

# NEWSLETTER

## CORPUS CRISTI

### MY BODY, MY BLOOD

in my prayer and meditation how I have desired to be fused with the Body and Blood of our Lord. The Lord gave us the Eucharist as his gift since he wished to prove his love for you and me ( his most sinful servant). For this reason, he came down to our level so you and I could be united with him.

For those of us who desire him, he made it possible not only to look upon him but to touch him and consume him and so be fused with him; thus fulfilling our deepest desire to love him.

After Communion and the final dismissal, we should leave the Church like roaring lions that frightens the devil and be ever mindful of our Lord and his love for us The precious Blood we receive nourishes our soul and if we receive it reverently it would drive away evil which keeps them at a distance. The Blood we received commands the angels, where they see the Blood of the Lord, all evil flee, and angels gather.

This blood poured out in such vast quantities has washed us and the world clean.

*Fr. Christopher*

*The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver will be here in our Parish on 9th & 10th June to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England and Wales. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support as there will be a second collection for The Missionary Sisters. Thank you.*

*Fr Christopher*

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 3rd June

6pm—Ints of Sick & Retired Priests

#### 4th June

9am - People of the Parish

11am— John Higgins RIP

**Friday, 8th June,**

**The Feast of Sacred Heart**

Mass at 9.15 am

For a weekday mass intentions, please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confessions on

Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm  
or by appointment

### Holy Hour Every Saturday, At 5pm.

### HUMANAE VITAE

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. In it, Pope Paul upheld the Church's traditional teaching on marriage even though at the time it was deemed controversial. Now looking back, you and I, can see how prophetic his encyclical was. My brother priests and I, have witnessed crisis within the family and its effects on the marriage. It seems to me, fifty years on this encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* has proved itself relevant. Pope Paul's teaching on the inseparability of the procreative and unitive ends of marriage needs I believe to be proclaimed with confidence.

I invite you, to remember families going through such a torrid time and the strain its having on the marriage, Pray for my brother Priests and me in your daily prayers. Thank you.

*Fr Christopher*

### CORPUS CHRISTI

3rd of June is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body of Christ. After the final prayer. We will have the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and it will be followed by a procession out of the Church. We shall re-assemble in the carpark for Benediction and end with the Divine Praises. All are welcome. Thank you

*Fr. Christopher*

### Readings for this and next Sunday

Exodus 24: 3-8,  
Psalm - 115: 12-13, 15-18, 20 response v 13  
2nd Reading - Hebrew 9: 11-15  
Gospel - Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26

Genesis 3:9-15,  
Psalm - 129: response v 7  
2nd Reading - Corinthians 4: 13-5:1  
Gospel - Mark 3: 20-35



## Rosary Group's June Prayer Meeting

After 11am Mass & Corpus Christi  
Procession, Sunday 03rd June  
Meet by the statue of Mary

The theme of our prayers this month is:

### Ending London's Violence

**Beginners Welcome**

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available

**Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary**

## HOLY LAND PARISH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 2019

Pilgrimage People who are organizing our pilgrimage to the Holy Land has requested those who have taken booking forms to send in their deposits. There are still places available! Remember, we would love you to join us .

For more information contact Parish Office.

Thank you, Fr Christopher

## WANT TO HELP OTHERS? Become a Foodbank Volunteer

Are you a friendly conversationalist who can work with fellow Christians from other denominations?

**Every Tuesday, 10am to 1.30pm**

Help open/close the foodbank, work hard, make tea and coffee, serve guests, and stock-take.

*Training Given. Good Work Experience.*

*Text contact details to 07968-971-874.*

Are you aged between 18-35? Have you ever wanted to spend a year making a real difference in the community? Have you thought about trying to live out Gospel values in a faith-filled community? If the answer to these questions is yes, then become a Vincentian Volunteer - living in community, serving the needy in our society and living out your faith practically. Spend a year that will change your life. If you want to know more then visit [www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.vincentianvolunteers.org.uk)

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## JOHN HIGGINS

John passed away peacefully at 9.33am on Monday, the 28th May, 2018.

Laura, one of the nurses in Ward 5c, checked on John prior to giving him his daily wash. She heard that his breathing had changed and he was also missing breaths. She kindly sat with him for the last 15 minutes of his life and read the prayer inside one of the Get Well cards to him. She also put his keys in his hand, as the rosary Father Christopher had blessed had been in his other hand for several days. He was usually more relaxed when he had his keys. His death was then immediately confirmed by the doctor on duty.

We ask you to continue to pray for John. He will be mourned by a great many people in our Parish. He is in a better place, free from the worries of this world and the pain he suffered, and now fully understanding of God's promise to all.

We will inform you of the funeral arrangements when they have been settled. On behalf of John, we would like to thank all those who visited him, prayed for him, and lit candles for him. He did not die alone, but was surrounded by the love of many people, from both within and without the Parish.

## St Edmund's Church BBQ

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 12:00 to 2:30 pm

£8.00 Adults Children under 16 free

Selection of food and drinks included

Please come along to meet everyone.



**Tickets on Sale after each Mass.**

**Volunteers needed to help to set up for BBQ on the day, after 9 am Mass.**

**Your help is much appreciated.**



Congratulations to all our first communion children. What a fantastic group!

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**Fr Christopher Silva**  
*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**  
*Parish Secretary*

The office may be contacted by phone:  
**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**  
**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**NEW PARISHIONERS** — Please fill in a “Registration Form” from the Church porch and hand it in to the Office or to the Parish Priest.

**BLESSING OF HOMES** — Contact the Parish Secretary to book a date and time.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** — Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for a visit from the Caring & Sharing Group.

**BAPTISMS** — Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – Next baptismal course will be on **Mon 18Jun & Mon 25Jun 2018 - 7.00pm.** . Please, call the office to reserve your space. Please, note that all baptism will be during Mass.

**WEDDINGS** — Contact the Parish Priest by email or letter, **even if you wish to be married elsewhere.** Please give full names, contact details, religion of each party and whether or note either of you has been married before. The Church normally requires six months notice of weddings.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO HOSPITAL?** — If you are admitted as a patient, please ensure the Chaplains’ Office is informed you would like to be visited by a Catholic Minister. This has to be done by you or a relative.

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS** — The Parish is completely committed to the protection from abuse of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. The Parish Protection Officer is Mrs Diane Winship and she should be contacted directly on 07799-414-806 if you have cause for concern. The Diocesan Protection Officer may be contacted on 020-7798-9350/07803-634-236, by email to [peterturner@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:peterturner@rcdow.org.uk) or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

**AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER** — The newsletter is available electronically, enabling you to remain in touch even when you are away on holiday or on business—as well as reducing our ecological footprint. Email the Parish Secretary to arrange to added to the distribution list.

**LOOP SYSTEM** —The Church is fitted with “Loop” sound systems – please switch to ‘T’.

**SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES for present financial year**

are now ready for collection in our If you notice any misspelling in you name/surname or the address, please, let me know by email on [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk). Also, if you want to donate by envelopes, you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you.

During the week the boxes are available form the office.

Katherine

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS:** loose: 375.80 envelopes: £501.75, **total: 877.55**

**Thank you for your Generosity** WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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