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**BULLETIN C 30 – 19TH JUNE 2022
CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY**

My dear brothers and sisters,

Last Sunday's First Holy Communion Mass was a very special time for the children, their parents and indeed for our Parish Family. It was good to see the church so full, though sadly some people had to stand. Today we continue the FHC programme at the 10am Mass which will conclude with a Procession of the host and Benediction in the grounds. The Children and their parents will be providing the refreshments afterwards for us all to enjoy.

God bless you all,
Fr. John

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

Thomas Dixon, Catherine-Elizabeth Onwordi, Julian Timis, Sean O'Connor, David Okoye, Debra Williams, Dwane Jekemiah Balogin, Anwen Westrop, Elizabeth Bedford, Kitty Lovell, Juliana Grace DeLeon, Gabriella Fabbriatore, Bridget Connors, Maryellen Connors

MADDY KELLY RIP

The Body of Maddy will be received into Church on Monday 20th June at 5pm. The Funeral Mass will be at 11am on Tuesday 21st, followed by Committal at Parndon Wood Crematorium.

DELORES DAY RIP

Funeral Mass for Delores will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 22nd June followed by Cremation at Parndon Wood.

TIMES OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sun	19	Corpus Christi	1000 Sung Mass	People of the Parish
			1200 Mass	Peace in Ukraine
			1800 Mass	
Tue	21	St. Aloysius	1100 Funeral Mass	Maddy Kelly (RIP)
Wed	22	S.J.Fisher, Thomas More	0930 Funeral Mass	Delores Day (RIP)
Thu	23	St. John Baptist	1000 Mass	Fr. Philip Willenbrock (RIP)
Fri	24	Sacred Heart of Jesus	1000 Mass	
Sun	26	13 th Ordinary Time	1000 Mass	People of the Parish
			1200 Mass	
			1800 Mass	Peace in Ukraine

TIMES OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

Fr John will be available this week to hear confession on Tuesday at 6.30pm and Wednesday at 10.30am, or by appointment.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ should we not have the gospel reading about the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper? No, the Church puts before us this reading of the wonderful gift of food from Jesus. It is a sort of open-air picnic Eucharist. It begins with Jesus talking to the crowd about the Kingdom of God; this is what happens in the earlier part of our Eucharist, as we listen to the Word in the readings and to the homily which interprets the Word for us. Then the Lord heals those who are in need of healing, and that means all of us, for we are always in need of healing in various ways. Only then does Jesus raise his eyes to heaven, bless the bread and distribute it, just as he gives himself to us in the Eucharist. A sign of the generosity and plenty of Jesus' gifts in the Eucharist is represented by the twelve baskets of left-overs, ready for consumption by the twelve tribes of the new Israel. In the same way, on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we share joyfully in the sustenance which Jesus gives to us and to the huge numbers of his followers across the world. How can I participate more fully in Jesus' gift of the Eucharist? Perhaps I could make better preparation before Mass begins; take time for reflection afterwards; give fuller attention during the Mass.

Maintaining our Parish Gardens

We urgently need more people who are willing to devote a small amount of time helping with simple garden chores. Perhaps just for half an hour once a week after mass or coffee. With this in mind we need to provide a few garden tools that can be kept on site for volunteers to use. If you have any spare utensils that correspond with the list now on display in the church porch we should be very grateful; just put your name against the respective item listed. Many thanks.

CAN YOU SUPPLY ANY SPARE GARDEN TOOLS AS LISTED BELOW, IF SO PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ALONG SIDE THE RESPECTIVE ITEM ON THE LIST IN THE CHURCH PORCH.AND MANY THANKS

Secateurs, Re-Usable Garden Waste Bag, Small Spade, Small Fork, Hedge Shears, Weed Extractor Tool, Wheel barrow.

A PRAYER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

Lord Jesus, we faithfully and fervently commemorate at every Holy Mass held in the Church, your mandate to your apostles, when on the evening before your death you instituted the Eucharist and commissioned your disciples to do the same, in remembrance of you. In doing so, the Church takes literally the words that you spoke over bread and wine, "This is my body... this is my blood".

This faith in your literal presence in the transformed gifts of bread and wine has become ever stronger in the history of the Church, so that it is solemnly defined that in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist your body and blood together with your soul and divinity, and therefore the whole Christ, are truly, and substantially contained.

On Corpus Christi, the whole Church publicly confesses your words: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world'. In the transformed bread, the world sees the beginning of a transformation that has already begun and will one day fully encompass all that has been created, in a new heaven and a new earth.

May this feast day of Corpus Christi help us all to remember that in the Eucharist in Catholicism, you are not a symbol, but that you are God and Man, the Second Person of the Trinity, the same yesterday, today and forever. You allowed yourself to be put to death at Calvary so that we may have Eternal Life with you in Heaven, by the ongoing process of sanctification here on earth that we might grow in grace and holiness, in your Holy Name.

Amen