



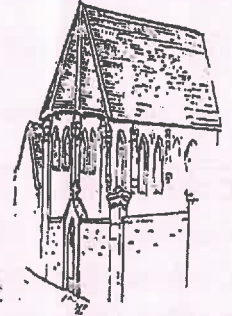
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The Body & Blood of Christ (Year A) 18 June 2017

From Fr. Sean,

We priests are privileged to be invited to spend a lot of time sharing in significant moments in people's lives, usually being asked to say something to mark the occasion; so it is rather difficult when we become the centre of attention, when someone in our family dies for example or, as recently, when I celebrated my silver jubilee of ordination with you. You may realize by now, though many can't quite believe it, that by temperament I would rather sit quietly in the corner minding my own business as I used to do as a child. However I know that it is important to mark these milestones. I know too that the parish here wished to celebrate, and that is quite right, just how it should be. And what a celebration it was! I, of course, wish to say thank you to all the people who made a contribution to making the evening happen. Many of you obviously worked very hard and you made a fine impression on those who came visiting that night, some from very far and wide. Every parish is different so people will have taken the great homeliness and togetherness of this community with them. I want to thank all of you who came to the mass and reception. We have always made a big thing in our Church about people being present each week. It matters because this is what makes us the Church, and so the fact that you took the trouble to come out on a Friday evening to the church, when many will have had more pressing things on says a great deal about this community. Finally I want to say thank you for all your kind wishes, cards, individual gifts, and parish gifts. As we were reminded on the night, priests don't come from priest farms. The fact that we grow up in ordinary parishes like this one should ensure we keep our feet on the ground, rooted in the people we serve. Thank you rooting me over the past nine years. May we continue to grow together in faith.

Services for the week beginning 18 June

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

Sat 17	6.00pm	Pat Feehan RIP (F)
Sun 18	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Joan Feehan RIP (F)
Mon 19	9.15am	Eileen Wilson RIP
Tues 20	9.15am	Richard Graves RIP
Wed 21	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 22	9.15am 9.45am	Joanna Oppong (Intentions) Adoration
Fri 23	9.15am 10.00am	Eucharistic Service School Assembly
Sat 24	5.15pm 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation Mary Connaghan RIP
Sun 25	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Monica Graves RIP (A)

Solemnities & Feast Days

22 June: National Feast: SS. John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More

23 June: Solemnity: Sacred Heart of Jesus

24 June: Solemnity: Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Parish Diary

Mon	Confirmation session	7.30pm	Community Room
Tues	Prayer Group	9.45am	Community Room
Wed	Governors	7.00pm	Palmer C A
Thurs	Senior Citizens	2-4 pm	Community Room
	Centenary Mass	11.00am	Brentwood Cathedral
Sat	Stewards/Clergy	10.00am	Hornchurch
Sun	PPC agenda	12.15pm	Community Room

Please pray for those who are sick:

Norah Crow, Masaldo Merry, Clare O'Toole,
Denzil Lang, John Oruche, Patrick Berton,
Alvina Telles, Jude Telles, Christine Jones,
& Christine Kristen

Thank you for your generous offerings

4 June: £1,287.00

Rotas for weekend 24/25 June

	Readers	Eucharist	Children's Liturgy
6.00pm	Andrea Morais, Helen Pree	Comfort Obi, Lesley Thomas, Amanda Na rine	
9.00am	Patricia D'Monte, Tina Amuzie	Mary Jane Ememe, Hazel Ringrow, Maria Emilion Christine Malone, Teresa Da Souza	
11.00am	Ken Peters, Sr. Ugochi	Cathay Boyle, Juliana Alvares, Tom Bedminster Ken Peters, David Graves	Elaine, Jolly & Helpers

Confirmation. Everyone is reminded that we are meeting again on Monday 19 June at 7.30pm in the Community Room to prepare the going forth mass.

Senior Citizens. Our next gathering takes place on Thursday 22 June 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Community Room. A warm welcome to old hands and newcomers alike, plenty of lively conversation and delightful home made refreshments will be available, so come and join us as guest or helper.

Diocesan Centenary School Mass. Many people are surprized when they learn that St. Winefride's School was opened in 1909 but St. Stephen's Church wasn't built until 1924. But, in fact, Catholic leaders built schools first because they understood that this was a key way to pass on faith to the next generation. And so it is that Bishop Alan has invited five representatives from each school in the diocese to come to a special mass on 22 June in Brentwood Cathedral as part of our centenary celebrations. This marks the important role our schools have played in the mission of the Church, but it also points to the present and the future. Those who use our schools at present are reminded that unless you also take a place in our parishes week by week you are simply taking from the system and contributing to its collapse in the not too distant future. For, as we face the challenges to come I am sure that our schools will once again play a significant part in the mission of the Church to bring the Good News to people everywhere, with the support of our very dedicated staff, and strong Catholic families.

St. Joseph Hospice, Hackney Volunteers. Maste Care is a support programme designed to improve quality of life of people with dementia through meaningful activities and sensory stimulation. We are looking for volunteers who can help with our project. We provide free training and pay travel expenses. Contact Lourdes Colclough 020 8525 6000 or email info@stjh.org.uk. More information available at www.stjh.org.uk

Jellicoe Accomodation Appeal.

Once again we are fortunate that our work with the Centre for Theology and Community will provide us with two Jellicoe interns to work with us during July. We are hoping to provide them with accommodation during their stay with us Saturday 24 June - Sunday 23 July. If you think you have suitable space and would like to be considered to host an intern please speak to me or to Dunstan as soon as possible. Hosts will receive £100 per week for costs.

Parish Pastoral Council. A reminder that the agenda meeting to prepare for the next full PPC meeting is on Sunday 25 June at 12.15 pm in the Community room after 11.00 am Mass.

Centenary Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Thank you to everyone who has booked to join us on 22 July. We already have one coach booked and are considering a larger one or a second one if there is demand. If you wish to come you must book and make payment this weekend, £20.00 per person, £15.00 under 16s (some concessions available). Please contact Galvin Gabriel to reserve a place. Please note, at Bishop Alan's instruction there will no Saturday vigil masses celebrated in the diocese that day.

Day for Life 18 June. The bishops of England and Wales ask us to keep today as a Day for Life, an opportunity to reflect on the dignity of every human person, young to old, and to pray for and support all life from conception to natural death. This year we are encouraged to reflect, pray, and offer practical and emotional support to those who have lost a child and those who are anxious about pregnancy. The collection as you leave church today enables the Church to fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre. Please take a flyer from the back of the church. More details are available at www.dayforlife.org