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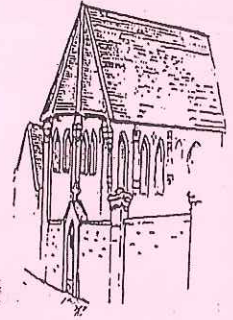
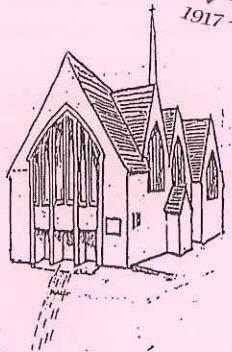
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10th & 11th Sundays of the Year (B) 10 - 23 June 2018

From Fr. Sean,

Abortion is an ugly word that describes an ugly action, so it is entirely inappropriate that whichever way the votes were to land in the Irish referendum that either side should have wanted to claim the result as a victory. Unfortunately, as we know only too well on this side of the Irish Sea, referenda, far from settling matters once and for all, often only highlight and deepen division. They offer a beguiling clarity, but in simplifying the issue they drive people from nuanced positions that reflect reality to the extremes. The issue of the unborn and the rights of the mother can never be either/or which makes abortion a uniquely difficult dilemma. The gay marriage referendum in Ireland a couple of years ago may indeed have marked a coming of age and move out of the shadow of the "Father knows best" Church, but this vote is of a different order entirely. For whatever the way the result had gone both sides would still have to deal with the consequences: what is in the womb is human life and termination leaves more than just physical scars. Perhaps the positive point here is legal clarity. It appears that a significant number of people who consider themselves loyal members of the Church, voted for the amendment against Catholic teaching. It may be that the Irish Church's reputation remains shredded because of its past over-mighty influence on the State, but in this case people reacted against a Church that last time this matter was debated thirty-five years ago held such a tight grip. The recent vote offered a chance to loosen that legal stranglehold and allow people to breath. Ultimately this is a moral, not legal issue. Abortions will always take place whatever the law, and it is surely better done safely. There are no winners when it comes to abortion, and so morally the Church has a task to limit situations where it might arise as an option and to support where it does. It is not a glamorous place to work, but in recommitting itself to that task, which under the radar it has always done, the church's reputation will be restored where it matters most, not in the media, but in the hearts of those most in need.

Services for the weeks beginning 10 & 17 June

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

Sat 9	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 10	9.00am 11.00am	Danny & Kath Gallagher RIP Veronica Ojuri (Intentions)
Mon 11	9.15am	Robert MacNeill (intentions)
Tues 12	9.15am	Doris Godridge RIP
Wed 13	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 14	9.15am 9.45am	Agnita St. Ville (intentions) Adoration
Fri 15	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Sat 16	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation People of the Parish
Sun 17	9.00am 11.00am	George Stephen Edozie RIP S. Xavier RIP (A)
Mon 18	9.15am	Ravindra Kumar (intentions)
Tues 19	9.15am	Katherine Bryant (F)
Wed 20	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 21	9.15am 9.45am	Damian Luis RIP Adoration
Fri 22	9.15am 10.00am	Eucharistic Service Whole School Assembly
Sat 23	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Maureen Hulse RIP
Sun 24	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Richard Graves RIP

22 June: national feast of SS John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, martyrs

24 June: solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist

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 16/17 & 23/24 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

Mon	Confirmation Group	7.30pm	Community Room
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Wed	Yr. 6 Pilgrimage	9.00am	Aylesford
Mon	Finance Committee	6.30pm	No. 146
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Wed	Governors	7.00pm	Palmer C. A
Sun	Altar Server Training	12.15pm	Church

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.

First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all our children who received holy communion for the first time recently. We welcome them all today 10 June at 11.00am mass for their Going Forth Mass when they will receive their certificates.

Building Community. The next gathering of the team takes place on Monday 25 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.

Finance Committee. The next meeting is on Monday 18 June at 6.30pm in No. 146

Altar Servers.

All our altar servers are asked to gather on Sunday 24 June after 11.00am mass for a get together with some training.

Vacancy. School Chaplain - Part time - 24 hours Trinity Catholic High School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green, Essex. IG8 0TP. The school wishes to appoint a School Chaplain within the school. The successful applicant must be organised, flexible and computer literate. We are committed to safeguarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. The ideal candidate should have relevant experience or qualification (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) that suits a chaplain role in the Catholic Church.

Please visit the school's website for more details: <http://fc.tchs.uk.net/Vacancies.shtml> 020 8504 3419 x 170 sam_gillary@fc.tchs.uk.net

Thank you for your generous offerings

27 May

Envelopes	Loose Plate	St. Orders	Total
£321.44	£891.90	£344.00	£1,557.34

3 June

Envelopes	Loose Plate	St. Orders	Total
£406.47	£464.90	£344.00	£1,215.37