## Corpus Christi Catholic Church











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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

| SATURDAY  | 4тн  | 18:00 | Sixth Sunday of Eastertide | Solemnity | Mark Ryan                  |
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| SUNDAY    | 5тн  | 08:30 | Sixth Sunday of Eastertide | Solemnity | Pro Populo                 |
| SUNDAY    | 5тн  | 10:00 | Sixth Sunday of Eastertide | Solemnity | Thomas Beecher Stewart RIP |
| SUNDAY    | 5тн  | 12:00 | Sixth Sunday of Eastertide | Solemnity | Prielle Koudou Birthday    |
| SUNDAY    | 5тн  | 18:00 | Sixth Sunday of Eastertide | Solemnity |                            |
| MONDAY    | 6н   | 10:00 | St John Paine              | Memorial  | David Tiehi                |
| TUESDAY   | 7тн  | 10:00 |                            | Feria     | David Tiehi                |
| WEDNESDAY | 8тн  | 10:00 |                            | Feria     | Obin Desirée Birthday      |
| THURSDAY  | 9тн  | 10:00 | The Ascension of the Lord  | Solemnity | Our Lady of Sorrows        |
| THURSDAY  | 9тн  | 12:00 | Funeral Mass:              |           | Fabiola Agudelo Arenas RIP |
| THURSDAY  | 9тн  | 19:30 | The Ascension of the Lord  | Solemnity |                            |
| FRIDAY    | 10тн | 10:00 | St John de Ávila           | Memorial  | Theresa Callanan Birthday  |
| SATURDAY  | 11тн | 10:00 |                            | Feria     |                            |

**CONFESSIONS**: SATURDAY: 5PM - 5:40PM [HALL]

TEA & COFFEE: AFTER 10AM MASS [THURS & SUN]



We pray for those who have died - especially Thomas Martin Brian Conroy, Fabiola Arena, Bernard Boyle, Anna Leonard and Bridget Kelly and all whose anniversaries occur around this time including Maria Chan-A-Sue, Mona Seecharan, Paddy Lyons, Douglas McNeill, Lloyd Hoppins, Mary Margo, Phillip Murray, Patrick Devine and Patrick Greevy. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls - and the souls of all the faithful departed - through the mercy of God rest in peace.

I write this having just celebrated - along with 21 of our families - the first of three Masses of First Holy Communion. It was a very special time in which our children gave us an example of faith as they received Jesus reverently and humbly. I spoke to them about how they were willing to trust Jesus' invitation to say sorry in Confession and realised it brought them joy. In the same way, we trust Jesus invitation to receive Him (not bread but His Body and Blood) and - in listening to and trusting the truth of His words) we will realise that it brings us the deepest joy of knowing we are close to Him (again - not bread - but Jesus Himself!). Our faith in the Eucharist is the identity of our parish: Corpus Christi - the Body and Blood of Christ. We can never exhaust the importance of this greatest of all the sacraments in which the sign and the thing signified are the same: Jesus is truly present among us. Within the rite of marriage - which I celebrated with a couple recently - there are the beautiful words in the vows "with my body I honour you; all that I have I give to you and all that I am I share with you." Jesus says this to us every Sunday. The honour and privilege of receiving the Eucharist can never be underestimated when we realise who (not what) it is we are receiving. May we treasure it more each day!

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## **PARISH NEWS**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION** is this Thursday 9th May and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Masses at **10am** and at **7:30pm**. Confessions will be available from 6:30pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS**: to the children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Could you join our small team of volunteers to support our Children's liturgy at our Sunday 10am Mass? You will need to complete a DBS check specifically for this role, and you will always have another volunteer with you. Please either email (brixtonhill@rcaos.org.uk) or call the parish office (02081501150) if you are able to help.

**PROTECT THE UNBORN:** The Leader of the House of Commons has announced that - on 15th May - amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that could legalise abortion up to the moment of birth for any reason are to be debated and voted on. It is important to read about these proposals and contact MPs. Visiting the Right to Life website (click here) enables you to do so within a few clicks.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS:** This Sunday - 5th May - is the annual day of prayer throughout the world Church for Eastern Christians. We especially remember those who struggle in the Holy Land and Ukraine amidst the unrelenting conflict and ask God to grant peace.

MASS OF HEALING FOR THE HOUSEBOUND: On Saturday 8th June at 3pm in our Church we will celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick for those who are too frail or unwell to join us on Sundays. There will be afternoon tea served after the Mass in the Hall. I am very grateful to the SVP who are coordinating the event. Please do get in touch with us - via email or phone (020 8150 1150) - to let us know of anyone who would like to attend but needs assistance.

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: If you are celebrating your 1st/ 10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Please email mflse@rcaos.org.uk and make the title of your email your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

**ART EXHIBITION:** across the weekend of 21st to 23rd June there will be a Summer Art Exhibition in our Church Hall. If you would like an item displayed please email j.r.cornerstone58@gmail.com. There will also be a free Family Art Workshop on Saturday 22nd June from 2pm to 3:30pm for children aged 5-11 with an accompanying adult. Only 30 places available. Please email to book.

**LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS MASS** will take place <u>THIS Monday</u> 6th May at 12:30pm in St George's Cathedral. All are welcome and encouraged to wear national dress.

PARISH AGM: Our parish AGM will take place on Saturday 18th May at 7pm.

**OUR SCRIPTURE COURSE:** continues <u>THIS TUESDAY</u> 7th May at 7:30pm in the evening and we will by studying Joshua 1-4, 6-8, 23-24. All are welcome to join us!