

**DIARY for WEEK BEGINNING 26th JUNE 2011**

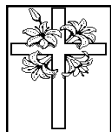
**✕ The BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (A) ✕  
Corpus et Sanguis Christi**

<b>Sun 26</b>	Saturday	6.30pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Pro Populo <b>(1st H.C)</b>
	Sunday	9.30am	✕ Mass: Denis Murphy RIP
		11.00am	✕ Mass: Eugenio Grosso RIP <b>(1st H.C)</b>
		12.15pm	<i>Baptism of Torres and Fabio Laws</i>
<b>Mon 27</b>	Feria	9.30am	<i>Holy Rosary</i> (daily, 30mins before Mass)
		10.00am	✕ Mass: Morris Gagman RIP
<b>Tues 28</b>	St Irenaeus	10.00am	✕ Mass: Wendy Kidd
<b>Wed 29</b>	<b>SS † PETER and † PAUL</b> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	11.00am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		7.30pm	✕ Mass: Celebrant's Intention
<b>Thu 30</b>	Feria	7.00am	✕ Mass: Mary Mahoney RIP
<b>Fri 1</b>	<b>The SACRED HEART of JESUS</b>	10.00am	✕ Mass: Reparation for Abortion
<b>Sat 2</b>	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am	✕ Mass: Peter Nelson RIP
		10.30am	<i>Confessions</i>

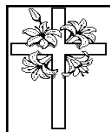
**✕ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (A) ✕**

<b>Sun 3</b>	Saturday	6.30pm	✕ Vigil Mass: Mary Larkin RIP
	Sunday	9.30am	✕ Mass: Maria Lee RIP
		11.00am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		12.15pm	<i>Baptism of George Cole</i>
		4.00pm	<i>Benediction</i>

Please pray for the following whose anniversaries occur this week:



Cyril Field, Daniel O'Donnell, Nellie Kitney, Kevin Keogh, Mavis Rogers, Margaret King, Timothy O'Driscoll, Percival Snowdon, Peggy French, Michael Kavanagh, Joyce Birkbeck, Frederick Rogers and Evelyn Ryan.



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

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26th June 2011

**✕ The BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (A) ✕  
CORPUS et SANGUIS CHRISTI**

**WORD of GOD**

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ.

*(1 Corinthians 10:16)*



**WORD for TODAY**

The eucharist that we celebrate is the very food that nourishes us on our Christian journey of life. It's not so much a reward as a medicine, not just for good people but for those who know their faults and want to be better.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 147**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb. And together with the people he adds once:

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Then the dismissal takes place. The Priest, facing the people and extending his hands, says:*  
The Lord be with you.

*The people reply:*

**And with your spirit.**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying:*

May almighty God bless you:

the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

*The people reply:*

**Amen.**

*Then the deacon, or the Priest himself, with hands joined and facing the people, says:*

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

*Or:*

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.

*Or:*

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

*Or:*

Go in peace.

*The people reply:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **AROUND the PARISH**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all our First Holy Communion children, who receive the sacrament this weekend.

**READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** The rotas for the next six-month period are now in your pigeon holes (first name initial). As we are now moving into the holiday season, please check these carefully to ensure you are available. Please let me know of any changes that are required. For your information, alterations have been made to the Eucharistic Ministers serving at 11.00 Mass. Many thanks, Sue McIntyre (Office Admin).

**CTS BOOKS** There are some new titles available at the back of the church, including large print prayer books. Please take a look and place any money for purchases in the box on the wall.

**SUMMER is HERE!** The annual outing to Joss Bay will take place on Sunday 24th July. To book your place, please telephone John Formosa on 01634 573378. The cost of the trip is £6 for adults and £4 for children. The coach leaves after 9.30am Mass.

**COACH to the DOWRY of MARY PILGRIMAGE** Jerry Gilder has kindly volunteered to organize a coach for this event on 11th September. Firstly, however, he would like to ensure this is feasible and will therefore be available after all Masses to take details of anyone wishing to attend.

## **AROUND the DIOCESE and BEYOND**

**SCHOOL VACANCY** St Benedict's Catholic School, Lambourn Way, Lordswood has a temporary teaching vacancy to cover maternity leave from 1st November to 31st August 2012.

Please contact the school on 01634 669700 for an application form and job description. Closing date for applications is 1st July.

**DIOCESAN DAY of CELEBRATION** sharing in the gifts of people of all abilities at Aylesford Priory, Sunday 10th July.

**NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE** Aylesford Priory, Saturday 16th July. The day of faith and fun for all the family will start at 11am and finish at 4.30pm. The gathering service will start at 11am with children's activities during the afternoon. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm, honouring St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus. We shall also pray in thanksgiving for all grandparents, who over the years have passed on the faith from generation to generation. Contact the Friars, Aylesford on 01622 717272 for further details or see the poster at the back of the church. There is also a Grandparents' Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham on Saturday 23rd July. See poster for further details.

**The DOWRY of MARY PILGRIMAGE** to Walsingham, Sunday 11th September (see above). There is a poster at the back of the church giving more details.

**MISSIO** is this year celebrating the 75th anniversary of the partnership between APF and Mill Hill Missionaries. A special Mass will be celebrated in every diocese in England and Wales in thanksgiving for the great harvest this unique partnership has produced. The Mass in our diocese takes place on 25th September 2011 at St George's Cathedral, Southwark at 11.30am.

**MEDJUGORGE IRISH CENTRE**

**GRAND PRIZE** "Every month for a year we are giving away one week's free apartment accommodation for up to 4 people. Text the word PILGRIM followed by your name and county to **60777** or phone us and we can enter you into the draw for free. Website: www.med-irishcentre.com Tel: 028 8224 1888. Special Introductory Offer €260 package."

**FAITH IN FOCUS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE** PAST: 2,000 years ago on a Thursday evening Jesus ate what was probably a Passover meal with his disciples in the Upper Room. This meal was a memorial of how God had freed the Jewish people by liberating them from slavery and providing them with a promised land. During his meal Jesus told the disciples that from now on they were to eat this meal not in remembrance of Moses and the Exodus but in memory of him. For the bread that they would eat was his body that the next day would be nailed to the cross, and the wine that they would drink was his blood that on the same Friday would be shed on Calvary. PRESENT: Today we Christians have a living memorial of that saving action of Christ. It is the eucharist. Over the centuries Christians have never ceased to follow that command of Jesus at the Last Supper. They have gathered together, listened to God's word in the scriptures and then, when they have taken, blessed and broken the bread, they have shared communion by eating and drinking what Christ tells us is his body and blood. In this sacrament of the eucharist Jesus is really present to those who receive him. His flesh is real food and his blood is real drink because both of them nourish, they sustain us

and keep us spiritually healthy. As we eat and drink from the one bread and cup the eucharist becomes a sign of the unity that we share and at the same time it also makes us one in Christ. FUTURE: The eucharist is food for our journey, medicine for our health and strength for our future. Not simply about the past and present it directs us towards two futures. The first future means that the eucharist is a sign of our commitment to building up the kingdom of God here on earth. So receiving the eucharist is not just an act of devotion; it commits us to action. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we pledge ourselves to playing our full part in the Church's work of bringing about a world in which justice, peace and holiness reign. And the second future is in the afterlife. The eucharist is a pledge of the heavenly banquet that God has promised to those who listen to the voice of his Son. What we experience in the food of the eucharist is a foretaste of an eternal feast with God. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ allows us to thank God for this wonderful gift.

**ATTENDANCE** We do not have full figures for those who attended last week, however the collection amounted to **£601.85**. The collection for Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW) amounted to **£157.69**. We also banked **£86.82** in favour of the A.P.F., being the contents of several red boxes handed in recently and sorted and counted by our cashier. Many thanks.

**GIFT AID** Next weekend at all Masses Mr Leo Kelly will be here to give the annual Gift Aid appeal.

**FOUND in CHURCH** last week: a Barclays Visa Debit card.