



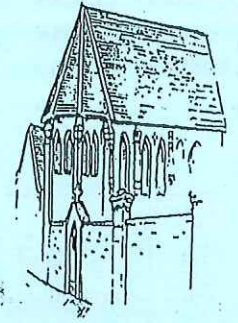
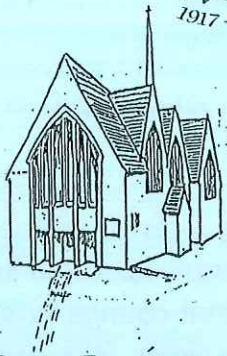
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The Most Holy Trinity & The Body & Blood of Christ (Year B) 27 May - 9 June 2018

From Fr. Sean,

Last Sunday it was my privilege to confirm twenty-two of our young people. It is a sacrament that does what it says on the tin. For the first stages of their life, once baptized, parents take on the responsibility of bringing up their children in their faith, leading them to encounter the person of Jesus in their everyday life, learning to imitate his ways. Then, looking on proudly, they watch them stand up in the midst of the gathered Church and, having asked to be confirmed, these young people declare their faith for themselves. As they were anointed with the Sacred Chrism, that faith is confirmed and they are strengthened to witness to it. For them, for the adults and children baptized, and our children receiving communion for the first time during this Easter Season, these sacramental moments are all profound encounters with Jesus that give them the opportunity for life in a way we often miss in our distracted and distracting world. But, whilst confirmation, and all the sacraments, do what they say they do, they may not always be effective. They require a response: the gift needs to be opened. To aid our young people to make that ongoing response they not only need the support of their family, but also the Church, each one of us that gathers in this place each week. They need our presence, example, encouragement, and our prayer. You see, this Easter Season is meant not only to be a time of new life for those in sacramental encounters, but for the wider community too. Those of us who have been around longer, walked the path of faith a bit further, also need to renew ourselves as we see the energy and life in those who are following us. As we continue our journey reflecting, listening, talking, and discerning our future together, our sacramental celebrations at this time offer key moments for us to deepen our sacramental encounters with the Master and with one another. Can these moments rather than being dry occasions about other people, instead stir within us a deep desire for renewal in our faith that will not only change us individually but also as a faith community, called to witness to the reign of God?

Services for the weeks beginning 27 May & 3 June

*Morning Prayer of the Church is prayed
Monday - Friday at 9.00am in the Lady Chapel.*

Sat 26	6.00pm	Sr. Kathleen O'Donovan (intentions)
Sun 27	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Monica & Gwen Murphy-Graves RIP
Mon 28	10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tues 29	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Wed 30	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 31	9.15am 9.45am	Eucharistic Service Adoration
Fri 1 June	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Sat 2	12.30pm 5.15pm 6.00pm	Baptism Sacrament of Reconciliation Terry & Anne Thomas RIP
Sun 3	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Oscar Palado RIP
Mon 4	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Tues 5	9.15am	Dele King & D. Niblett
Wed 6	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 7	9.15am 9.45am	Robert MacNeille (intentions) Adoration
Fri 8	9.15am 10.00am	Susan Greaves (Intentions) Whole School Assembly
Sat 9	12.30pm 5.15pm 6.00pm	Baptisms Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 10	9.00am 11.00am	Danny & Kath Gallagher RIP Veronica Ojuri (Intentions)

Please pray for those who are sick:

Masaldo Merry, Clare O'Toole, Denzil Lang,
John Oruche, Patrick Berton, Christine Jones,
& Christine Kristen

Rotas for weekends 3/4 & 10/11 June

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.30pm	Please see rotas in sacristy & porch	Please see rotas in sacristy & porch	Please see rotas in sacristy & porch
9.00am			
11.00am			

Parish Diary

Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Thurs	Senior Citizens	2.00pm	Community Room
Fri	Health & Safety Audit	8.30am	All premises
Sat	Newham Citizens	12.00pm	Community Room
Mon	Building Community	6.45pm	Community Room
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Wed	Governors	7.00pm	Palmer C. A
Sat	Parish Reflection	tbc	Community Room

Youth Fundraising: Thank You

*We recently launched some fundraising to help cover the cost of having our interns working in our parish over the past year. Thanks to all those who kindly donated towards the costs of youth ministry in our Parish. I am delighted to say that we have reached **£10,098.75**, just exceeding our target of £10,000. Thank you so much for your great generosity and support. The money will help make possible the continuing youth leadership development, bible study, social action initiatives, retreat and community days that are or will be taking place. I would like to say a huge thank you to both Dunstan and Alec for all the hard work they have put in here that has helped a number of initiatives to flourish, and for a greater depth of leadership to emerge in our community. May I also record our thanks to Josephine for co-ordinating the campaign and ensuring that the figures are accurate.*

The Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to all our young people confirmed at Pentecost in a very moving ceremony. You are reminded that we are meeting again on Monday 11 June at 7.30pm in the Community Room to prepare your Going Forth Mass on 24 June when you will receive your Confirmation certificates.

Senior Citizens. The May gathering for our happy band of seniors is Thursday 31 May 2.00pm - 4.00pm. There will be the usual good fun, chat, and fabulous refreshments. Everyone warmly welcome, especially if you haven't been before.

Building Community. The next gathering of the team takes place on Monday 4 June at 6.45pm in the Community Room. We know that change is in the air in our church and in our school. With the election of a new Mayor change is also happening in the borough, and that is an opportunity for us to shape the agenda around housing that helps members of our community in a very direct way. Come and join us and be part of the action.

First Holy Communion. This weekend (Trinity) at 6.00pm and 11.00am mass the last of our children will be receiving communion for the first time. All the children and their families are reminded to come on Sunday 10 June at 11.00am for your Going Forth Mass when you will receive your certificates. Please do dress up again if you wish to.

Pilgrimages to Lourdes, the Holy land, and Fatima during 2018. Please contact Mrs. Mozzi for further information on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301.

Bollards.

Please note that the car park in front of the church will be closed and out of action between Friday 25 May and Friday 1 June so that installation of security bollards can be carried out.

30 May: feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from 31 May)

31 May: diocesan feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary & St. Helen, Brentwood

3 June: solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

8 June: solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Thank you for your generous offerings

13 May

Envelopes	Loose Plate	St. Orders	Total
£491.28	£691.09	£344.00	£1,526.37

20 May

Envelopes	Loose Plate	St. Orders	Total
£416.21	£542.35	£344.00	£1,302.56

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 5.15pm-5.45pm and by appointment.

Weddings (minimum 6 months notice) and Baptisms (minimum 2 months notice) are by appointment.

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