

**THE CHURCH IS CLOSED** for the celebration of the Mass & Services, to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus. We hope our church will be open for limited times, during the weekdays of this week, for people to come for private prayer. See article inside.

**CORPUS CHRISTI – FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 14 June 2020**

**Saturday 13 June 6.00pm Fr Tom Egan's Ordination Golden Jubilee (Armstrong)**

**Sunday 14 June 11.00am David Keevil RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (Keevil)**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Holy Souls RIP

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> **St Richard of Chichester, Bishop**

9.15am Holy Souls RIP

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Michael Cooper RIP (Recently)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Teresa Ryan RIP (FM)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Year A)**

9.15am The People of our parish

**Saturday 20 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Jesus**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) DAY FOR LIFE 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

**Saturday 20 June 6.00pm The People of our Parish**

**Sunday 21 June 11.00am Derek Wells RIP Anniv. (Wells) FATHERS' DAY**

**SACRAMENT of PENANCE: on request and by arrangement at this time**

**READINGS at MASS: FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST A 14.6.2020**

**READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-16** Man does not live on bread alone but on God's Word

**PSALM 147:** The Lord feeds you with the finest wheat – the bread from heaven

**READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17** Communion with the Body and Blood of Christ

**GOSPEL: John 6:51-58** He who eats my Bread and drinks my Blood has eternal life

**OFFERTORIES:** Thank you for your generous **Offerings of £800 in Standing Orders**, and to all who have given offerings in envelopes to the Priest's House and also for online offerings to our parish or to specific parish funds or charities (e.g. Cafod) which can be made at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=epping/>

**New Offertory Envelopes are available in the porch at the side of the Priest's House.**

**MASSES, SERVICES, RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING & ONLINE SERVICES**

**MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:** [www.churchservices.tv/westminster](http://www.churchservices.tv/westminster)

**DAILY MASS Leigh-on-Sea:** Our Lady of Lourdes Church at <https://lourdesleigh.org/>

**Bishops Stortford:** St Joseph & English Martyrs: [www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopstortford)

**DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD WEBSITE:** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>

**DAILY SERVICES WITH MASS:** [www.churchservices.tv/timetable/](http://www.churchservices.tv/timetable/)

**DAILY SERVICE on BBC RADIO 4 (198 meters) at 9.45am & Sundays at 8.10am**

**BBC ESSEX at 95.3 and 103.5FM Sunday programme from 6.00am to 9.00am**

**DAILY PRAYER & MEDIATIONS at** [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

**UNIVERSALIS:** [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com) Daily Mass readings, Lectio Divina, Prayer of the Church in The Divine Office and Spiritual Reading for each day of Easter.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you or anyone you know wishes to have Mass offered for a particular intention for anyone living or dead, please contact Fr John at The Priest's House, by phone, letter or e-mail or stating the intention, and the Mass will be offered in our church as soon as possible. Mass cards are available from the Priest's House.

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Parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa



### **CORPUS CHRISTI - THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRISTI 14 June 20**

*Dear Friends,*

“Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you are proclaiming the death of the Lord, until he comes” (1Cor.11:23-26). St Paul was not at the Last Supper with Christ and the apostles, nor was he a follower of Jesus until his conversion. Yet, he gives the most detailed account of what happened at the Passover Meal, when Christ offered up his life as a sacrifice to take away the sins of the world. During the Reformation and even today, there is controversy between Christians about the nature of the Last Supper and the Mass. The Mass makes the Last Supper - Christ's last meal and sacrifice of his life - present to us here and now.

Jesus and his apostles at the Last Supper commemorated the Passover Meal when God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt to freedom and a new life in the Promised Land. He transformed the Old Testament meal, which had at its centre a spotless lamb whose blood was shed to save the people from death, by offering his life as the Lamb of God in the New Testament. His blood was shed to take away the sins of the world and he offered up his life as a sacrifice to give people the new life of grace and eternal life with God. He took the unleavened bread of Exodus and changed it into his body, the bread of life, which he gives to us as Holy Communion. He took the cup of wine and blessed it and gives it to us as his blood, through which our sins are forgiven. What Jesus did at the Last Supper is made present to us in the Mass. He enables us to pass-over the obstacles of this life and enter into communion with him, in the new life of grace. The Body of Christ is given to us as food for eternal life, and his Blood is given to wash away our sins and purify us for eternal life.

On the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday next, we focus on our Lord whose heart burned with love for God and people. He shows us the compassion and love of God and gives us an example of the humble and gentle heart of God. He says “come to me for I am gentle and humble of heart, come to me and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:29). In the past people had their home blessed and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We bring Him into our home and family with prayer and grace that gives us compassionate and loving hearts.

Churches are permitted to open for private prayer but not Mass or public worship from Monday – please see the article on this in the next page.

*May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus bless us and have mercy on us. Fr John*

**CORPUS CHRISTI** A Mass for First Holy Communion children & their families **THIS Sunday 14 June, 10.30am.** With a special message from Bishop Alan



and music recorded before lockdown by children's choirs from across our Diocese. The Mass will be celebrated as a Children's Mass, with simplified readings and intercessions recorded by first Holy Communion children and will be offered for the children and their families. On both YouTube and Instagram we are BrentwoodCYS, and more details of the Mass are available at <https://bcys.net/events/corpuschristi/>

**OPENING OUR CHURCH** From Monday, churches will be permitted to open for private prayer but not Mass or public worship. There are conditions attached to this which have to be met before we get authorisation to open our church. We need two people present during the times the church is open to act as ushers and ensure people are kept safe. **We are asking for volunteers who must be over 16 and under 70 years and in good health.** Ushers would be asked to cover 2 hours periods and will be given instruction as to what to do in that role. The more volunteers we have the greater will be the opening times of our church. There are procedures regarding social distancing and cleaning that have to be detailed and observed. As soon as we have the structures in place and receive the necessary authorisation to open we will inform parishioners. Please contact our Parish Office if you are willing to help with this.

**PARISH FACEBOOK GROUP:** Our parish now has a Facebook Group on which we will post daily updates, and links to parishes and activities around our Diocese. James Ryan will manage it. If you would like to join, just click on the link below. All requests to join and all posts will go through James before they go into the group so that he can monitor it for security and relevance. We hope this will be a great way for our parishioners and people to connect with one another in our parish community: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/26415423943/?ref=share/>

**WE PRAY FOR ALL WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR:**

Fr Thomas Carlin (13/6), Fr Gerard Hughes (14/6), Violet Ben Gesser, May & Willie Morgan (18/6), Derek Wells (21/6). **May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME & IN HOSPITAL:** Please contact a Priest or Hospital Chaplain if you, your relative, or a parishioner, is ill in hospital or at home so that they may receive ministry and/or the sacraments.

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, OLD HARLOW:**

We are now streaming Sunday morning and other Masses live from our church. We invite parishioners especially those currently live streaming elsewhere to join our West Essex Deanery and our local Harlow parish for this Eucharistic celebration. During the week we offer Mass on selected days, Adoration, Rosary and Stations of the Cross by live streaming. The simplest way to access this is to go to our Website and the instant connection button [catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk](http://catholicchurchoftheassumption.co.uk)

**WE PRAY FOR** for doctors, nurses, all working in hospitals, care homes, the NHS & Emergency Services: For all who are ill at home or in hospital, for carers looking after those who are elderly or vulnerable in care homes or at home. For all who feel stressed on being isolated, alone or dependent on others. We can ask Jesus, the Light of the World to be a light and Saviour for God's people in this time of need, and ask Mary the Mother of Jesus and Mother of the Church to pray for us.

**FAMILY CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART:** This coming Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, is the solemnity of the Sacred Heart. At 10am on Friday an Act of consecration to the Sacred Heart Jesus for families will be live-streamed (and available to watch later) on the diocese's Marriage & Family Life Facebook page. In the days leading up to this and following, couples from around the diocese will share via Facebook their inspirations for living out their vocation as spouses and parents in the domestic church. You do not need to be signed up to Facebook to access this. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodMandFL/>

**NEED OF URGENT HELP:** If you or someone you know urgently needs help in this time, please contact the Priest's House. We will endeavour to assist through parishioners who have volunteered to help, the church, Foodbank or local agencies. Simple things like a phone call or e-mail can be a real comfort to many at this time.

**DOMESTIC CHURCH PARENT RESOURCES:** The Diocesan news page has a link for articles useful to parents of school-aged children to enable them continue worship at home during Easter with their family while unable to gather for Mass. [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/domestic-church-resources-parents-covid-19/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/domestic-church-resources-parents-covid-19/)

**CHURCH UPDATES Re CORONAVIRUS:** For the latest updates please visit: [www.cbcew.org.uk/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/) and also go to [www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/church.html)

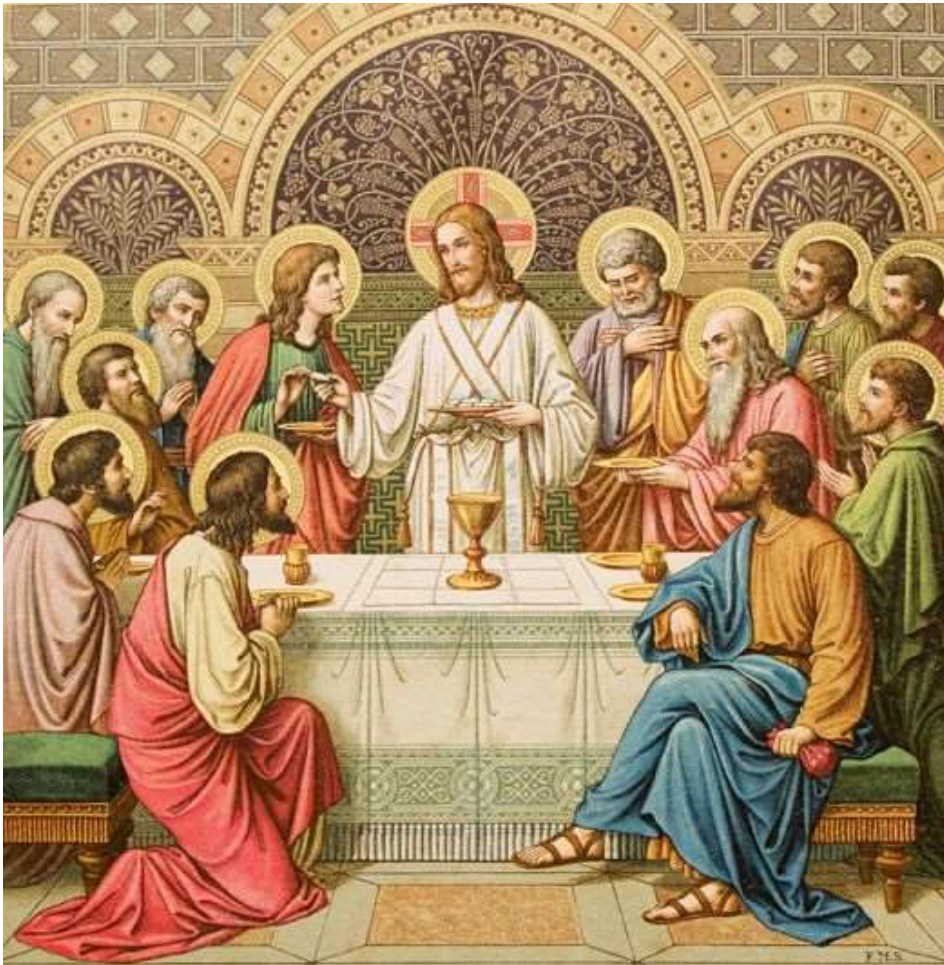
**RELATIONSHIP DIFFICULTIES:** If you are experiencing difficulties in your marriage, whether due to the additional stresses caused by the Coronavirus crisis or other reasons help is available. Marriage Care offers remote counselling or you may find Smart Loving Breakthrough <https://smartloving.org/breakthrough/> helpful. Visit <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/> Please don't leave it too late to contact us for help on 0800 389 3801 email [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC PAPERS, MAGAZINES & MAGNIFICAT** are on the table by the side door of the Priest's House & Church Sacristy. It is open all day every day. You can pick up a Newsletter, The Catholic Universe, Catholic Herald or Magnificat.

**PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL:** Message to a Loved One in hospital. Family members & friends of PAH inpatients can send personal messages or collate messages to [paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net](mailto:paht.messagestoalovedone@nhs.net). There is a dedicated phone line 01279 868128, available between 10am and 12noon each weekday when a member of staff or volunteer will write down a message and get it to the patient. Video calls are available for patients on Kingsmoor Ward, John Snow Ward, Lister Ward, Locke Ward and Harold Ward between 2-4pm, seven days a week. Family & friends of inpatients can email [paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net](mailto:paht.virtualvisiting@nhs.net) to arrange a 10 minute video call and find out how to join their call that to be hosted on secure video line



**CORPUS CHRISTI – FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**



**Jesus at the Last Supper giving us his Body & Blood in Holy Communion**

**ST PAUL IN ACTS** During the Easter period we have been hearing excerpts from the Acts of the Apostles in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can reinvigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and for the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and Parish Priest of Gidea Park, has prepared a new talk on ‘Paul in Acts’ which can be accessed by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks](http://www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks)

**KID'S CORNER**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**The Body & Blood of Christ**

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| KINGDOM    | VILLAGES | FARMS     |
| LODGING    | FOOD     | LOAVES    |
| FISH       | HEAVEN   | BLESSING  |
| DISTRIBUTE | CROWD    | BASKETS   |

**Humour** When is it bad luck to see a black cat?  
When you're a mouse!