

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.

St Anne's Catholic Church, Newsletter

19th June 2022

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Year C

(Prayer of the Church Week 4)



Sunday Masses
8:30am & 11:30am

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Sunday

8.30am, 11.30am Mass

Collection for Day for Life

We welcome **Willa & Sylvi Sedgwick and Reeva & Laara Parokkaran**, through Baptism, into our faith community.

Monday

9.30am Mass

Tuesday

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

9.30am Mass

Wednesday

St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More

9.30am Mass

7.30pm Legion of Mary Meeting in Savio Centre

Thursday

Birth of St. John the Baptist

9.30am Mass

Friday

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.30am Mass

Saturday

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am Mass

Next Sunday

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C.

Parish Film Night

At 7pm on Friday 24th June in the Savio Centre we will be showing the film, 'A Man for All Seasons' about the life and martyrdom of St. Thomas More, whose feast day is 22nd June. It was made in 1966 and won 6 academy awards including Best Picture. It is just under 2 hours long. Everybody is very welcome.

There will be snacks available (donations to the Salesians' work for Ukraine).

Message from St. John Fisher parish, Shepperton

THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES ARE COMING TO SHEPPERTON! We are to host the Relics of St Bernadette as part of a National Tour. This will be an historic event in the life of our parish and is sure to bring many blessings. The Relics will arrive here for an all night vigil on Tuesday 6th September, leaving the parish around midday on Wednesday 7th September. The web site for the Tour is now live. You can view it here: www.stbernadette.org.uk

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

This course, which is for anyone interested in finding out more about their faith, begins again in the Diocese in the Autumn. For more information,

please contact the Formation

Adviser, Jon Harman
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Vacancy

The Holy Family Parish, Addlestone will soon have a vacancy for a part time administrator position. If you're interested, please contact Catherine Cassin for more info addlestone@abdiocese.org.uk or via phone 01932 848616

theASCENT bookings are open!

This amazing project for teenagers in year 10, 11 or 12 will help them grow in faith and confidence, as they explore what it means to be Catholic with other likeminded individuals. Contact our Diocesan Youth Adviser E:lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk or visit W:www.theascentuk.co.uk for more information.

BeCome: Diocesan Young Adults Group (18-35).

We are coming to the end of our online study of the Sycamore series but will be starting a new process of studying and praying with scriptures very soon. If you are interested in joining our community and diving deeper into the bible whilst forming new friendships, contact E: lizzie.wakeling@abdiocese.org.uk

Radio Maria

Radio Maria is a catholic radio station that broadcasts in many countries. Radio Maria England was formed just before the start of the pandemic and is available as a DAB station and on line. For more details click link.

<https://radiomariaengland.uk/>

Ukraine

The Salesians are working for the people of Ukraine in Ukraine and in Poland with the refugees. See the help being given in the report from Poland in the newsletter section of the website. Also <https://misjesalezjanie.pl/aid-for-ukraine/>. There is a just giving page which can be used. The page can be accessed at

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/salesiangbrprovince>

Parish Council

We are nearing our annual Parish Council meeting and would love to have new Members for the council. We only meet 6 times a year and all that is required is a love of our church and to want to help it flourish.

If you are interested in becoming part of the team please let Fr Michael know. We hope to see many of you wanting to become council members.