

The Announcer

St Augustine's Catholic Church

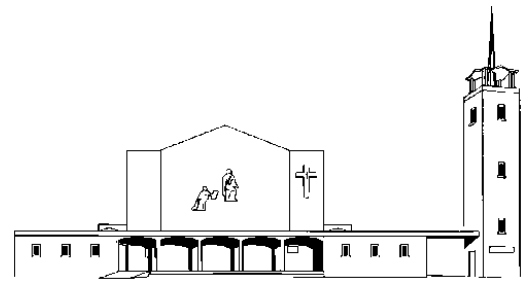
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Year A

CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

22nd JUNE 2014

GOSPEL: John 6: 51–58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THIS NEXT FEAST IN THE CYCLE FOLLOWING ON FROM EASTER IS CORPUS CHRISTI, the feast of the Body & Blood of Christ. This is a wonderful recognition of the central role that Jesus, present in the Eucharist, plays in our lives as Catholics. The gift of the Mass, this highpoint of all the Sacraments, allows us every Sunday — and indeed every day if possible — to be in the living presence of the Son of God. He has given us this gift at the Last Supper, as a living memorial for all time of His Cross and Resurrection. In the Eucharist we are present at the foot of the Cross, as He died for us, and at the Holy Sepulchre, as He rose again for us! We can have no closer union with Our Lord Jesus, this side of heaven, than in being at Mass. After the Saturday evening Mass and 9.15am Sunday Mass, this weekend, there will be about 10 minutes of silent Adoration, to mark this feastday in a special way. We will then have the prolonged '40 Hours' Adoration, and Corpus Christi Procession, in two weeks' time (see below).



IT IS A BEAUTIFUL FEASTDAY ON WHICH TO CELEBRATE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. We congratulate the twenty seven parish families whose children are receiving Our Lord Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. And I thank the First-Communion catechists, and those involved in the arrangements for Mass (flower arrangers, folk group, servers, sacristan, and parish secretary) for all their time and effort.

ON THE BLUE BOARDS IN THE CHURCH PORCH are details of two forthcoming events:

(i) **The 'Forty Hours' Adoration** which we have each year in early July, and which gives us a chance to spend as a parish a time of extended prayer to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. PLEASE sign up for some time of prayer in the church (half-hour slots) over that weekend (**Fri 4th to Sun 6th July**), so that Our Lord can be adored and praised with an outpouring of peaceful prayer from us.

(ii) **The parish barbecue, Sunday 13th July** at 2pm. Please apply for your tickets a.s.a.p. using the forms available in the porch. In order for it to be a success, we need volunteers to assist with lots of little tasks — these are detailed on the blue board in the porch: PLEASE sign up! We cannot leave it just to one or two to organise this: let's pull together and enjoy this community event.

May the Holy Eucharist fortify us every week with Christ's presence and blessing! Fr Philip

From Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II on 'The Church in the Modern World,' n. 22:

VATICAN II,
50 YEARS ON:
THE NEW
EVANGELIZATION

Pressing upon the Christian to be sure, are the need and the duty to battle against evil through manifold tribulations and even to suffer death. But, linked with the paschal mystery and patterned on the dying Christ, he will hasten forward to resurrection in the strength which comes from hope.

PRAYER & LITURGY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS: *Luca Abbondante, Thomas Campany, Zara Donaghy, Jack Doogan, James Doogan, Ava Fitzgerald, Sheena Gandolfo, Aloysius Githinji, Calogero Grana, Fionn Healy, Billy Holmes, Zara Hussein, Abigail Ingram, Katarzyna Jarosz, Krzysztof Jarosz, Callan Kirkwood, Tomasz Kozikowski, Georgia Leslie, James O'Callaghan, Carmelo Padalino, Simon Patasin, Hannah Pegram, Oscar Ramsdale, Charlie Rivers, Dario Sanzeri, Ross Scagnelli, Enrico Tagliarini Gene Talbot & Finn Tully.*

SUNDAY HOLY HOUR is held on the third Sunday of each month. It will next take place at 5pm **Sunday 17th August** (There will be no Holy Hour in July). Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction, with a Scriptural reflection.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP: 3rd Friday evening of each month, 7.30–8.30pm: **Friday 18th July.** A semi-formal quiet hour in the Lady Chapel once a month to reflect on the Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. All welcome!

THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION will be held in the church **Fri 4th July to Sun 6th July, 7/8am–9pm.** PLEASE, WE NEED MANY PARISHIONERS to sign up to come and pray for some of the 40 hours of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: sign your name on lists on the blue board in the porch (half-hr slots).

FRIDAY: 7am Adoration begins
12 noon Mass
12.30pm Adoration resumes
7.30pm Mass; 8.45pm Benediction

SATURDAY: 8am Adoration begins
10am Mass; Adoration resumes
6.30pm Mass; Adoration resumes
8.45pm Benediction

SUNDAY: 8am Adoration begins
9.15am & 11.15am Masses
12.30pm Corpus Christi Procession
1.30pm Adoration resumes
3.30pm Italian Mass
5.00pm Latin Mass
8.45pm Closing Benediction

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

We pray for our sick parishioners and friends: *Sue Porto, Christopher Browne, John Askew, Alan Dolan, Rosa Augello, Roberto Piacentini, Mark Reason, Hilda Andrews, Joanne Sheridan, Helen Sherman, Annette Pinto, Bohita Fanor, Jill Logsdail, Joe Barr, Jenny Miller, and Joseph Penheiro.*

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain, as this information is now systematically withheld from Chaplains. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward,** so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

The Chaplains are: QEII, Jacqueline Humphreys 01438-285518 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Sławek Jedrych 01279-426017



Our parish's **Growing in Faith** season has run from January–Easter, giving us the chance, along with all Westminster Catholics, to support the needs of the local Church.

Our local parish project is a very important one: to employ a part-time parish catechist to add to the great work already going on at St Augustine's in First Holy Communion and Confirmation, RCIA etc. by wonderful volunteers. There are so many other opportunities for catechesis and work amongst the youth & young adults of our parish which we could begin through a new employee. **PLEASE PRAY that the right person can now be sought**

If there are still families who made clear an intention to give, at the 'Commitment Weekend,' and who have not yet returned to Fr Philip or to the diocese their pledge form, please could they do so at the earliest opportunity in order for us to be sure of reaching our target, so we can move on to seeking an employee with confidence.

www.rcdow.org.uk/growing-in-faith

CATECHETICS

CATHOLICISM DVDs: This is another chance to see Fr Robert Barron's acclaimed series "CATHOLICISM," about the Catholic faith on Wednesdays in the crypt. Please arrive at 10am (coffee is available) to **begin watching at 10.25am. 25th June "Eucharist: The Mystery of the Church's Sacrament and Worship."** Remaining episodes: 25th June; 2nd, 9th and 16th July.
www.catholicismseries.com

FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION PROGRAMME: practice on **Sat 28th June** 11.30am for First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th June. All children must attend this, so that they know what to do. The **Thanksgiving Mass** will be held on **Sunday 6th July** at 11.15am Mass when all First Communicants from both weeks return in their First Communion outfits for the Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2015. Fr Philip wishes to see each prospective candidate (in *next year's* year 9 or above) and a parent for a short chat (20–30 minutes) before the summer. **Applications will close for this programme on 14th July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general these will be between 4–6pm on the following remaining date: 14th July.

YOUNG PEOPLE

BROWNIES: There will be Cream Teas served in the presbytery garden on **Wednesday 25th June** from 1-4pm. Tickets are £5 and a selection of teas and freshly baked cakes and scones will be served. This is a Brownie fundraising event and we would love to see you there! To purchase tickets, please contact Maria on 449209 or Mary on 534891.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD: The Climate is Changing...If you are aged 18-30 you are invited to this special campaign evening for Young Adults on **Wednesday 2 July.** Come find out what CAFOD is doing to tackle climate change from guest speaker Antony Mbandi, Director of Caritas Kitui (Kenya), and learn how you can help! It will be held at CAFOD's offices in Lambeth, SE1 7JB. Doors open at 6pm, drinks and food provided. Call 0207 095 5324 or book online <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Events/youngadultclimateevent>

HELP AT FOODBANK: The Broxbourne Foodbank will have a collection at Tesco Cheshunt (The Pond) and Tesco Brookfield centre on **3rd, 4th and 5th July.** Collectors are needed at each store, drivers to transport food and volunteers to sort the food. If you can help, even an hour will make a difference, please contact Elaine Batten on 01992-428926 or e-mail volunteerfoodbank1@gmail.com.

COMBATTING EUTHANASIA: please make your voice heard against the newly re-introduced Bill to legalize euthanasia/assisted suicide. 1. By signing the online petition at: www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/david-cameron-follow-through-on-your-declared-support-for-the-idea-that-assisted-dying-should-not-be-legalised. 2. By writing to our MP, Mr Charles Walker at his Westminster e-mail address: charles.walker.mp@parliament.uk

MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: this week, Fr Philip will make Wednesday-afternoon visits to parish homes in Kingsfield, Highbury Ave, Fairfield Rd, Kenning Rd.

PARISH MAGAZINE: We hope to publish another edition of the magazine at the beginning of September. If you do have an article, please either email it or hand it in to the presbytery by **13th July.**

ISABEL HOSPICE SUNFLOWER APPEAL: The next Sunflower appeal is at Tesco, Brookfield on 27th & 28th June. If you can spare an hour, please ring Ellen Bartlett on 464677.

PARISH BBQ: The BBQ will be held on **Sunday 13th July 2pm** with live music. This year, there won't be a bar, so please do bring your own drink and glasses. **Application forms are now available from the back of the church and must be returned to the presbytery with your money by Monday 7th July.** Adults are £5, children £1 and under 5's free. The lists for volunteers are now available at the back of church. **PLEASE volunteer to assist with the many jobs — setting out chairs/tables before, putting up gazebos, and lots more! Without help, we cannot make this event happen.**

Raffle prizes are also needed for the day, so you can donate something, please hand it in at the presbytery. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU: The Conti family would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral for Mrs Giuseppina Conti. The amount collected after the funeral was £255 which will be divided between the Royal National Institute for Blind People, and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

THE PASSAGE will be holding their annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on **Friday 11 July**, from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm. Tickets at £32 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL. Tel: 02075921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk.

CHURCH CLEANING: Filomena Mezzullo, Dave & Kathy Greenall, Maria Ventura and Theresa Casbard. Thank you!

PRAYER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ,
wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Your wounds hide me.
Let me not be separated from You.
From the malicious enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to You
That with Your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen



Masses this week

Sat 21st June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious
10am Mass *Mary & Seamus Timmons RIP Anniv*

6.30pm* Assunta & Henryk Nolewajka RIP

Sun 22nd June CORPUS CHRISTI

9.15am** *John Teeling RIP Anniv*

11.15am** *For the Parish*

1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass

3.30pm Italian Mass †

Mon 23rd June

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Maura Crowle RIP*

Tues 24th June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Dominga Balmaceda RIP*

Wed 25th June

8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer

9.15am Mass *Honora Power RIP* — followed by coffee in the crypt

Thurs 26th June

9.15am Mass *Annie McIntyre RIP*

Fri 27th June SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(NO Abstinence from meat today)

11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction

12 noon Mass *Terry McIntyre RIP*

Sat 28th June ST JOHN SOUTHWORTH, Priest & Martyr

10am Mass *Antonino Montalbano RIP*

6.30pm* Giuseppe Palminteri RIP

Sun 29th June STS PETER & PAUL, Apostles

9.15am** *Michael & William Doyle RIP Anniv*

11.15am** *For the Parish*

1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass

3.30pm Italian Mass †

***Vigil Mass of Sunday**

**** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only)**

† There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)

Today's Liturgy

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1st Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2–3, 14–16

He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.

Psalms 147 — O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16–17

That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body.

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 6: 51–58

My flesh is real food and my body is real drink.

PREFACE TODAY: Most Holy Eucharist II (p. 65)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

ST PETER & ST PAUL

1st Reading: Acts 12: 1–11

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 6–6, 17–18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13–19

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm

Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am

or ask Fr Philip at any other time.

ROSARY

Rosary is said in the Walsingham Chapel after each weekday Mass and after Saturday 10am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Tues 24th 1.30pm Guild tea and chat, crypt

Wed 25th 6.00pm Brownies, crypt

Thurs 26th 1.30pm Padre Pio, presbytery

Sat 28th 11.30am 1st HC practice, church

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — THANK YOU. NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*