



ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE PARISH BULLETIN

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Masses: Sunday: (7pm Saturday) 8am, 10am, 12noon, 1.30 (Polish), 7pm.

Holydays: 6.30pm vigil, 9.30am, 11am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 9.30am, 6.30pm. **Saturday:** 9.30am, 7pm. **Bank Holiday:** 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-10.30am, 6.30 -6.45pm

Weekdays: immediately after Mass (on request)

29th May 2016 – Corpus Christi Pope's Homily for Corpus Christi

Below is Pope Francis's homily on Corpus Christi in Rome – in Rome they still celebrate it on a Thursday!

"Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11 :24-25). Twice the Apostle Paul, writing to the community in Corinth, recalls this command of Jesus in his account of the institution of the Eucharist. It is the oldest testimony we have to the words of Christ at the Last Supper.

"Do this". That is, take bread, give thanks and break it; take the chalice, give thanks, and share it. Jesus gives the command to repeat this action by which he instituted the memorial of his own Pasch, and in so doing gives us his Body and his Blood. This action reaches us today: it is the "doing" of the Eucharist which always has Jesus as its subject, but which is made real through our poor hands anointed by the Holy Spirit.

"Do this". Jesus on a previous occasion asked his disciples to "do" what was so clear to him, in obedience to the will of the Father. In the Gospel passage that we have just heard, Jesus says to the disciples in front of the tired and hungry crowds: "Give them something to eat yourselves" (Lk 9:13). Indeed, it is Jesus who blesses and breaks the loaves and provides sufficient food to satisfy the whole crowd, but it is the disciples who offer the five loaves and two fish. Jesus wanted it this way: that, instead of sending the crowd away, the disciples would put at his disposal what little they had. And there is another gesture: the pieces of bread, broken by the holy and venerable hands of Our Lord, pass into the poor hands of the disciples, who distribute these to the people. This too is the disciples "doing" with Jesus; with him they are able to "give them something to eat". Clearly this miracle was not intended merely to satisfy hunger for a day, but rather it signals what Christ wants to accomplish for the salvation of all mankind, giving his own flesh and blood (cf. Jn 6:48-58). And yet this needs always to happen through those two small actions: offering the few loaves and fish which we have; receiving the bread broken by the hands of Jesus and giving it to all.

Breaking: this is the other word explaining the meaning of those words: "Do this in remembrance of me". Jesus was broken; he is broken for us. And he asks us to give ourselves, to break ourselves, as it were, for others. This "breaking bread" became the icon, the sign for recognizing Christ and Christians. We think of Emmaus: they knew him "in the breaking of the bread" (Lk 24:35). We recall the first community of Jerusalem: "They held steadfastly... to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42). From the outset it is the Eucharist which becomes the centre and pattern of the life of the Church. But we think also of all the saints – famous or anonymous – who have "broken" themselves, their own life, in order to "give something to eat" to their brothers and sisters. How many mothers, how many fathers, together with the slices of bread they provide each day on the tables of their homes, have broken their hearts to let their children grow, and grow well! How many Christians, as responsible citizens, have broken their own lives to defend the dignity of all, especially the poorest, the marginalized and those discriminated! Where do they find the strength to do this? It is in the Eucharist: in the power of the Risen Lord's love, who today too breaks bread for us and repeats: "Do this in remembrance of me".

May this action of the Eucharistic procession, which we will carry out shortly, respond to Jesus' command. An action to commemorate him; an action to give food to the crowds of today; an act to break open our faith and our lives as a sign of Christ's love for this city and for the whole world.

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish - Sean Doherty; we pray for those who have died recently – Pietro Piroli, Mary Hynes, Alfred Bentfeld; we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Elizabeth Wright, Maureen Jones, Michael Breslin, Howard Hannaby, Tom & Katie Walsh, Margaret (May) Beeston, Carmel Hogan, Sarah Quirke.

Bank Holiday:

Just a reminder that Monday of this week is a bank holiday. There will be only one Mass, at 9.30am. It's also the beginning of half-term for many, so we pray that those concerned will have a lot of quality time and enjoy doing fun things together.

100 Club Results:

The May Draw for the 100 Club was held in the Monastery during the week. The number of entries was 118 and the winners were: £400 Chiara Mayer-Riekh (142), £100 Anne Rea (177), £50 Mrs P. Kelly (121). A copy of the results may be obtained from the Parish office on request. The May draw will be held as usual in the last week of the month, and monthly subscriptions should be paid by Sunday 26th June. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,593. In addition we also receive over £1900 in standing orders each month.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

This year, to mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Diocese have organised a pilgrimage to Walsingham on the 9th of July. As there is a limit on the number of coaches the place can cater for, it has been agreed that St. Gabriel's Parish, Archway, and ourselves will just have the one coach between us. The coach will depart from St. Gabriel's church premises at 7am to arrive at Walsingham at 10am. The cost is £18.00. For further information please contact St. Gabriel's Parish office on 02072728195 or Mary Aherne -02072639217.

Can you help prisoners & their families?

You are invited to come & see the opportunities for you to volunteer to help those in prison, prisoner's families, and ex-offenders. The Catholic prison charity Pact (Prison Advice & Care Trust) works in several prisons across London and relies heavily on volunteers to help those in need. Saturday 11th June Drop in any time between 9.30am – 1.00pm St George's Cathedral (Southwark), Amigo Hall. For more information contact Tom: Thomas.Brindle@prisonadvice.org.uk or call 0203 031 6869

Children's Summer Camps:

Bookings are being taken for the SVP John Bosco camps for boys (ages 8-13, weeks beginning 23rd & 30th July) and girls (ages 9-12, week beginning 6th August), near Colchester in Essex. Run with a Catholic ethos, these sports and activity based camps are especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. See porch noticeboard or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk for details. Phone Eileen 020 7272 1263 if interested.

Half-term Holiday Camp:

Premier Sport will again be running a holiday camp for 4 – 12 year olds at St Joseph's Primary School during half term. Tuesday 31st May until Friday 3rd June. Half Day, £12.95 : 9.00am – 12.30pm; Regular Day, £19.95 : 9.00am – 3.30pm; Extended Day, £24.95 : 8.30am – 4.30pm. For further information or to book online please visit www.premiersport.org.

Organ Recital:

The next in our season of organ recitals will be on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm, to be given by Stephen Disley of Southwark Cathedral. Admission is free, but all donations towards the repair and maintenance of the organ will be appreciated. Details of further recitals in the series are on the porch notice-board.

Catholic Referendum Debate:

On Wednesday 15 June, Catholic Voices have organised a debate, featuring a number of Catholics in prominent British public life, on the subject of the forthcoming referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. The debate will take place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions). For further information and to book, please visit catholicvoices.org.uk.

Spirit In The City:

Catholic Festival of Mercy 1-4 June in the West End of London. Wed 1st June 6.30pm: 'Full of Grace' -UK premiere of the film in the Prince Charles Cinema; Thurs 2nd June and Fri 3rd June 7 - 9.30pm: Celebration of Mercy with talks, prayer, music in Notre Dame de France; Sat 4th June 10am-8pm: festival in Leicester Square gardens with live music, workshops, Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and street events. Full programme: www.bit.ly/SitCfest2016

Other Notices:

We remind you that we receive many more notices each week than we could possibly put in the bulletin. We encourage you to consult the notice-board in the porch for information on a wide range of activities taking place within the Diocese.