




Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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CORPUS CHRISTI

SATURDAY	21ST	18:00	Corpus Christi	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	22ND	08:30	Corpus Christi	Solemnity	Pro Populo
SUNDAY	22ND	10:00	Corpus Christi	Solemnity	
SUNDAY	22ND	12:00	Corpus Christi	Solemnity	David Tiehi
SUNDAY	22ND	18:00	Corpus Christi	Solemnity	
MONDAY	23RD	10:00	St Etheldreda	Memorial	Lady of Sorrow
TUESDAY	24TH	10:00	Nativity of St John The Baptist	Solemnity	Umberto Romano RIP
TUESDAY	24TH	11:30	Tomasz Kowalczyk RIP	<u>Funeral Mass</u>	
WEDNESDAY	25TH	10:00		Feria	
THURSDAY	26TH	10:00	St Thomas Garnet	Memorial	
FRIDAY	27TH	10:00	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Solemnity	Jesus the Redeemer
SATURDAY	28TH	10:00	Immaculate Heart of the BVM	Memorial	
SATURDAY	28TH	15:00	Mass of Healing for the Sick & Housebound		

TEA AND COFFEE: SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY EVENINGS: 5PM - 5:40PM



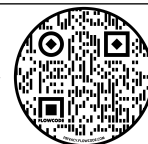
We pray for Luciana Bernardini, Philipa Beech and Thomas Kowalczyk who died recently and all whose anniversaries occur around this time: Teresa Murphy, Sandra Orsi, Rudolph Hourigan, John Holman, Winston Delgado, Helen Mencattelli, Ophelia Nazareth, Charles Marriage, Eileen Carden and Eileen Tucker. May their souls - and the souls of all

I think our First Holy Communion programme has been a great success. I realised this when - at new altar server training last week - I asked those who'd just received Jesus for the first time "what does the priest lift when we ring the bell at Mass for the second time?" I had many hands go up and selected one girl who said: "Jesus' body". Amen! In recent times in our corner of the earth there has sadly been a proliferation of misunderstanding about our belief in what we celebrate today; the great mysterious gift God gives of His Son to us in the Eucharist. In Pew Research Centre Polling in the USA back in 2019 only 30% of Catholics said they believe "bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus". How tragic! This day - the feast of Corpus Christi - was established back in the thirteenth century to encourage devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Yet our belief in the Eucharist being Jesus' body and blood is found in Sacred Scripture but is also unmistakably and consistently found in Sacred Tradition. The Fathers (teachers) of our faith - Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr, Irenaeus of Lyon (to name a few) and the saints throughout the centuries have taught it is an essential part of our faith to believe that what we receive at Mass is truly Jesus' Body and Blood. As St Ambrose of Milan put it: "When the consecration [within the Mass] has taken place, from bread it becomes the flesh of Christ. And let us say: 'it is His flesh!'" Let us each say with that little girl - who now serves at the altar - it is "Jesus' body"! And this matters. It makes a difference. It is life-changing when we think about it because - if the God who created the universe (and you and I) - chooses to give His very self to us in the Mass then there is no greater place on earth to be. In the Mass we are with God in the way *He* wills and there is no other time when we can encounter so intimately. Let us ask Him to increase our faith in the Mass so that we may always long to be there in order to be with Him.

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PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU! Our Summer Fair was a huge success and we managed to raise £10,000! A big thank you to all who came, donated, bought a plant or bric-a-brac item. Thanks especially to all who helped set up, clear up, clean, prepare food, play music, organise raffle prizes, count money, supervise children, cook food, prepare cocktails, bake a cake. I'm sure I've forgotten even more ways in which you helped support the parish. We could not do it - nor exist - without you and so thank you so much!!

SAY GOODBYE (TO FR MEBRATE) SUNDAY: On **Sunday 13th July** there will be an opportunity to say an official goodbye to Father Mebrate. We will make the Sunday special with **coffee and cake after the 10am Mass** and then **light lunch after the 12pm Mass**. Do please bring along some cake - if you're coming to the 10am - or some food to share if coming to the 12pm. A collection will be taken over the coming months and you can use either envelopes (to come) or the machines. A videographer - making a video for our website - will film on 13/07. Please [contact us](#) if you do not wish to be in it.

THIS SUNDAY: SVP CAKE SALE / BEACON HEALTH TEAM: If you can donate a cake please call Foufou: 07949603968. Doctor and nurses available in the Hall for blood pressure check & info.

EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS [16-35s] INSPIRED BY BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS: On Thursday 26th June at 6:30pm at St George's Cathedral there will be adoration, praise and worship, confessions, talk by someone who knew Blessed Carlo, veneration of his relic and a social. We will be travelling up from Brixton and so [email us](#) to join our group of Brixton Hill young adults to grow in faith together.

MASS OF HEALING FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND: On **Saturday 28th June at 3pm** we will again welcome those who are not normally able to come to Mass in our parish. It is an opportunity to work towards arranging transportation and inviting families who are ordinarily unable to attend. I am grateful to the SVP for their work in this regard and also encourage you - if you have or know of someone who has a housebound friend or relative - to invite them and seek to help them attend. There will be tea served afterwards. Let us pray for all those who are frail, sick and / or housebound.

SINGING AT THE 12PM MASS: We are looking to enhance our 12pm liturgy from September when our organist will be more available and we have someone to lead the singing. We already have a good small troupe of singers. You may have a gift for singing and - if so - do not hide it under a bushel but share it with the parish! If you could join our 12pm Schola please [email us](#) so we can include you.

ART EXHIBITION BY CHRIS CHRISTODOULOU: On weekend of 5th & 6th July our Hall will host a display of the artist's work 'Odyssey' themed around personal narratives, dreams and memories. He will also display his personal interpretation of the Stations of the Cross in print. From 11am on both days parishioners are welcome to see the works and the exhibit is open to the public from 2pm.

HELP A CHILD: I will be taking children to the [Faith Summer Break](#) and [Faith Summer Session](#) in July / August. Many families are unable to afford this holiday which helps them grow in faith and friendship. Last year we were able to support 9 children with your generosity and I expect more will need help this year. I would be so grateful if you can donate £150 to send one child. Please [email me](#).