



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Corpus Christi

18th June 2017

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Mass Times

17th	Sat	Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
18th	Sun	Corpus Christi
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	
19th	Mon	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
20th	Tue	St Alban
	07.30	
	10.00	
21st	Wed	St Aloysius Gonzaga
	07.30	
	10.00	
22nd	Thu	SS John Fisher & Thomas More
	07.30	
	10.00	
23rd	Fri	Sacred Heart of Jesus
	07.30	
	10.00	
24th	Sat	Nativity of St John the Baptist
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
25th	Sun	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11.00 & 19.00-19.30, First Friday 18.15-18.45

Adoration & Benediction: Saturday 19.00-19.30

Baptisms: By appointment. Contact: Deacon Stephen

Form Signing: Mon & Weds 18.00-19.00 Term time only

Rosary: Tuesday & Thursday at 18.45.

Intention for June: Reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

Cycle of Prayer: Easter: Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, the Persecuted, Oppressed and those Denied Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers



Sacrament of the Last Supper, Salvador Dali 1955

The Last Supper

Examining the familiar painting of Salvador Dali's *Sacrament of the Last Supper* we see that Christ is presented as transparent allowing the scene behind to be seen through him. He raises his right hand and extends his thumb and forefinger; gesturing to the large headless torso above him. With his left hand, he indicates himself which can be seen as a visual representation of John 14:5-9, where Jesus says, 'anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.'

Christ has before him a loaf of bread divided on the table which has a similar translucency to the wine in the chalice. The twelve Apostles do not bow toward Christ, but rather to the centre of the table where the bread and the chalice are located. The Christ figure seems to be the light which illuminates the room, rather than a figure in the room itself.

At the very top of the canvas we see the translucent torso of a man. The canvas ends at the shoulders of the man so his head is not visible. The main focus of the man is his outstretched arms. They seem reminiscent of Leonardo da Vinci's Vitruvian Man. It has been thought that this is a representation of God the Father which means Dali has taken seriously the warning in Exodus 33:20, that no person can see the face of God and live.



Although there are several boats floating on the water, perhaps the most interesting one seems to be emerging from the wound in Christ's side. Traditionally Christian mystics have thought of the Church as being born out of the side of Christ.

For as water and blood pours out of his side so too the Church in its sacramental life is joined with Christ through the waters of baptism and in communion with him through his blood in the Eucharist. Traditionally, the boat is seen as an image for the Church.

From all this we can see that this famous painting is full of important religious imagery and gives us much food for thought. cf. www.patheos.com



Summer Concert

Friday 30th June: 19.30 21.30

Please join us in the Church for a wonderful evening of entertainment. There will be music and singing including classical, Jazz, pop and all your favourites from the West End Shows. During the interval, there will be a bar selling Irish Coffee, Wine, Tea & Coffee in the College Dining Hall. There will also be a raffle with some fantastic prizes including an Irish Hamper, Jameson's whiskey, wine, chocolates and lots more.

Tickets are available to buy now from the Presbytery or the Repository and cost **£7.00 Adults** and **£3.50 for children**. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Development Fund. If you wish to be involved in any way please contact Julie Conneely on: 07933 775627. Please collect a leaflet from the back of the church for more information.

Truth suffers, but never dies

St Teresa of Avila

Coffee Morning

Today in aid of Father Patrick's Mission.

Scripture Study Group

Meets after the 10.00 Mass every Friday in the Catechist's Office to study the Gospel of the following Sunday.

Little Church

Little Church and Tiny Church take place during the 9.30 mass on Sundays. Please ensure children are accompanied.

Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions

Again, this summer we invite you to be part of a pilgrimage to Sturry and Deal related to the life and work of Euphrasie Barbier, our Foundress, who is buried in St Anne's Convent, Sturry. It will be a chance to catch up with former sisters who lived in Wealdstone. We are adding a visit to Deal this year. The suggested date is Saturday, 5th August. A list and details will be at the back of the Church in due time.

Accommodation Required

Quiet, hardworking, female student nurse looking for accommodation. Excellent references. Contact Father Alex on 07788 415200.

Piano Required

Do you have a piano that you no longer use? The Salvatorian College need a piano at the Priestmead School site for music lessons. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help: 8427 1955.

There's peace and calm in the twenty-third psalm

First Communion Photographs

First Holy Communion Photographs available from 24th June www.myfirstholycommunionphotos.co.uk. Password: Joseph.

Sister Avril's Talks

Sister Avril OP concludes her series of summer talks in the Hut after 10.00 mass on Tuesday 27th June with: *The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus 2*

Parish AGM

The Parish AGM is being postponed until September. Date to be announced.

Forthcoming Dates

Summer Concert 30th June
Afternoon Tea 10th September



This Sunday we celebrate *Day for Life*, which is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. A second Collection will be taken up for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities.

Day for Life Prayer

I thank you Lord for the precious gift of my body. Whatever its strengths or limitations; whatever it brings me in terms of joy or suffering, help me always to see it as your gift. As I run the race of life, help me to have a healthy attitude to my body and a reverence for its part in my eternal future.

Help me to give glory to you by treating my body and the bodies of others, with care and respect. As I marvel at the wonder of your creation, may the whole human family work together to protect creation and especially the precious gift of human life, from conception to natural death.

Enable us by your grace to promote the well-being and dignity of every person, serving you and the gospel of life in a spirit of generosity, faith and love, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

SPUC

Please consider signing the petition online at spuc.org.uk to urge the prime minister to reject the hostility being shown to Northern Irish MP's simply because they stand up for traditional marriage and the right to life of unborn babies.

Parish Development Fund

Bingo raised £245.00, Coffee morning raised £180.00. Many thanks for your continued support and kind donations.

You go to Church on Sunday so you can bring Christ to work on Monday

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 11th June £2,633. Many thanks.

Second Collections

Today Day for Life 18th June, Apostleship of the Sea 9th July, Catholic Education 10th September

Counting Group

Today Group 4: Next Sunday Group 5.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 22nd June, Group 1, 11.30 - 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

18th Sat 18.00 G Teague, C D'Souza, T Kinsella; Sun 8.15 M Correa, E D'Souza, R Yep; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, 12.30 A Jervis, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **25th** Sat 18.00 T Kinsella, G Teague, S Mantis; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, R Yep, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe; 12.30 A Jervis, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

18th 18.00 A Goldwyn; Sun 8.15 A Yep, A Luke; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 P Arrigo. **25th** 18.00 C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 E Arjune, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo, A Goldwyn.

Recently Deceased

James McMullen, (32) Victim of the attack at London Bridge & Borough Market and former pupil for a year at Salvatorian College. Funeral took place on Friday 16th at Breakspear Crematorium.

James O'Connor, View Close, Harrow. Funeral: Friday 30th June at 10.00 followed by burial at Carpenter's Park.

May they rest in peace



Pastoral Letter for Corpus Christi

17/18 June 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

The words of the Gospel we have just heard contain a remarkable promise: 'Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever' (John 6:58). This promise of everlasting life comes to its fulfilment in the death and resurrection of Jesus, in which He not only shares our human nature, destined for death, but also gives to us the gift of new life after that death. This promise lies at the very core of our faith and it is made real, within our reach, in every celebration of Mass. In the Eucharist we come before the Lord, present to us for ever in the very act of fulfilling His promise through the breaking of His Body and the shedding of His Blood. This is the great feast we celebrate today. In the presence of this Sacrament, whether at Mass, at Benediction or reserved in the tabernacle in the silence of a church, our stance is always that of adoration.

This call to adoration, in Latin *adoremus*, is the title being given to an initiative of all the bishops of England and Wales to create a special opportunity for us to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives. From 7th to 9th September 2018 there will be a 'National Eucharistic Congress' in Liverpool called 'Adoremus'. Through this event, and all the preparation taking place before it, we seek to rejuvenate Eucharistic adoration in our parishes as the source of strength for our lives and for our mission, that of making present the love and compassion of Jesus in our society. Every diocese will be taking part and I hope that many of you will be willing to make the pilgrimage to this Eucharistic Congress next September. Incidentally, the last National Eucharistic Congress took place in 1908 and permissions for a public procession with the Blessed Sacrament were refused!

There is good reason why our participation should be strong. Tucked away in Covent Garden, in central London, is the Parish Church of Corpus Christi. In October 1874, one of my predecessors, Cardinal Manning, preached there, saying how it was the first church in England since the Reformation to be graced with the dedication 'Corpus Christi'. Today that church is being rejuvenated and rendered beautiful once more, a centre indeed for our Eucharistic adoration.

And there is another reason for our special attention to the Blessed Sacrament. A priest of this diocese, Father Francis Stanfield, composed the wonderful hymn to the Blessed Sacrament, *Sweet Sacrament Divine*. He was for a while parish priest of the Parish of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph in Hertford and priest in charge at St Edmund of Canterbury, Old Hall Green, also in Hertfordshire. But it was as parish priest of Corpus Christi in Covent Garden that he wrote this famous hymn which I sincerely hope is well known to you all.

In prayer before the Blessed Sacrament we slowly discover that there we find a home for every heart. For this reason we pray with suppliant hearts, full of love and heartfelt praise. We come into the presence of our Blessed Lord with our anxieties and troubles. But there all restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart. There, in the peace of His presence, we can speak freely, telling our tale of sorrow and distress, whispering as it were into His ear. This is a Sacrament of shelter and a shoreline of safety.

In my experience, it takes time spent in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the Body and Blood of the Lord there in front of our eyes, before we realise that in its far depths our Godhead's majesty is softly shining. This is indeed the true light of the world, the world's true Jubilee. And seeing this with the eyes of faith, and sensing it in our open, loving hearts, we pray most fervently that this sweet light may always shine upon us so that we never lose our sense of direction, our instinct for our heavenly home.

I pray most earnestly today that this Solemnity of the Sacred Body and Blood of the Lord will draw us more deeply into the glory of this sweet Sacrament. I pray that our preparation for 'Adoremus', the Eucharistic Congress of September 2018, and our participation in it, will reawaken in us all the deep desire to share our faith, to invite others to come to its consolations and find again its joys.

In this way we will take to heart again the wonderful words of our Blessed Lord: 'As I, who am sent by the Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me' (John 6:57). In receiving this food, in prayer before this Sacrament, let us always remember: 'Adoremus', Come, let us adore Him.

May God bless you all, and please remember me in your prayers.

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "† Vincent Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster