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2 June 2024 – Corpus Christi

Sat 1 June St Justin, Martyr

4.45-5.15 Confessions

5.30pm People of the Parish

**Sun 2 THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI**

9am James S. Hall RIP & deceased relatives

11am Intentions of Bernadette Baugh (90th birthday)

*Refreshments after both Masses in the Becket Centre –
All welcome.*

Mon 3 St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

9.30am Fr Robert Conrad Jones RIP

Tues 4 Feria

9.30am Deceased members of Maria & Tijo's family

11am Rosary – Sacred Heart Chapel

Wed 5 St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr–No Mass today

Thurs 6 St Norbert / St Luke Kirby

11.30 Clair Fish RIP

80th anniversary of D-Day: for peace and
reconciliation

Fri 7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

12noon Ursula Battle RIP

Sat 8 The Immaculate Heart of the BVM

4.45-5.15 Confessions

5.30pm Declan Bingham RIP

Sun 9 10th Sunday of the Year (B)

9am People of the Parish

11am Mary Sear RIP

Intentions of Moira Sykes (90th birthday)

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (B),
CORPUS CHRISTI, p422**

1st reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Response Ps 115: The cup of salvation I will raise; I
will call on the Lord's name.

2nd reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! I am the living bread which has
come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who
eats this bread will live for ever. ALLELUIA!

GOSPEL: Mark 14:12-16.22-26

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June: We pray
for migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to
undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence;
may they find welcome and new life opportunities in
their host countries.

Parish News

Please pray for the repose of the souls of our parishioners: [1] **Pauline Farmer** who died on 16 May 2024, and for her sons, Paul and Sean, and their families. Pauline's Funeral Mass is at St Thomas' on Monday 17 June 2024 at 11am, followed by burial at Hamilton Road cemetery at 12 noon. [2] **Fr David Boundy** who died on 25 May 2024. Fr David was an Anglican priest for many years. He was ordained a Catholic priest in the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. He and his wife, Catherine, came to live in retirement in our parish a few years ago. Catherine is in hospital. Please keep her and their children, Sarah, Rachel and Jerome, and their families in your prayers. [3] **Kim Laing**, father, father-in-law, grandfather, to the Laing family in our parish, who died on 28 May 2024. Please keep Marion, his wife, and their children, Rory and Alana, and their families in your prayers.

Sick & housebound parishioners: please keep in your prayers all who are sick and housebound and all who have requested our prayers: June Bartels, Josie O'Keeffe, Graham Edwards, Maureen Sipek & Paul Dale. Please continue to pray for the good health of Pope Francis and HM The King.

Congratulations to Bernadette Baugh who celebrates her 90th birthday this weekend.

The weekly newsletter is on our website:

Newsletters St Thomas of Canterbury Deal
stthomasdeal.org

Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ) is celebrated this weekend 1st & 2nd June 2024. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** are invited to renew their commitment at whichever Mass they attend. Sheets will be provided with the words of renewal. Thank you to our Ministers for their ministry in our parish.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2024: please pray for Abel, Eshitha, Agnes, Edie, Kaylum, Lily, their families, and our catechists, as they start their preparation to receive these two great Sacraments. The First Holy Communion Mass is on Sunday 14 July 2024 at 9am.

Usual weekday Mass times moving forward: Mondays and Tuesdays at 9.30am / Thursdays and Fridays at 12noon. This seems to give the best possible spread, given parishioners' various commitments. It is always good to see parishioners at weekday Masses. The prayerful rhythm of weekday Masses is very important in the life of every parish.

Save the date: fr Brian celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Saturday 29 June 2024. There will be Mass at 12noon on 29 June and no 5.30pm Mass. On Sunday 30 June there are Masses at 9am and 11am, followed by a parish picnic, to celebrate the anniversary, in the presbytery garden from 1-3pm. All parishioners are invited: please bring food, beverages, rugs and garden furniture, and pray for good weather!

A word of thanks to Ben Bano who spoke at Masses last weekend. If you would like to make a contribution to a collection for fr Brian for his 40th anniversary, you can: use the contactless card machine in church (see specific tab), take a 40th anniversary envelope (available in the porch) and return in the Sunday collection, donate online (bank details: NatWest, acc no 09658378, sort code 52-30-23, ref: 40th anniversary). fr Brian thanks you for your kindness.

A new translation of the Scripture readings at Mass: The Bishops of England & Wales, together with Bishops from other English-speaking countries, have authorised a new translation of the Scripture readings from the 1st Sunday of Advent (1 December 2024). We will have to replace missals as well as the lectionaries used at the ambo. This change also gives us the opportunity for formation on the Word of God. Please do let fr Brian know if you would like the blue Missals to be replaced.

Diocesan, National & International News
80th anniversary of D-day and the Normandy landings, Thursday 6 June 2024: a time to give thanks for the sacrifices of so many people and to pray and work for peace, justice and reconciliation in our world.

The General Election on 4 July 2024 invites all of us to consider how we will cast our votes. The Catholic Church, in her Social Teaching, has much to say on **The Common Good**: *Together for the Common Good* have launched a new podcast series exploring the common good as a catalyst to spiritual and civic renewal. Speakers draw on the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching to show in practical ways how common good thinking opens up pathways to hope. These talks address the big questions of our time - economy, work, nature, social peace, civic life, what it means to be human - and much more: <https://togetherforthecommongood.co.uk/t4c-g-podcast>

What is 'The Common Good'? The Catholic Social Action Network (CSAN) is a national social action network set up by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales. Its ***Do Justice*** campaign promotes a vision for spiritual and civic renewal in England & Wales. Read CSAN's Statement on 'General Election 2024' and learn more about

Catholic social teaching on ***The Common Good***:
www.dojustice.co.uk & www.csan.org.uk

Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Full details: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk. Last year's diocesan pilgrimage was very poorly attended. The Archbishop hopes as many as possible will be with him in Lourdes. **Last chance to book.**

A Prayer for Peace & Justice

O God of peace, who are peace itself, and whom a spirit of discord cannot grasp, nor a violent mind receive, grant that those who are one in heart may persevere in what is good and that those in conflict may forget evil and so be healed. Amen.

HOPE & HEALING FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: In Gaza, over 800 Christians are sheltering in churches. Every day involves fear, prayers and one piece of bread to eat. International aid can't reach them. In Bethlehem, 80% of Christians have lost their income as tourism has collapsed. *Friends of the Holy Land* ask for your help:
www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/hope
01926 512980 or use the QR code in the porch.

CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at [Sudan hunger crisis:\(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Sudan.hunger.crisis:(cafod.org.uk)) Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

PRAYER TO BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

O God our Father,
we thank you for giving us Carlo,
a model of life for young people,
and a message of love for all.
You made him fall in love with your son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his "highway to heaven."
You gave him Mary as a beloved mother,
and you made him, through the Rosary,
a cantor of her tenderness.
Receive his prayer for us.
Look above all upon the poor, whom he loved and assisted.
Grant me too, through his intercession, the grace that I need (*mention your intention*).
And make our joy full, raising Carlo among the saints of your Church,
so that his smile shines again for us
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Blessed Carlo Acutis, soon to be made a Saint, was born on 3 May 1991 and died on 12 October 2006. Let us ask Blessed Carlo's intercession for a deep love for the Eucharist – the Real Presence of Christ – and radiate that love to all, especially those most in need of recognition and love. A blessed week, fr Brian

