

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – CORPUS CHRISTI 6th June 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body; this is my blood

1st Reading:	<i>Exodus 24:3-8</i>
Psalms 115:	<i>The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Hebrews 9:11-15</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>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!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.</i>

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ. The Gospel reading describes the preparation, and the celebration of the Passover meal Jesus ate with his disciples the night before his passion, and the institution of the Eucharist.

Covenant is a theme in all the readings today. The reading from Exodus describes the ratification of the Sinai covenant between God and Israel. A covenant that was sealed with the blood of animal sacrifice. The new covenant that Jesus establishes is also sealed with blood except that it is His blood. The institution of the Eucharist would be a permanent reminder of the intimate bond that now exists between God and his people.

This covenant is not, however, just a matter of an almighty being laying down the law. If this was so, then it would be a covenant where the people gave obedience but not love. God's covenant allows us to enter freely into this relationship. In the first reading we read how the people of Israel disowned the covenant between them and God by falling into idolatry. Despite this, God did not abandon them and in the fullness of time God sent his Son to be our Saviour.

In the new covenant, unlike the old covenant, Jesus leads us to a heavenly promised land as opposed to an earthly one. This is why the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. It is a perpetual reminder of the intimate unbreakable bond between us and God. The Eucharist celebrates the gift of Jesus giving his life for our salvation. We celebrate this each time we come to Mass. However, like anything that is repeated over and over again, there is a danger it may become just a ritual.

The words that are said, "this is my body, given up for you.... this is my blood, poured out for you," remind us of the self-giving sacrifice of Jesus. Do we actually understand these words? Do we understand what



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these words call us to do? The Eucharist is at the heart of everything, but it can never be separated from the washing of the feet that immediately preceded the institution of the Eucharist. We are in communion with Christ so that we can be in communion and service of others. We must always remember that what we celebrate is not just a ritual but a reminder of God's love for us, and a call to pour out that love on those we encounter.

Deacon Des

Making an Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish News

COVID Guidance: As the Government enters its latest phase of the COVID Roadmap, Mass and other acts of worship are still subject to the Covid-security guidance published by the Bishops' Conference which they have issued following consultation with officials from Public Health England and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The following rules apply from Monday 17th May 2021:

- Face coverings must be worn in places of worship, unless you are exempt. This is now law.
- You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.
- Stewards are only required for weekend Masses.
- You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.
- Funerals or commemorative events linked to someone's death are no longer capped, but determined by the size of venue permitted under current COVID rules.
- Weddings and Private Baptisms can now take place with the maximum number of 30 attendees.

As we approach Step Four which will commence after 21st June 2021, we continue to hope it will still bring fewer restrictions. Until that time we will continue to follow the guidance issued and look to keep everybody as safe as we can. Thank you for respecting these rulings.

Baptism Courses: The next baptism course will be held on 16th June, and 15th July at 7:00 p.m. in the church. To enrol on the course please e-mail the Parish Office stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you.

Sacrament of Marriage: Catholics must approach Fr. Lee / Deacon Des, at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

Weekday Masses: Please note that the weekday Masses will recommence on Monday (7th June). Thank you.



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St. Therese of Lisieux - Wood Carved Statue: As donations continue to be made, we are still hoping to purchase a beautiful and unique statue of St. Therese of Lisieux. It is hand-carved and hand-painted oak and, for an antique piece, is in excellent condition. The cost of the statue and pedestal will come to a little over £3,000 and we are hoping very much to raise this amount. We have placed posters of the statue at the exit of the church for you to see when leaving Mass. Should you wish to donate in memory of a loved one or any other dedication please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Lee or Deacon Des. Alternatively, you can place your donation with dedication, into an envelope and place that through the Presbytery letter box or into the donation trays at the exit. All dedications will be listed in a memorial book.

Parish Presentation by Dr. Carole Murphy: We are delighted to be able to announce that Dr. Carole Murphy, head of the Bakhita Institute at St. Mary's University, Twickenham, will be giving a presentation on Monday 7th June 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The Bakhita Centre for Research on Slavery, Exploitation and Abuse, named after St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of trafficking, was launched in 2021 at St. Mary's University. The Centre was created to continue the work of the Centre for the Study of Modern Slavery and to recognise the development of a broader research remit that takes account of intersections of other factors within human trafficking and modern slavery.

Although initially focused only on modern slavery, the research addresses broader issues to do with inequality on a global scale including gender-based violence, sexual exploitation and associated discrimination based on structural inequalities, race, ethnicity, asylum seeking/refugee and migrant status. The research also takes account of the intersection of factors that produce precarious situations for people, including migration due to conflict, corruption, and lack of economic resources, and helps to illustrate how this makes people vulnerable to exploitation. Through applied research, the Centre aims to address failures and limitations of statutory systems to protect victims of trafficking, domestic abuse, and sexual exploitation; and offer understanding of the underlying issues.

Dr. Murphy will give a presentation of this important topic as part of our parish commitment to raise awareness of Catholic Social Teaching in the modern world. All are welcome and there is no need to register. The joining details with the meeting ID and passcode are set out below. It would be wonderful to get as many people as possible to attend.

Please contact Deacon Des for further information if required.

Topic: Dr. Carole Murphy - Human Trafficking

Time: Jun 7, 2021 06:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83728545665?pwd=cTk0cHROV1RjUGZXSGNKMEtYUNIUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 2854 5665

Passcode: 802057

"Visions" Zoom Group: Held every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom with the purpose of sharing scripture, promoting positive mental health, prayer, joy, and laughter, as well as pictures and art.

No commitment is asked, you can speak or just join and listen. The Zoom details are as follows:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82226878791>
- Meeting ID: 822 2687 8791
- Passcode: visionst

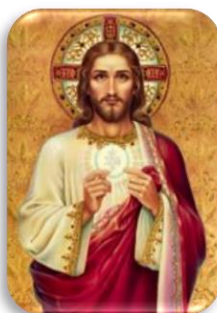
Sunday Coffee morning: If you would like to socialise virtually then why not join us for a chat and a short fun quiz from the comfort of your own home? Held every Sunday at 11.10 a.m. via the following Zoom details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83024819984> Meeting ID: 830 2481 9984 Password: CM24Thrsx. All are welcome.



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Mass Times and Intentions

CORPUS CHRISTI – Year B		
Saturday 5th June	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Eithne Mary Jackman R.I.P. (Rev. D. Connors)
Sunday 6th June	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Latin Mass (EF): 12:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Veronica Maughan RIP (W.Dodd) People of the Parish
Monday 7th June	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 8th June	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Wednesday 9th June	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Thursday 10th June	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 11th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Rosary, Exposition of the Sacrament & Benediction: 7:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 12th June	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Bill Blythe RIP (H. Bennett)
Sunday 13th June	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish 2nd Anniversary of Diaconal Ordination of Rev. Des Connors



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