



**A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PHILIP
for parents of children in Year 5**

In the autumn term, you will be required to apply for a secondary school place for your child for September 2020. If your child is a baptised Catholic and you are intending to apply for one or more Catholic secondary schools, you will be required to obtain a **Certificate of Catholic Practice** from the priest of the church where you normally attend Sunday Mass. If you are intending to ask me for this certificate, it is most important that I know who you and your child are, and that I know that it is your usual custom to attend weekly Sunday Mass (this includes Saturday evening Mass.) Do not assume that, if you slip in discreetly at the back of church during Mass, I will recognise you. If you think I should know who you are but might have forgotten, please remind me! If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to ask me.

CORPUS CHRISTI PRE-SCHOOL

Corpus Christi Preschool has places available. We take children from 2 -5 years of age. Children are eligible for a funded place the term after their 3rd birthday, we also take children who are eligible for 30hr funding, if you are interested in a place or would like a visit, please ring Anne on 07949-187273.

SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP

Once again a 7 day camping holiday for children is being held this year during the period 27th July to 24th August. Essentially, it's for children who would not be having a holiday this year. Please see the notice board in the Church Porch for further details of ask any member of the SVP for more information and an application form.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Each year Bishop Alan celebrates this Mass particularly for those who are newly married or celebrating special anniversaries. This year the Mass is on Saturday 6 July at 3pm in Brentwood Cathedral, with a reception afterwards. If you would like an invitation please speak to your parish priest. On the same day there is a conference in the Cathedral Hall for all those involved in supporting and promoting the vocation to marriage - see the diocesan website or speak to your parish priest for more information.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Come this summer on Brentwood Diocese's pilgrimage to Lourdes with Bishop Alan, from Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July. For further information, please 'phone Tangey Tours on 01732-886666. Please note that we shall be flying from Southend Airport. We are able to support those with medical needs.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places remaining for the London to Brighton Bike Ride on 15 September 2019. Riders are asked to pay a registration fee of £55 and make a commitment to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more information, please call Julie Abbott on 01268-784544/07912-277413 or visit our website www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Monday is the **Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist** – we recall how, after the Annunciation, Mary went to visit and stay with her cousin Elizabeth. About three months later, this good woman, the wife of Zachary, gave give to John the Baptist. This ancient festival celebrates that happy event.

Friday is the **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** – symbol of Christ's love for all.

THE PASSAGE ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Please support the excellent work which The Passage does for homeless people in Central London, by attending The Passage Annual Garden Party in the beautiful and historic College Garden, Westminster Abbey on Wednesday 18 July, from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Tickets at £45 each, include wine, soft drinks, buffet supper and live music. Tickets are available online through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-passage-garden-party-2019-tickets-59008227196> or from The Passage, St Vincent's Centre, Carlisle Place, London SW1P 1NL Tel: 020-75921856. Email: tickets@passage.org.uk It will not be possible to purchase tickets at the Abbey. All proceeds in aid of The Passage.

**Some reflections for Corpus Christi
on the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist**

*I am the living bread which has come down from heaven
Jesus Christ (John 6:51)*

"The food is called among us the Eucharist, and of it no one is allowed to partake unless he believes that our teaching is true and has been bathed in the waters for the forgiveness of sins and for regeneration, and is living as Christ commanded. For we do not eat it as common bread or common drink, but, just as Jesus Christ our Saviour, made flesh by the Word of God, has both flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food over which thanksgiving has been made, by the prayer of the Word that is from him, that food – from which our blood and flesh are by assimilation nourished – is both the flesh and the blood of Jesus who was made flesh."

Justin Martyr, Apology I, 66, (died c165)

*Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that, for they are,
according to the Master's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ.
Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm.*

*Do not judge this matter by taste, but be fully assured by faith,
not doubting that you have been deemed worthy
of the Body and Blood of Christ.*

St Cyril of Jerusalem (died 386)

*If you have received worthily, you are what you have received
St Augustine of Hippo (died 430)*

Jesus says [in the Gospel] not only: "I am the bread of life", but also: I give you myself as the bread of life. "The bread which I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world". Those who hear his words are utterly scandalised now: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" They find this language totally intolerable. They murmur and take offence, and many abandon Jesus.

This offence has lasted throughout the history of the church, and it continues to be felt today. There have always been attempts to understand as merely symbolic and figurative the words that Jesus spoke at the Last Supper in the upper room: "This is my body"; "This is my blood" (Mk 14.22f and parallels). But he did not say: "This signifies my body", but rather, "This is my body".

Cardinal Walter Kasper, Sacrament of Unity, 2004

WEEKLY EVENTS

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Sundays in the Church Porch after the 9.00 am Mass

CHILDREN'S

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sundays in term-time during the 11.30 am Mass

SOCIETY OF

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Tuesdays : 7.00 pm in the Church Sacristy

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Wednesdays at 9.30 am inside the church

CHURCH GARDENING TEAM

Meets Wednesdays at 9.30 am outside the church

4TH COLLIER ROW

SCOUT GROUP

Beaver Scouts

Wednesdays 5 - 6.15 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Cub Scouts

Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

Scouts

Wednesdays 8.00 - 9.30 pm in the Parish Centre Hall

THURSDAY CLUB

1.15 - 3.15 pm

in the Parish Centre Hall
(for senior members of the community)

OUR LADY'S

PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays : 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 10 Norman Close



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