HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

MON 24 June	**THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**	8.30am 12.00noon	Anna Cavarenna Manuel & Virgilio Fernandes
TUES 25 June	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Special Int. Mary Burns, Anniv.
WED 26 June	feria	8.30am 12.00noon	Pat Daly, Int. Joseph Joseph, RIP
THUR 27 June	St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr	8.30am **10.00am** 12.00noon 7.00pm	Shaun Howley, RIP **Tina Perretta, RIP** Mr Vic Ramboanga(91 YRS Birthday) Int. Polish Mass
FRI 28 June	**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**	8.30am 12.00noon 7-8pm	Agnello D'Mello, God's Blessing Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SAT 29 June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	11.00am 6.00pm	Florence Ferdinands, Anniv Fred Maguire, Anniv
SUN 30 June	**+Ss PETER and PAUL, Apostles** **St Peter, Prince of Apostles, Patron of the Diocese**	8.00am 9.30am 11.00am 2.15pm 5.00pm	Liza De Peralta, Int. Ray Attwood & Nancy Power, Anniv Sedi Jeejo, RIP Polish Mass Pro Populo (For the People)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday from 11.30am and 5pm, Friday from 8pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Saturday 4.30pm -5.30pm,Tuesday 9am-12noon, Friday 7pm-8pm

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

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Text: "Parish HROOD" to 70800 to donate £5 to Holy Rood Parish. Thank you.

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Sunday 23 June 2019
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Readings for this Sunday are on page 83 of the Parish Mass Book

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"When the faithful adore Christ present in the sacrament, they should remember that His Presence derives from the sacrifice and is directed towards both sacramental and spiritual communion" (Sacred Congregation of Rites, Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery, no. 50). I therefore encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God, thanks to him who is with us until the end of time. In contemplation, Christians will perceive ever more profoundly that the paschal mystery is at the heart of all Christian life. This practice leads them to join more intensely in the paschal mystery and to make the Eucharistic sacrifice, the perfect gift, the centre of their life in accordance with their specific vocation, for it "confers an incomparable dignity upon the Christian people" (Paul VI Mysterium Fidei), in fact during the Eucharist we are welcomed by Christ, we receive his forgiveness, we are nourished by his word and his bread, we are then sent out on mission in the world; thus each one is called to witness to what he has received and to do the same for his brethren…..The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the "summit of evangelizastion" (Lumen Gentium 28), for it is the most eminent testimony to Christ's Resurrection. **All interior life needs silence and intimacy with Christ in order to develop.**" (St. John Paul II).

Today on the Feast of Corpus Christi we will have the opportunity to ADORE our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during Mass. There are weekly opportunities to do this too – ***Tuesday mornings 9-11.45a.m., Friday evening 7.00-8.00p.m. and Saturday 4.30-5.30p.m***. The church is also open most days from 7.30a.m. until 5p.m. approx. THE LORD INVITES US TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH HIS PRESENCE. IF WE SPEND TIME WITH HIM, OUR TROUBLES BECOME MANAGEABLE AND OUR LIVES BECOME COMPLETE.

As our school year draws to a close, so too our preparation for the sacraments. Thank you to all who have been involved over the past year – our team for baptism preparation, our catechists for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, the team who look after SPOC, our married couples who prepare those preparing for marriage, our cleaners, flower arrangers, certificate writers, music groups, altar servers and so the list goes on. It is at times like these that the dedication of our parish community is clearly demonstrated. THANK YOU TO ALL. Our new forms will be out next week for sacramental preparation beginning in September/October/January.

MASS INTENTIONS. If you would like to offer Masses for a loved one or any special intentions, please phone, come into the office or let the priests know as there are a lot spaces left for the months of July and August.

GIFT AID Please let us know in the office if you are no longer a UK Tax payer. This will assist in our year end procedures.

REPOSITORY. There is new stock in. Cards beginning at 60p, items for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, photo frames and other religious articles at very competitive prices. We are always looking for volunteers to man the stall. It is hoped that the repository will be open after each of the Sunday masses if there are volunteers. Weekdays, Shirley is happy to assist from 11.15 am – 11.45 am.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored in thanksgiving for
Imogen & Graeanne Portillo

PARISH CENTRE DIARY FOR THE WEEK

Mon 24	Cocaine Anonymous	7.00pm
Tue 25	Parents & Toddlers	9.30am
Fri 28	Alcoholics Anonymous	8.00pm
Sat 29	SPOC	9.30am
Sun 30	Tea and coffee after	11am Mass

SVP - WATFORD FOODBANK DONATIONS. Current shortfalls in particular are long life fruit juices, long life milk, long life soya milk, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding and long life custard. If you are in a position to help, the donation box is at the back of the church. Thank you.

SVP PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM. The SVP will be attending annual pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham on Sunday 7July. Coach will be leaving Watford at approximately 8.30(to be confirmed). Cost will be a suggested donation of £10 per person, if you would like to join us please contact Julie on 07715553690 or email julie.nunn1@live.co.uk. Forms are also available at the back of the church to be filled in and handed into the parish office.

A REMINDER THAT THE NEXT PROCLAIM MEETING IS ON 7TH JULY AT 2PM.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Tina Perretta, Elizabeth Cornish, Christina Allard, Margaret (Peggy)Pottinger.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jolanta, Mary Wilkinson, Mary Burns, Florence Ferdinands, Fred Maguire.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord

WESTMINSTER YOUTH MINISTRY is preparing a youth event aimed at those **aged 13-18**, to take place on the **Friday 28 June**. The event will be a chance for young people in the diocese to socialise, share a meal together, learn more about their faith and be introduced to a deeper level of prayer and adoration. Based at ***JFK Catholic school, Hollybush Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 2PH***, the Summit will run ***from 7-9pm*** and will be a great chance to meet other young Catholics and enjoy our exiting programme of guest speakers, live music, prayer and of course some lovely food! Best yet, ***the event is free*** and does not require you to have a ticket so please come along and encourage your friends, families, classes, youth groups, confirmation groups, colleagues and whoever else to join us for what promises to be a great evening of fun and faith. We look forward to seeing you soon! *'Do not be content with a mediocre Christian life'' I ask you, instead, to be revolutionaries, to swim against the tide; yes, I am asking you to rebel against this culture that sees everything as temporary and that ultimately believes that you are incapable of responsibility, that you are incapable of true love.'* Pope Francis

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. Tuesday, 9 July, 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Following the time they spent in the country, Margaret and Jim Fitzpatrick will be talking to us about Jordan, past and present. All are most welcome. The evening will finish with a cream tea. Copies of Fr Bernard Scholes's novel, 'On Leaving', will be on sale, with all profits going to charity.

CALLING ALL CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND THOSE ASPIRING TO BE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS St Mary's University, Twickenham, are offering a Foundation Degree for Practitioners in Healthcare, Ethics, Theology and Care. This unique part time course for people working in healthcare consists of two evening classes a week in three term blocks over two years. This degree enables you to reflect deeply on those moments that are formative for you as a healthcare practitioner and often life-changing for people you meet on the journey. For further details on how to apply please contact Matthew James (matthew.james@stmarys.ac.uk) or go to www.stmarys.ac.uk/foundation/healthcare-ethics-theology-and-care

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE. Holy Rood Catholic Primary School are pleased to be able to offer additional school places in Year 3 for September 2019 at our popular and successful school. If you are interested in making an application for one of these places, please make contact with Mrs Jo Kemp in the school office who will be happy to discuss this with you. Visits to the school are available by prior arrangement. School telephone number: 01923 223785. School email address: admin@holyrood.herts.sch.uk

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