



Our Lady Help of Christians & St Helens

Sunday 18th June 2017

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Reflection for The Most Holy Trinity

By Fr Adrian Graffy - Year A

Gospel reading: John 6:51-58

Other readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which we know also as Corpus Christi, provides a special occasion to consider the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the gift given by Christ to the Church on the night before he died.

The gospel is taken from chapter 6 of the Fourth Gospel, a lengthy chapter which presents the multiplication of the loaves and the walking on the water, followed by the words of Jesus and interventions of the Jews concerning the meaning of the first of these two signs. The verses in today's reading come towards the end of the chapter, when the words of Jesus clearly focus on the Eucharist.

In the Eucharist we receive repeatedly the once-and-for-all gift of the Bread of Life. As Jesus implies, it is unlike anything which preceded it, unlike 'the bread our ancestors ate'. This bread is the pledge of God's gift of life, and is best understood in the context of the paschal mystery, the death of Christ and his self-giving to lead us to life.

Perhaps this feast may also be an occasion for us to question ourselves about the reverence we show to the Eucharist. The Church encourages us to prepare by prayer to receive both Word and Sacrament, to observe a one-hour fast before Communion (except for those who are infirm), to approach the table of the Lord reverently, to spend time in giving thanks for this extraordinary sacrament, and to show a particular respect and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in our churches.

How can you avoid receiving the Lord in a routine manner? What can you do to increase your reverence for the Blessed Sacrament?

Pray that we will allow the reception of the Eucharist to transform our lives.

Pray for fidelity to our Sunday Mass obligation, that all may be strengthened in communion.

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

Corpus Christi (Feed your love)

Without food we die! Our wedding promise was to nourish each other so that we bring life to our marriage.

We feed each other in all the little countless ways, but particularly in our tender lovemaking, our talking and listening, support and encouragement, particularly in times of doubt and uncertainty. In these ways our marriage will grow and shine.

Please pray for the sick especially; Vincent MacCormac, Adam Skeats, Joe Nagle and Anna Craik

PARISH DIARY

Monday 19th June
2pm – Friendship Club
Friday 23rd June
3.30pm - 5.30pm – St Helen's School Summer Fete

St Helen's Catholic Church Building & Restoration Fund

For the week to 11th June, £31 was received from envelopes and cash.

When grossed up for gift aid this comes to £37 against a weekly target of £150. The cumulative position for the 6 weeks since the relaunch is that £485 (including gift aid tax relief) has been collected against a 6 week target of £900 and an annual target of £8,000

Thank you, Fr Joseph & Parish Finance Team

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday 18th June – The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9.30am Mary Wilkinson (English) RIP

11.15am Mavis Vaarmaak RIP

6pm Parish Community

Monday 19th June

9.15am Ethna Hopper RIP Anniversary

Tuesday 20th June

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

Wednesday 21st June – St Aloysius Gonzaga

8.30am Canon Patrick M^cKenna RIP

Thursday 22nd June – Ss John Fisher and Thomas More- Feast

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

{12.35pm Mass @ St Thomas More School: Jane Barton RIP}

Friday 23rd June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Solemnity

10am Mass @ Nazareth House

11.45am Mass @ St Helen's Church – Year 11 St Bernard's Celebratory Mass – John Walsh RIP

1-4pm Exposition in the Adoration Chapel

Saturday 24th June – Nativity of St John the Baptist - Solemnity

8.30am Holy Souls

No Confessions

3pm Filipino Mass

6pm Polish Mass

Sunday 25th June – Twelfth Sunday and Ordinary Time

(Day for Life)

9.30am People of Parish

11.15am Fr Gerard Butcher RIP

1pm Tamil Mass

6pm Eileen Cambridge RIP

Second Collection This Week 18th June is for Sick Clergy

BRENTWOOD DIOCESE SICK CLERGY FUND

The Sick & Retired Clergy Fund is one of the Diocesan Charities.

The fund helps and supports our retired and sick clergy. The Charity relies on the generosity of the Parishes and individual donations to keep the Fund in a healthy state. Another valuable means is by including a bequest in your Will; a *Form of Bequest* can be found on page 36 of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory.

Your generosity through donations, the annual collection and bequests is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Second Collection Next Week 25th June is for Day for Life 2017

Donations can also be made online, please visit www.dayforlife.org/article/donate



Water from Lourdes
Lourdes Water is available (although in limited amounts so that there is fair shares for all). Please enquire from either Sue Baillie or Fr Joseph



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
For all Dads. We pray also for deceased Fathers. May they rest in peace.

St Helen's Notices & Events

ST HELEN'S PARISH MINIBUS

To keep the new parish minibus on the road, the Catholic Women's League help to fund raise the cost of the insurance which is approximately £1,000 each year.

In order to help with this you are invited to become a member of the PARISH 100 CLUB. SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE FOR THE COMING YEAR

If you would like to join or renew your subscription, forms are available at the back of church, please place in an envelope with £12 per 12 month share and mark it clearly with your name, email or postal address, telephone number and "100 club subscription". Please leave it in the parish office. Any cheques should be made payable to St Helen's Church. Prizes are £20, £15, and £10 with £30 bonus draw Christmas and Easter
The next draw takes place on Sunday 25 June. WE NEED YOU!!!

The CWL would like to thank all those who supported our Quiz night. It raised £265 for Relief and Refugees. June 19th - 25th is Refugee Week and we will be holding a Cake Sale after 9.30 Mass on Sunday 25th June to raise funds for a refugee family in Syria. **Our next meeting will be on July 8th. Come and join us!**

Volunteer drivers for the new Minibus.

Ray Newman has a team of Sunday-morning drivers who collect parishioners from around the local area. We do need to find a few extra drivers to lessen the load on the existing ones. It involves a few hours in total but it means so much to people who otherwise would find it very difficult to come to mass. We know Sundays are precious, but we hope it would only amount to maybe once every 4/5 weeks.
Full training would be given. If you would like to help but don't feel you want to drive, we do also need escorts to assist the driver loading etc.
Your help would be greatly appreciated. Can you please send your contact details to the parish office westcliff@dioceseofbrentwood.org or ring the office 342324 and Ray or Steve will get back to you.

Lourdes Update

A huge thank you to all who raised money or donated money large or small for our 2017 pilgrimage to Lourdes. Grateful thanks go to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary school, St Helen's Primary school, C.W.L. and S.V.P. Il Pescatore, Breege English and all who donated in any way. Thank you all. Prayers were offered for you all, and Mass was offered for all your intentions. *With the Lord and one another what mountains we can climb!!!!*
So now to Lourdes 2018 (Easter holidays)!
much earlier than this year so watch this space for further details.
It is never too early to register your wish to travel with us.
Contact Sue on 01268 750752 or 07979 746707

Saturday 1 JULY 2017 - The Two Elizabeth's ELIZABETH DUNLOP & ELIZABETH UPSHER & Pupils PRESENT: A SUMMER AFTERNOON CONCERT IN AID OF HAVENS HOSPICES

Tickets cost £10.00 (inc cake and tea) 5.00pm.

In St Helen's Parish Hall, St Helen's Road, Westcliff SS0 7JP

Please ring Elizabeth 01702 347369 to book your seats.

(Please do book in advance for catering purposes)

All profits go to Havens Hospices. Look forward to seeing you there!!!!

10th - 15th October 2017 - Pilgrimage to Fatima & The Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem 1917 - 2017:

Centenary £760 per person sharing. Transfer from Parish St Helen 6 nights , 6 days breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

There are still places available!!

For more information Contact Salvatore: 07753 203129 or Patricia: 01702 432458 or 07946 687623

Cleaning in Church - Help Urgently Needed!!

If you are able to help clean the church on Friday mornings from 9.15am for one hour a week or once a month, please contact Julie in the office on 01702 342324 or email julie@shwos.co.uk

office hours are: 9am - 1pm (Mon, Wed, Thurs & Friday)

Helpers of God's Precious Infants - vigils

Saturday 17th June - Brixton

Saturday 8th July - Stratford

Sunday 17 September - Walsingham Pilgrimage of Reparation for Abortion

For more information contact Margaret Leahy

Helpers UK (Helpers of God's Precious Infants)

Tel. 01727 763832 Email: marg@helpersuk.org Web: www.helpersuk.org

Deanery & Diocesan Notices

Thursday 22nd June - St Thomas More High School Memorial Mass & Social in the school at 8pm.

All past pupils, governors and members of staff are invited to attend to remember those deceased members of the school community and, after the Mass, enjoy a sumptuous buffet whilst renewing acquaintances with past school friends and former teachers/colleagues.

Saturday 24th June - The Deanery Orchestra Presents: Music for a Summer Evening, 7.30pm @ The New Mazenod Hall, St Peter's RC Church, Eastwood Road North, SS9 4BX.

Tickets £5 (16 and under free) For tickets please call or text Penny on 07810 707910 or visit <http://thedeaneryorchestra.weebly.com/> Concert-goers are asked to bring and enjoy their own food and drink at the candlelit tables

Saturday 1st July - The 2017 annual Knight of St Columba (KSC) sponsored seafront walk in aid of the BCCS.

Starts at St Helen's at 10am Mass followed by a walk with Father Joseph to the hall at St George's for refreshments. Please contact Damian on 07887 678741 for more info to take part.

Thursday 6th July - St Thomas More High School - Open Evening 6pm - 9pm For families who have a Son due to transfer to Secondary School in September 2018 - Come and see the School and meet the Staff and Pupils. The Headteachers talk will begin at 7pm

Prospective Sixth Form Students for September 2018 are also welcome, although there will be an open evening for Students currently in Year 10 on Thursday 23rd November 2017.

Parents of Boys attending Non-Catholic Primary Schools who wish to apply to St Thomas More School for a place in September 2018 should complete the Local Education Authority Common Application Form (CAF) and fill in the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) That can be collected at the Open Evening. If you are unable to come to the Open Evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary Information Form, or can also be downloaded from the Website: www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

8th July 2017 - 30th Anniversary Celebration Abbotswick

Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood 11.30am - 4.30pm Please join us for this wonderful event. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at 2pm by Bishop Alan Williams and Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. Bring a packed lunch. Cake and refreshments will be provided. For further info call 01277 373959 or visit our website www.abbotswick.org.

Saturday 15th July - HARP the local homeless charity are looking for volunteers to help collect donations between 9am-5pm at Waitrose Fossetts Way, Southend-on-Sea SS2 4DQ. If you can spare an hour or two that day please contact Lisa Walton 01702 415834 lisa.walton@harpssouthend.org.uk

Sunday 16th July Carmelite Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Holy Mass at 12.00 noon. Coach from bus stop opposite Nazareth House at 9.00 am. Fare £12.00. To book a seat phone Bernadette Lane 01702 421891 or 07963 300518. Bring a packed lunch. All welcome

Saturday 22nd July Diocesan - Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes in Walsingham to celebrate the Centenary of Brentwood Diocese. The Diocese will be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Mass on the site of the Holy House. If you are interested in going by coach there are still places available, (leaving St Georges, Shoeburyness at 6am). A stop will be made at Westcliff if people wish to go from here. Seats are £18 each. Please contact Sharon the Parish Administrator on 01702 292726 or email stgeorgesrcchurch@btinternet.com

Organ Recitals at Brentwood Cathedral

Wednesday 21st June at 1pm for a Lunchtime Organ Recital to be given by Alan Montgomery from the Royal College of Music London. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Song School.

Wednesday 28th June - The last Organ Recital before the Summer Break at 5.30pm followed by Vespers at 6.30pm.

Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT
ninahow@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Diocese of Brentwood: Centenary Lectures

Venue: Cathedral Parish Hall, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT
Time: 7.30pm Admission Free, Bookstall available.

Wednesday 21st June: Fr Martin Boland,

Dean of Brentwood Cathedral: 'The Diocese today: A Reflection'

Wednesday 28th June: Dr Paul Doherty, Headteacher, Trinity Catholic
Further details: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/centenary

Meeting the Living God Seminar Series 2017

Venue: Conference Hall, Cathedral House, Brentwood CM15 8AT.

Time for all seminars: 10.30 am-12.00 pm

Seminar 5: Saturday 24th June 2017

'God has a dream for each one of us.'

Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon, Former Bishop of Brentwood

Seminar 6: Saturday 15th July 2017

'Contemplative Prayer—is it for me?'

Bishop Alan Williams, SM, Bishop of Brentwood.

For further info contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel: 01277 265285