

Mass Intentions for week beginning 17th June 2017

Sat 17	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI	6.00pm	The People of the Parish / Bill Wakefield RIP
Sun 18		10.00am 12noon	Mary Creasey RIP Madeleine Selvini RIP
Mon 19	St Romuald, Abbot	10.00am 6.30pm	Tony Tighe RIP <i>followed by</i> Novena Prayers Private Intention (1962 Missal)
Tue 20	St Alban, M.	10.00am	Carolyn Omene RIP
Wed 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga, Rel.	10.00am	For Eddie & Sheila Baker (FM)
Thur 22	SS. JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM.	10.00am	Ellen Smyth RIP
Fri 23	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	10.00am 6.30pm	Joe D'Souza RIP Private Intention (1962 Missal)
Sat 24	NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		Maria D'Ambra RIP (90th Birthday)
Sat 24	12TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6.00pm	The People of the Parish
Sun 25		10.00am 12noon	Thanksgiving (Maria) Private Intention

Confessions this Saturday 5.30 – 5.45pm

Your prayers are asked for the sick and housebound, especially:

Roland Selvini, Clare Merrins, Bandele Majiyagbe, Bernadette Prudence, Kathleen Newell, John Liddard, Jones Bediako-Antwi-Benneh, Leslie Cook, Trevor Barnham, Ann Dunseath, Christopher Johnstone, Josie D'after, Christina Whiting, Anne Purcell, Ken Stanton, Kathleen Simpson, Pamela Allen, Grace Lobendhan, Marcus Prospert, Eoin Oliver, Bob Edgar, Peggy Gajewski, Victor Francis, Mary Evelyn Piotrowski, Derek Pyner, Gerald Rowe, Mary Brock, Ann Divine, Ann O'Donovan, Anthony Fonseca, Margaret McQueen, Paul Westrop, Maria McLoughlin, John Phillips, Mick Martin, Adriano Agatiello, Kay Fahy, Tony Baldwin, Paul Doyle, Susan Coker, Daniel Sutton, Tony Morton, Bernadette Thomas, Jane Anne Harvey, the Kitteridge Family, Maximilian Peluso, Patricia Theobalds, Jean Salter, Terry Eales, Norah Kelly, the residents of Sherrell House, Belmont Lodge and Pinewood.

Mass Attendance last weekend: 376

Offertory Collection last weekend: £815.62

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN JUNE:

This weekend: Sick and Retired Clergy Fund

Weekend of 24th/25th June: Peter's Pence (next weekend)

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17th/18th June 2017

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

(CENTENARY OF THE DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD)

Corpus Christi: the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament

All of us together form the Church. Who is the centre or head of the Church? Jesus is the centre. How is Jesus most present to us? In the Blessed Sacrament. Today's celebration of Corpus Christ, the Body of Christ, is the feast of the very centre and heart of our church, the centre and heart of our faith, and the centre and heart of parish, the centre and heart of the lives of each of us, Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

I know that some find it difficult to believe that bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus. I can understand your doubts. We don't see any change in the bread or wine. There is no difference in the taste; the bread still tastes like bread and the wine still tastes like wine. It is going against logic to say that the bread and wine change into the Body and Blood of Jesus despite no change in appearance. With our intellect we can understand that God must be keeping the universe together, that God is the origin of everything, but reason will only take us so far. Then we need to add faith to our reason and intellect. As Paul says, in the Christian life we go by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). We need to be humble and open to God performing a miracle every day in this church, the miracle of the Eucharist. Can you be humble enough to add faith to your intellect and reason, to admit that intellect by itself does not provide all the answers, and that God can perform miracles every day making it possible for bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Jesus while keeping the same appearance? Can you add faith to your intellect? When you submit to God you will not lose anything, you will gain everything. There is a beautiful chant, "Trust, surrender, believe, receive." Add faith to

your reasoning and receive the love of God for you! The Eucharist is the gift of God's love for you.

Jesus is really with us in the Eucharist. Jesus comes to us in every Mass under the form of bread and wine. The Eucharist is a celebration of the love of Jesus for us, his blood shed for us in love and his body scourged, crowned with thorns and crucified for us. The wine poured and the bread broken is the love of Jesus for us, body and blood given for us. Because the Eucharist is the love of Jesus for us we always approach Jesus in the Eucharist with great respect and asking pardon for our sins. That's why it is so necessary at the start of every Mass to ask Jesus for mercy because we are so unworthy of his love, and again before receiving Jesus we express our unworthiness, "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed." Think of how precious a moment in our Mass it is when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion. When we receive Jesus, Jesus is in us and we are with Jesus. It is like what Genesis says about the marriage of man and woman, no longer two but one (*Genesis 2:24*). It is the same when we receive Jesus. We are no longer two but one. "He who eats my flesh abides in me and I in him." (*John 6:57*).

May Jesus in the Eucharist always be the very centre and heart of our church, the centre and heart of our faith, the centre and heart of our parish, and the centre and heart of the lives of each of us.

**O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine.**

From the homilies of Fr Thomas Lane

THE ANGELUS

As is now our custom, the Angelus is said at the beginning of the 6.00pm Mass on Saturdays and the 12noon Mass on Sundays. The text of the prayer can be found in the Parish Mass Books on page 2 (opposite the Table of Contents).

THIS FRIDAY:

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**10.00am Mass
10.30-11.00am Eucharistic Adoration
& Benediction
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**



THE COFFEE MORNING today will be for *The Catholic Handicap Fellowship* in memory of Mary Creasey RIP who was a long and devoted member of this Parish and the Fellowship. Donations will be greatly appreciated.

How to receive Holy Communion

According to current practice Holy Communion may be received either on the tongue or in the hand. Each communicant is free to decide how to receive. The important point is to try to do so in a dignified and reverent manner.

Please note that for practical reasons – mainly to avoid any risk of an accident – anyone carrying a small child or a baby will be given Holy Communion on the tongue.



RECEPTION ON THE TONGUE

After making your response "Amen", present your tongue to the priest/minister who will place the Host upon it. Just opening your mouth is not sufficient as this makes it difficult for the priest/minister to place the Host reverently. The tongue needs to be easily accessible.

RECEPTION IN THE HAND

As you approach the altar, place one hand upon the other and extend them forwards so that the priest/minister sees clearly that you wish to receive in the hand, otherwise he will assume that you wish to receive on the tongue. The palm of the upper hand should be flat and fingers straight. When the priest/minister has placed the Host upon the palm of the hand, stand to one side to let the next person come forward and, ***before walking away, reverently consume the Host in front of the priest or minister.***

Since we believe that Our Lord is present in any particle of the Host, however small, care must be taken to ensure that no particles are lost and that any which remain in the palm of the hand are reverently consumed.

THIS MONDAY:

**10.00am Mass & Novena Prayers
6.30pm Mass (1962 Missal)**

THE LEGION OF MARY *meets this Thursday at 7.00pm*

THE ROSARY is recited *this Saturday* half an hour before the morning Mass.

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN – *Tuesday 20th June* - 6.45 to 9pm at St. Augustine's Barkingside – all welcome.

OF YOUR CHARITY pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr Gerry Butcher** who died last week. Funeral arrangements to be announced shortly. May he rest in peace and may Our Blessed Lady, Consoler of the Afflicted, pray for his family and for all those who mourn his death. Fr Butcher was assistant priest in our parish in Fr Boyle's time.

Fr Selvini