

MASS INTENTIONS
The Body and Blood of Christ (A)

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| Saturday 10 th June – The Body and Blood of Christ (A) | 6.30pm | Victor Correa (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 11 th June - The Body and Blood of Christ (A) | 9.00am | Mary O'Flaherty |
| | 11.00am | Gillian Carleton (R.I.P) |
| Monday 12 th June – Feria | 9.00am | Peter Taylor (R.I.P) |
| Tuesday 13 th June – St Anthony of Padua | 9.00am | Josie Keane (R.I.P) |
| Wednesday 14 th June – Feria | 9.00am | James Sydney |
| Thursday 15 th June – Feria | 9.00am | No Mass |
| | 11.00am | Requiem Mass for Victor |
| Friday 16 th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | 9.00am | Aaron Anthony (Int) |
| Saturday 17 th June – The Immaculate Heart of Mary | 9.00am | Teresa Shorey (Int) |

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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| Saturday 17 th June – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 6.30pm | Arsenio Trinidad (R.I.P) |
| Sunday 18 th June - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9.00am | John Macken (R.I.P) |
| | 11.00am | Josie Keane (R.I.P) |

Thoughts from Pope Francis for the feast of Corpus Christi:

Dear brothers and sisters, let us continue our celebration of Holy Mass: The Memorial that heals our memory. Let us never forget: the Mass is the Memorial that heals memory, the memory of the heart. The Mass is the treasure that should be foremost both in the Church and in our lives. And let us also rediscover Eucharistic adoration, which continues the work of the Mass within us. This will do us much good, for it heals us within. Especially now when our need is so great. **Amen.**



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The Body & Blood of Christ (A)
10th & 11th of June 2023

Dear Friends,

Deserts are hot and harsh environments with no food and little vegetation. Humans are not able to live in such places without perishing from dehydration and starvation. If we suddenly found ourselves in the desert, we would soon become aware of what is essential for survival. The first reading today recounts the experience of the Israelites when God led them from slavery in Egypt through the desert to the Promised Land. They were hungry, thirsty and groaning. God had already given them the Ten Commandments, and now led them through this time of suffering to test them and see if they really trusted in Him. He provided what was truly necessary – bread from heaven and water from the rock – to show them that they depend on Him for every good thing. Our lives are in some ways like going through the desert. We are always longing for something more; we are never satisfied.

This longing can be a grace in itself, it reminds us how much we need the Lord like being in the desert we thirst for him. This is something worth remembering, we say "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you". Holy Communion is not a prize for being good. We do not pretend to be worthy. We come because we are struggling sinners. We come because we are hungry and weak. We all need this gift to sustain us in troubled times and to heal us in our brokenness.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, we are reminded of this free gift. Through it, we receive the grace to help us to realise our total dependence on the Lord. Jesus said, "I am the living bread come down from heaven. He who eats this bread will live forever." Does the prospect of eternal life with the Lord really attract us? The Eucharist is the foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

God Bless and Keep Safe,
Canon Maurice

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Nell Addison, Paul & Eva Au, Michael Balfour, Doreen Banister, John Barry, William Bradbury, Vincent Brady, Rose Cahill, Marlene Camay, John Carty, Sarah Content, Maureen Daly, Katherine Day, Denis Doherty, Gerry Dique, Rose Dique, Charlotte Dudenney, Dylan Dunbar, Nancy Donovan, Ann Dunn, Margaret Dumbrill John Finan, James Francis, Anna Gawlik, Maisie Glennon, Maureen Gorham, Kevin Harty, Bernadette Heddle, Peter Hemsley, Ellen Hurley, Mathew John, Jenny Jones, Julia Joseph, Kathleen Kavanagh, Rev Tom Keighley, Francesca Kelly, Baby Stephen Kelly, Vicky Loik, Mary Lynes, Amaogechi Mbanu, Siobhan McKeon, Norah McLoughlin, Gladys McQuaid, Matthew Milnar, John Morrison, Ann Mount, Jim Nolan, Brian Nash, Iwan Opoku-Agyemang, Baby Teegan Oakley, Cecilia O'Connor, Vincent Okolo, Dean Partleton, Teresa Pitman, Michelle Pointer, Baby Teddy Rands, Jennie Reddy, Rosetta Reehill, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Sayers, Marina Scarff, Elizabeth Smith, Alan Stokes, Teresa Shorey, John Sinclair, Charles Stimpson, Crystal Stimpson, Julia Thomas, Theresa Wiseman, Elizabeth Wyles, Theresa Carty, Jay Spencer, Irene (Evelyn's sister) and Clara Yankey. For those we know and the many we do not know, we pray to the Lord.

PARISH FINANCES:

4th & 5th June

Loose

£554.93

Envelopes

£379.58

Donations and Gift Aid Form:

We have been asked to provide details so that parishioners can pay their donations by direct debit or standing order. It is an easier form of donation the details are as follows:

Bank HSBC

Account name: Catholic Church Elm Park St Albans

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 31019848

We can still collect the gift aid for these donations so please remember to fill in the gift aid form.

Baptism Course:

The next Baptism course will take place on Saturday 8th of July in the Parish Hall at 9am. To attend please register with Mr & Mrs Law on 07454 962277.

Right to Life:

As we reflect on the source and summit of the Christian life, we ask God to give us a better understanding of the importance and dignity of the human person, who is made in God's image and likeness.

Second Collection

Please note that there will be a second collection today for the Sick Clergy fund.

BCCS Child & Family Counselling Services:

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns cmunns@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website:

www.bccs.org.uk

Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life:

Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 15th of July. As last year, the Mass will be followed by a reception in the hall.

R.I.P:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Victor Correa (husband of Mabel Rita) who died recently. His Requiem Mass will take place this Thursday 15th June at 11am. His remains will be brought into the church this Wednesday the 14th at 5pm. May he rest in peace. **Please Note there's no 9am Mass this Thursday.**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24th to Saturday 29th of July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

Christus Vivit (Christ Lives): A new group for adults aged 18-35 will meet once a month in Clergy House, Brentwood 07:30pm this Sunday evening. The next session is on the 2nd July. All are welcome.

Campion School Open Evening

For the admission of boys (in current Year 5) in September 2024 will be held at the school on Thursday 29th June 2023 from 4.30pm to 7pm. Talks from the headteacher will be at 5.15pm and 6.30pm. Admission forms, including the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

National month of Prayer for Toddler Groups

Please pray for our Parish toddler group, it's leaders and all the families involved.

Congratulations

We congratulate Matúš Meleg who was ordained to the Diaconate this Saturday morning in Westminster Cathedral and will be preaching at the Sunday Masses this weekend. We also pray for Frank Westcott who will be also ordained to the Diaconate on the 2nd July at Oscott in Birmingham. We hope and pray that they will be ordained to the priesthood for our dioceses in the near future.

Volunteer Drivers

We are looking for some volunteers to drive parishioners to Mass on Sundays – please see Ken if you are able to help.

Elm Park Community Assoc - Community Celebration – Sunday 25th June

This will be held at the Elm Park Assembly Hall from 10am-4pm on the 25th of June. All are welcome – free entry.