena O'Doherty RIP
Monday 12th June	Feria
9.30am	Birthday Intentions of John Okeke
12.00noon	Funeral Mass for Sheelagh Aughterlony RIP
Tuesday 13th June	Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
9.45am	Elethea (Ellie) Pusey RIP
Wednesday 14th June	Feria
9.30am	Harriet Wilson RIP
Thursday 15th June	Feria
9.30am	Josephine Farrell RIP
Friday 16th June	Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (A)
9.30am	Nina Hardy Atterton RIP
2.00pm	Funeral Mass for Hayley Elizabeth Burke RIP
7.00pm	Memorial Mass for Kieran Cawley RIP
Saturday 17th June	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	Holy Souls

Collection	4th June 2023
Cash	£513.01
Gift Aid	£357.00
Total	£870.01
Monthly Standing Order	£4790

Please pray for all the sick of our parish who are at home and in hospitals. Please also pray for the souls of the faithful departed that God may grant them eternal rest.

I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13