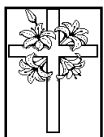


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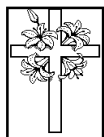
✠ CORPUS et SANGUIS CHRISTI (C) ✠

Sun 6	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Zeuli Giovanni
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Jeffery Allison RIP
		12noon	<i>Baptism: Oreoluwatomiwa Somade</i>
		4.00pm	<i>Sacred Heart Devotions and Benediction</i>
Mon 7	Feria	9.45am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		10.00am	✠ Mass: Jeffery Allison RIP
Tue 8	Feria	9.45am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		10.00am	✠ Mass: Fantetti Angiolina RIP
Wed 9	Feria	9.45am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
		10.00am	✠ School at Mass: Irene Alvares
Thu 10	Feria	7.00am	✠ Mass: Antonio Fantetti RIP
Fri 11	The SACRED HEART of JESUS	10.00am	✠ Requiem Mass: Catherine Long
Sat 12	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am	✠ Mass: Norah Golds RIP
		10.30am	<i>Exposition and Confessions</i>
✠ ELEVENTH SUNDAY (C) ✠			
Sun 13	Saturday	6.30pm	✠ Vigil Mass: Intentions of the Lee family
	Sunday	9.30am	✠ Mass: Nicola di Lisio RIP
		11.00am	✠ Mass: Pro Populo
		12.30pm	<i>Baptism: Timothy Ubsdell</i>

Please pray for Catherine Long, who died recently, and for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



Antonina Stapor, Nellie Roach, Cyril Miller, Jeffery Allison, Edmund Tompolski, Elizabeth Bunting, Teresa Sahadat, Christine Harvey, Elsie Fernig, Kathleen Wardanowski, John Breen and Brian Rice.



May their souls and the souls of all the ✠ faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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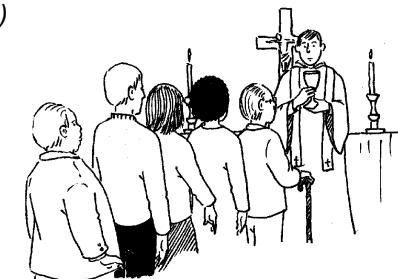
6th June 2010

✠ CORPUS CHRISTI (C) ✠

WORD OF GOD

Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

(1 Corinthians 11:26)



WORD FOR TODAY

Today's feast reminds us that Jesus is constantly present in our world, though hidden from human sight. Our celebration of eucharist and our participation in communion renews and ratifies our faith that we are fed sacramentally on his body and blood until he comes again.

The Installation
 of
 The Most Reverend Peter David Smith LLB JCD
 as
 Archbishop of Southwark
 St George's Cathedral, Southwark
 Thursday, 10th June 2010
 12 noon

A limited number of seats will be available in the Cathedral for those without invitations. All are asked to be seated by 11:20 am.



AROUND the PARISH

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST Customarily, at Mass on Corpus Christi, ministers renew the commitment to their ministry. We shall be doing so this weekend and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to renew their commitment at whatever Mass they attend. ♦ Thanks are due to our ministers who not only assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass but also, some on a weekly basis, take Holy Communion to parishioners confined to their homes and in hospital.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT During the *Year of the Priest*, which ends 19th June, we expose the Blessed Sacrament on Saturdays after the morning Mass for the duration of Confessions. These periods of exposition will conclude on Saturday 19th June.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS Our children are making their First Holy Communion at the evening Mass on Saturday and at the 11am Mass on Sunday 19th and 20th June (sorry, the date was incorrect last week). Please pray for the children and their families on their special day. Parents are reminded that there is a rehearsal in the church at 2 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. *Tip: come to the 9.30 Mass if you wish to avoid the crush.*

IRISH NIGHT Friday 25th June. Live music and dancing. £5 entrance fee. Supper of gammon, cabbage and jacket potato provided. Bring your own drink. 7.30-11pm.

CONFIRMATION Bishop John will be here for Confirmation on Friday 12th November at 7.30pm. The first meeting will be this Monday evening.

AROUND the DIOCESE

and BEYOND

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH Please keep in prayer Peter, our new Archbishop, who is to be installed this coming Thursday at St George's Cathedral in Southwark.

COMMISSION FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES The Diocese is looking for an Adviser for School and College Chaplaincy from September 2010 until August 2013. If you are interested please see the notice on the board. ♦ The commission also needs parishioners with a background in education, especially Religious Education, to offer to sit on a Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE). See Fr Geoffrey if you feel you could offer your services.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE will be holding a Youth Festival at Aylesford on 3rd July from 10.30am to 8pm. For further details please see the notice on the board. We have a booking form in the office so please see Fr Geoffrey or Deacon Michael. There will also be a World Youth Day in Madrid from 14th to 22nd August. For further information contact SCYS on 01227 272900.

INVOCATION 2010 The first ever national Vocations Discernment Weekend will take place at St Mary's College, Oscott from 2nd - 4th July. Guest speakers include Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Abbot Christopher Jamison and Sister Gabriel Davison. The weekend is open to anyone aged between 16 and 35 who may be wondering about the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life and would like the chance to learn more about what's involved. For more information see the website: www.invocation.org.uk or contact the

Southwark Vocations Office: info@southwarkvocations.com.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE All are invited to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 20th to 27th August. Travel by rail from £630, by air from £680 or by coach from £465. Young helpers' fare (by coach) £455. For further information and booking forms contact: Deacon Michael Kennedy (Pilgrimage Director) 4 Orbel Street, Battersea, London, SW11 3NZ, rcaspilgrim@btinternet.com, tel. 07521 519482.

FAITH in FOCUS: 360 DEGREES The solemnity of Corpus et Sanguis Christi, as today's feast is more properly called, is a 360° celebration because it asks us to look in all directions. We look back to the sacrifice of Christ and to the Last Supper. Christ asked us to take, bless, break and share bread and wine which through the power of the Holy Spirit become his body and his blood. The basis of this feast is that Christ is present, really present, in our world in many ways but none more sublime than in the eucharist. Christ is the food and drink of life (which is why we are encouraged to complete the symbolism by both eating and drinking at the eucharist). It is the eucharist which sustains us on our daily journey of faith and which brings us strength, comfort and courage as we strive to make God's name known and loved. We also look inwards. Familiarity with the eucharist has its dangers: St Paul had to warn the early Christians about their behaviour which was a scandal to non-Christians who witnessed their drunken and raucous celebrations. We look to ourselves because eating the body and blood of Christ demands

faithfulness to what Christ teaches us. Are we really striving to lead a life that is more closely linked with Jesus Christ, or are we simply going through the worship motions? We look outwards too. Although there are many of us at the celebration we form one body because we share the one bread and one cup. Eucharist challenges us to unity, to care and concern for each other, to genuine community, to fully participative worship and to being the "body of Christ" or Church for each other. Our celebration should not only resound within the Church but also have an impact on the world. And finally we look to the future. No liturgical feast is ever simply about the present, about what we are doing now; every feast has a future dimension. On Corpus et Sanguis Christi we are reminded of St Paul's words that when we eat and drink the body and blood of the Lord we proclaim his death until he comes again. Our actions are forward-looking since we are rehearsing that moment when we shall meet Christ face to face and be called to share the eucharistic banquet which passes all our expectations, when we join family and friends who have gone before us in faith, and unite with angels and saints in praising and thanking our God.

ATTENDANCE last week was **387** and we received **£554.18** in the offertory. Our collection for World Communications came to **£188.25**. Thank you. ♦ Next weekend there will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. This fund supplies the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.