

# The Announcer

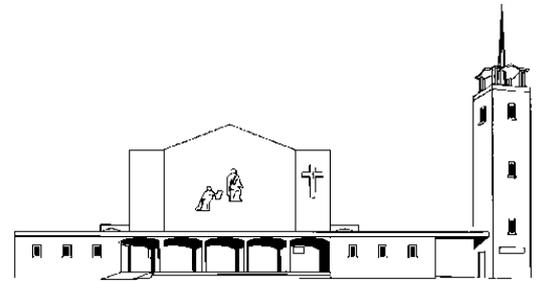
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Year A

**CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI**

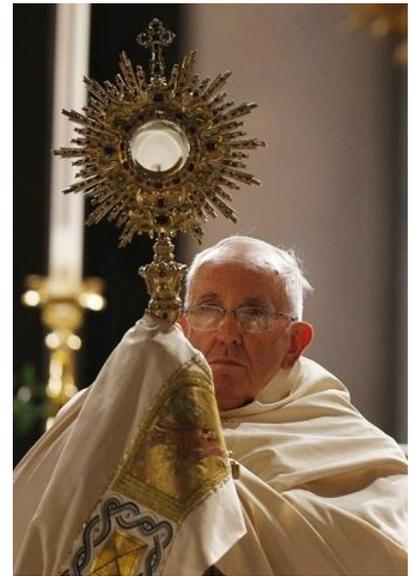
18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

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 OF CELEBRATIONS AFTER EASTER, *CORPUS CHRISTI*, brings to mind the wondrous gift of Jesus to us in His Sacrifice – both on the Cross and in the Mass, for it is the same thing. The very heart of our faith is in coming to our Saviour, Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, for here he offers Himself again and again to the Father on our behalf. We come to Mass as it is the very 'beating heart' of the Church: Jesus's true presence nourishing us with His own divine life, pumping His life blood into His members. When we are at Mass we are performing the most perfect adoration of God; and at the same time we are filled with the grace we need to live our faith through each week and be witnesses to the Gospel in the world.



AFTER THE DREADFUL FIRE IN THE NORTH-KENSINGTON TOWER BLOCK, Cardinal Vincent stated: "We pray for all the residents of Grenfell Tower. I pray particularly for those who have suffered injury, those who have died, and all the residents who are left without a home, and the entire community that has been affected. Once again in our city we witness the heroic efforts of our emergency services who responded so quickly. I thank them for all they are doing to help the victims of this devastating fire."

*Caritas Westminster*, our diocesan agency for charitable outreach, was immediately able to assist those affected by the disaster, working out of St Francis of Assisi church, Holland Park, and through its Emergency Fund will continue to provide relief to the victims. If you wish to donate after this devastating incident, please do so online at: <http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/>

**May the Lord give us a perpetual love for Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament! Fr Philip**

**Pope Francis, from *Misericordia et Misera*, closing the 'Holy Year of Mercy,' n. 16:**



The desire for closeness to Christ requires us to draw near to our brothers and sisters, for nothing is more pleasing to the Father than a true sign of mercy. By its very nature, mercy becomes visible and tangible in specific acts. Once mercy has been truly experienced, it is impossible to turn back. It grows constantly and it changes our lives. It is an authentic new creation: it brings about a new heart, capable of loving to the full, and it purifies our eyes to perceive hidden needs. How true are the words of the Church's prayer at the Easter Vigil, after the reading of the creation account: "O God, who wonderfully created human nature and still more

wonderfully redeemed it". *Mercy renews and redeems* because it is an encounter between two hearts: the heart of God who comes to meet us and a human heart. The latter is warmed and healed by the former. Our hearts of stone become hearts of flesh capable of love despite our sinfulness. I come to realize that I am truly a "new creation": I am loved, therefore I exist; I am forgiven, therefore I am reborn; I have been shown mercy, therefore I have become a vessel of mercy.

## PRAYER & LITURGY

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Reeve Bruff, Carmen Burling, Sam Carter, Dominic Cassera, Sofia Cornely-Lewis, Elara Craker, Cliona Doogan, Charley Doogan, Leo Fiorentini, Lexie-Rae Goldhawk, Joseph Hinks, Archie Hurley, Ashton McAteer, Kelan McCarthy, Alessandro Militello, Jack Morrissey, Charlie Nicastro, Lyla Panayi, Imogen Patrick, Faye Pegram, Harry Ravanopoulos, Lucia Ricotta, Alessia Ricotta and Luca Teoli.

**SUNDAY HOLY HOUR** will next take place **this Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> June** at 5pm with a Scriptural reflection, Adoration, Evening Prayer and Benediction. A truly peaceful hour!

**SS PETER & PAUL** is on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be Mass at 9.30am with both schools, 12 noon and 8pm. Ministers of Holy Communion, readers and altar servers are needed. If you can assist, please sign your name on the lists at the back of church.

**THE 'FORTY HOURS' DEVOTION** will be held in the church **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
8.45pm Benediction

**SATURDAY:** 8am Adoration begins  
10am Mass; Adoration resumes  
4.00pm Italian Mass  
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  
5.00pm Latin Mass  
8.45pm Closing Benediction

**FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7.30-8.30pm: **next meeting July 21<sup>st</sup>**. A semi-formal hour in the Lady Chapel to reflect

together on Sunday Scriptures and bring our needs and prayers to the Lord.

**ALAN CONNOLLY RIP** of Hoddesdon died recently. Our sympathies go out to his family. His funeral will be in Stevenage and details will follow in due course. *May he rest in peace.*

**BISHOP PAUL MCALEENAN** will be coming to the parish for a visit on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July** and would like to meet as many parishioners as possible and all are invited. There will be a shared meal in the crypt after the 11.15am Mass **so please sign up on the list at the back of church as to what finger food you can bring.**

### HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

*Please pray for our sick parishioners & friends: John Askew, Rosa Augello, Helen & Michael Sherman, Annette Pinto, Siobhan Fiorentini, Toni Randazzo, Doreen Willis & Marina Morris.*

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

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford:  
<http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

**IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL:** Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. 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.

**Chaplains are: Lister, Rev Anthony Curran 01438-285138 or 07884-187463; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017**

### CATECHETICS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS.** The practice will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June 11.30am for the First Holy Communion Mass of 25<sup>th</sup> June. All children must attend their practice, so that they know what to do. **If you are a Eucharistic Minister or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please sign your name on the list at the back of the church.**

**CONFIRMATION 2018:** Fr Philip wishes to see each 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 7<sup>th</sup> July.** Please contact the presbytery for an appointment. In general, these will be between 3.30pm and 6pm on the following days: 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June.



Our fundraising began in 2014, and we have pledged of c. £185k, to give our parish project, ultimately, a slice of c. £51k. So far we already have £24k available for our parish project, which is to employ a part-time worker in the area of catechetics and evangelization.

Fr Philip is meeting a possible candidate for this role, who has been recommended to us by the diocesan youth-ministry team. Let's pray that this will come to fruition!

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### SCHOOLS/UNDER-5s

**CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** If your child is presently in year 5 and would wish to go to St Mary's or another Catholic secondary school in 2018, or if your child is looking to go into Reception year in a Catholic Primary school in autumn 2018, then you need to continue signing the weekly sign-in-sheet in the church porch on the noticeboard. **Please note that the system for applying for a Certificate of Catholic Practice is now closed.**

### MISCELLANEOUS

**TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB** held in the crypt: dates are **20<sup>th</sup> June;** and 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July 12.30-2.30pm. Price £4. Anybody & everybody welcome!

**HOUSE VISITS:** Fr Philip will continue his house visits on Wednesday afternoon in these streets: Briscoe Road, College Road, Westhill Road and environs.

**COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN DAY SLAVERY:** The Santa Marta Group is an alliance of international police chiefs and bishops working with civil society to eradicate human trafficking and modern day slavery. Their Deputy Director, Mike Duthie, will give a presentation with discussion and refreshments on **Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm** at The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ware. This is an opportunity for us to increase awareness of this scourge on our world and the support being

given to victims. Please come!

**LOURDES:** The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017.** Brochures and booking forms listing a range of prices which vary depending on choice of travel and accommodation, are available from the Pilgrimage Office, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN or Tangney Tours online: <http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster>

**200 CLUB RENEWALS:** If you have not renewed your 200 club and would like to, please drop your money into playgroup in an envelope with your name on. There are still a few spare numbers, so if you would like to join please contact Theresa Casbard on 3012551.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in aid of UK Aid Felsted will be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** at 7.30pm in the crypt. £5 per person, max 8 per team. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table contact Margaret Byrne on 443351 or Vicky Lee-Lozone on 07747-485023.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There are a number of items in lost property. Please contact the Presbytery straightaway if anything might belong to you. We will be clearing it all out at the end of June.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Filomena Mezzullo, Elizabeth Nsonwah, Laura Harwood and Tony & Linda Barrell. Thank you for your help.

### 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	Today's Liturgy
<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> 10am Mass <i>Maria Beschizza RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PAGE 83 in the Mass books</b></p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm*</b> <i>James McGahern snr RIP, James McGahern jnr RIP, Rose Ann McGahern, Philomena McGahern &amp; Michael Page RIP anniv.</i>  <b>Sun 18<sup>th</sup> June CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 9.15am** <i>John Teeling RIP Anniv</i> 11.15am <i>For the Parish</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass 5.00pm Holy Hour ‡	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16  <i>He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.</i></p> <p><b>Psalm 147 — To you glory and praise for evermore.</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17  <i>That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>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</i></p>
<b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Vincenzo Genuardi RIP</i>  <b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June ST ALBAN</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Stanley Almeida RIP &amp; Wilfred Maciel RIP</i>  <b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, Religious</b> 8.15am Adoration                      9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Barbara Murphy RIP</i> — followed by coffee in the crypt	<p><b>Gospel:</b> John 6: 51-58  <i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.</i></p> <p><b>PREFACE TODAY:</b> Holy Eucharist II (p. 65)  <b>EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:</b> no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS</b>            12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Jeremiah 20: 10-13  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Romans 5: 12-15  <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 10: 26-33</p>
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June SS JOHN FISHER, Bishop &amp; THOMAS MORE, Martyrs</b> NO Mass  <b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> June MOST SCARED HEART OF JESUS</b> (NO Abstinence from meat today as Solemnity) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Riccardo &amp; Luigia Beschizza RIP</i>  <b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 10am Mass <i>Alan Connolly RIP</i>	<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</b>            Saturday 10.30 – 11am &amp; 5.30 – 6.15pm            Sunday 8.30 – 9am &amp; 10.40 – 11am            or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSARY</b></p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</b>            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.</p>
4.00pm* Italian Mass <b>6.30pm*</b> <i>For the Parish</i>  <b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> June 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> 9.15am** <i>Mary &amp; Seamus Timmings</i> 11.15am <i>Pasqua, Angelo, Rosa &amp; Luigi Scibelli</i> 1.30pm First Holy Communion Mass ‡	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</b></p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust</b>  <b>Registered Charity No. 233699</b></p>
<p>* 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)</p>	
<b>REGULAR EVENTS</b>	
<b>Tues 20th</b> 12.30pm lunch club, crypt	<b>Wed 21st</b> 6.00pm Brownies, crypt

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. —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.*