

NEWSLETTER

CORPUS CRISTY

'You give them something to eat'

St Theresa of Kolkatta used to say, Jesus uses us to be his love and compassion in the world in spite of our weaknesses and frailties in this miracle. Jesus didn't produce food from anywhere, instead, he used the little the apostles had, and he multiplies it a thousand fold. We might think we have very little to give, but if we place the little gifts that we have, in Jesus' service they become limitless. So, what gifts could we employ in God's service at this time in our life?

Jesus made the crowds welcome! Have we a sense of being made welcome by Jesus and if we have been, what does it mean to us?

Our text doesn't take into account the number of women and children! What was it like for us to read this text? Speak to Jesus about it and what is God's dream for us? talk to him and how does the multiplication connect me with the Eucharist?

Jesus says, 'You give them something to eat' We need to ask Lord Jesus what did you mean by it? reading it for the second time it could be that many people did bring food with them, but didn't want to share until the apostles led the way with the five loaves and two fish. Jesus turned selfish, suspicious people into generous people, happy to share-a greater miracle than the multiplying bread. Lord Jesus transform our lives in the same way.

Fr. Christopher

MASS INTENTIONS

June 18th, 2022

6pm - Ints of Ella Savage

June 19th 2022

9am— Ints of All Fathers

11am— Nelson D'Silva
(Anniv)

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

Confession on Saturday between
5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

On Saturday

(from 5pm until 5.45)

Pray the Rosary

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has urged all Catholic's to pray the Rosary, and to pray intensely before the Tabernacle. He urges all of us to go to the nearest parish or Church. He pleads with us saying, 'Wars, famines, are latent; the evil one is among us. To stop his plans, we must all pray to God the Father to pour out his Mercy on the world and that the Holy Spirit enlighten the rulers to be aware of god and evil and fight together for peace and love' He goes on to urge us to unite ourselves with him in prayer. He continues, 'Wherever you are in the world at your preferred time, drop everything and pray 3 x The Our Father, and Hail Mary. Plead with God the Father to send the Holy Spirit on the earth. Thank you for responding to Holy Father's appeal.

Save the date: 16-17th July 2022. Marriage Encounter are hosting a non-residential marriage enrichment weekend. This is a wonderful opportunity for couples to spend time reflecting on, refreshing and rejoicing in their wonderful vocation. For details go to:

<https://www.me.org.uk/weekend/me-weekendhend-on-16th-to-17th-july-2022/>

"As we celebrate Father's day, we pray for all fathers who are expecting a child. That they would find peace in their changing circumstance, and would be a source of support for the child's mother as they prepare for their child to enter the world. Lord hear us"

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Genesis 14; 18-20
Psalm 109; 1-4 response v 4
2nd Reading - Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel - Luke 9; 11-17

1st Reading— Ezekiel 34; 11-16
Psalm 22 response v 1
2nd Reading - Romans 5:5-11
Gospel - Luke 15; 3-7

Dear Friends,

Your prayers are asked for little Tobias Pragasam, who was born a few days ago. He has encountered complications and is on a cannula and is undergoing further tests. Pray for him and the parents Selina and Mark. Thank you

Union with the Person of Christ

Children being prepared for First Communion are told they are to receive our Lord, present under the appearance of bread; the hymns and prayers they learn speak of a friend coming to visit them; the catechism class is oriented towards making vivid for them the fact that the person of Christ is contained in the sacrament. The Christian mind grasps that the meaning behind the Eucharist is that it unites us to the person of Christ..Christ gave his body and his blood to the Church in the Blessed Eucharist before his bodily presence was removed from earth to the heavenly sanctuary. He gave it under the appearance of bread and wine, one containing the flesh, the other the blood, because he was leaving his body with the Church as something that would be used in a community meal commemorating his death. It had to be given under the form of nourishment, food, and drink...

Christ's body is the foundational sacrament of the mystery of redemption. Crucified and glorified, it is the supreme visible manifestation of the love of the Blessed Trinity for men: *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son*. At the same time the most sublime act of creation, the act of charity with which man responds to the love of the Trinity, and the act of worship which is the creature's first duty to God, are bound up inextricably with what happened to the body of Christ. All the human love of Christ for his Father and for men and all the intensity of his perfect worship were consecrated on the hour of Calvary; they found their divinely ordained proof in that act of sacrifice made visible in the broken body and the shed blood.

The divine love of the Blessed Trinity and the human love of the heart of Jesus now reach out to individual men and women to awaken in them an echo of the love of Christ for the Father; and the body and blood, now restored and glorified, are still the instrument of his redemptive love. From this body flows the Holy Spirit sent by the Father and the Son into Christians, drawing them into the life of the Blessed Trinity by grace. From this body, the Spirit is sent too into the visible functions of the Church, making them life-giving. At the centre of Christianity is the body of Christ. It is the vehicle of expression for Christ's and God's redemptive love, and it is the visible instrument united to God through which all graces are given. United with Christ inwardly, loving the Father with him, Christians share with him one visible sign of their common love.

Fr. Colman O'Neill

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are approaching that time of the year when parents request a priest's reference. Usually, it's the Catholic Practice form. Catholic Practice means regular attendance at Mass. It is a requirement that all Catholics attend Mass on Sundays and on holidays of obligation. While there may be genuine reasons for the occasional absences from Mass. It has been made clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by Church Law.

Since I've been here I have urged parents to come and see me to establish two things:

Any problems they might have in meeting the requirement to attend Mass every week and How we might establish proof as to what their attendance has been.

Most parents, don't think of the lead times that are involved. If you want your child to enter a new school in September 2022, the applications have to be in, depending on the school, somewhere between March and October 2021. Don't wait until then to speak to me about your problems or to discuss how to get evidence to support your request for weekly Mass attendance. You need to come to me a year prior to that.

Recently a problem has emerged: where families who, because of their situation, think they will not need a reference and so take no action to establish a basis; then circumstances change-they want to change school, and now they find themselves exposed, unable to get a reference that they need. It does not cost you to put a basis for a reference in place: please be prudent. Thank you, Fr Christopher

Parish News from Caritas Westminster

Stepping Stones – supporting people back into work

Caritas Westminster is partnering with Homelessness Charity The Upper Room to deliver a training course for those working with people who are homeless or otherwise struggling and finding it hard to get dignified, decently paid work. The course started last month, but we would still welcome more attendees if anyone in your parish community would be able to make use of this learning. The next session is on Monday 13th at 5:30pm online. Please contact Meriel Woodward merielwoodward@rcdow.org.uk

The parish BBQ

I take this opportunity, to thank Diane Winship, the Social Committee, and all the helpers, for a wonderful day that was well organized. Thank you to all of you for your kind messages, gifts, and presents on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee it's very much appreciated. May God bless you all.

Fr Christopher



This was the biggest cake ever seen in this Parish!



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14 June 2022

The Rev C Silva
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Dear Christopher

Please accept my warmest congratulations, most sincere best wishes and the assurance of my prayers, on the occasion of your 25th anniversary of Ordination.

This is a time in which we can celebrate how well you have used the years God has graciously given you to serve Him and His holy Church with great faithfulness and generosity.

Thank you for all that you do.

May the Lord give you strength and peace.

With my warmest wishes and with every blessing,

Yours devotedly

† Vincent Nichols

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Fr Christopher Silva

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Please pray for the people and the land of Ukraine 'Almighty God, Through Jesus' Divine name and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we humbly ask for your mercy, to obtain peace in the land of Ukraine. May all the people of that Country remain safe from danger. Please do not let Chaos and war reign in the land of Ukraine but only peace that come from you'. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be

NEW DONATION BOXES OF ENVELOPES, For those registered in previous years, the envelopes are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. If you would like to sign up, and to increase your donation by £0.25p from every pound you donate, please, find a Gif Aid form on a table in church's lobby and leave it in the Sacristy or deliver to the office. Once you sign the declaration, I can prepare a box of envelopes for you. You can also donate by a standing order.

Do not hesitate to contact the office on Millwall@rcdow.org.uk you should have any question. Katherine

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £250.60 envelopes: £218.00 contactless collection last weekend: £160.00 total: **£576.00**

Second Collection last week; **£297.00** Standing orders in May **£2697.45**

If you are experiencing problems while donating by card, if only you can, please, take a photo and email it to the office. During week-days the machine is working perfectly and we cannot make a proper complain to the provider as we do not see errors.

We do apologies for any inconvenience caused.

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on 28 June 2022 at 7pm on Zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office millwall@rcdow.org.uk if you are interested, also book your appointment with Fr Chris. Later, we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).