

# BLESSED SACRAMENT



**26 JUNE 2011**

## **CORPUS CHRISTI**



**CITY CENTRE  
CATHOLIC PARISH,  
SOUTHAMPTON  
ST JOSEPH'S &  
ST EDMUND'S**

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**SOUTHAMPTON  
CENTRAL AND WEST  
PASTORAL AREA  
ALSO INCLUDES  
ST. BONIFACE,  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
& HOLY FAMILY**

**A Stewardship Parish in  
a Stewardship Diocese**



Today's gospel is an example of Jesus teaching us something quite specific, something which leaves little room for any doubt as to His meaning. The message is explicit, and is what we rejoice at in today's great solemnity. In plain and unambiguous language, Jesus' teaching is about the most Blessed Sacrament of His own Body and Blood. He reveals to us the vital need we all have to discern Him, and, yes, consume Him, in this miraculous and holy sacrament.

Most Catholics are quite familiar with the Church's teaching about the true presence of Christ's Flesh and Blood, in the Blessed Sacrament. This doctrine is one of the most basic facts of our faith. But at the time when Our Lord first expounded it to the Jews, it must have sounded quite extraordinary. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" By way of reply, Jesus did not actually explain how He could do so. He simply repeated His earlier statement, and went on to emphasize that if they wanted to have eternal life, they really would have to eat His Flesh and drink His Blood. There can be no doubt at all that to His first audience, this was very, very shocking. And perhaps it might even be a little shocking to us, if we think about it. Eating, actually eating, our God! It hardly seems respectful does it? We might even be inclined to soften the notion in our own mind, by thinking that Christ was perhaps speaking symbolically, or metaphorically. However, to think that, would be to empty the gospel of its truth, its inspired meaning. Jesus did go to considerable lengths to emphasize that He meant exactly what He said. Eternal life comes by feeding on Jesus Christ. Christ Himself is the bread which came down from heaven. By feeding on Him, His own Body and Blood, we are assured of going to the place where that living bread came down from – heaven above.

Our belief in the reality of Christ's presence in His Eucharist is at the heart of what it means to be a Catholic. It is one of the most distinctive features of our religion. Today, we give thanks for this supernatural bread from heaven on which we feed in Holy Communion. The Lord who looked out at Mary and Joseph in the stable, Who walked on the waters of Galilee, Who received with such compassion the blind, the sick, the dying, the Lord Who hung on the Cross – that Lord is the living Lord who awaits us in His Eucharist. We come to Him poor, needy, sick, sinful, like beggars, and He never refuses us an audience. He never withholds His generous gifts. One day, the veil will be lifted, and then we shall see Him face to face, in light, and be blessed for ever, with that glorious sight. *Father Paul Leonard*

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

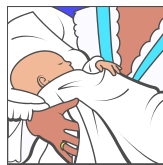
1. "Whoever eats...drinks...remains in me..." Where, when and how do you experience the abiding presence of Christ?
  2. When we celebrate Mass we are in 'communion' with Christ. In what way does that help you be in communion with others?
  3. Does being in 'communion' with others help you in your relationship with Christ? How?
- Vincent Harvey*

**FATHER PAUL LEONARD** has been appointed by the Bishop to the Havant Pastoral Area with particular responsibility for 'St Michael & All Angels' in Leigh Park. This is sad for us but a blessing for them! The move will not happen until the autumn...time to adjust!! More details later. Father Paul will be replaced by Father John Chandler (who is being ordained on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July). Please keep Father Paul and all who are moving to new parishes, in your prayers. *Vincent Harvey*

## TODAY - SUNDAY 26 JUNE

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 41 CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED** the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus yesterday (Sat 25 June) in St. Edmund's Church for the first time. *Please pray for them as they continue on their faith journey.*

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Peter's Pence.



**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community **Isabella Dunnings** daughter of Christopher and Naomi who will be baptised at St. Joseph's Church at 11.30am and **Elsie Woolford** daughter of Matthew and Alexandra; **Justin Forbes** son of Malcolm and Blessing; **Mia Zukowska** daughter of Robert and Monika who will be baptised at St. Edmund's at 12.30pm.

**SPRINGHILL SCHOOL SUMMER FETE** 12pm – 4pm. Come along and join in the fun!

**WELCOME TO HANNAH MOODY** who will be received into Full Communion at the 7 pm Mass today.

**YOUTH CHOIR** 7pm Mass, rehearsal at 6pm.

**RECENTLY DIED:** **Linda Cameron** at the Countess Mountbatten Hospice last Sunday. Please remember Linda and family in your prayers. Her funeral will be at 3pm Tues 28 June in the Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground. *May she rest in peace.*

## THIS WEEK

**OPEN EVENING: ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL & 6TH FORM COLLEGE** 6pm—8pm Mon 27 June. Parents with daughters in Y5 considering applying for admission are invited. Tel. 023 8032 8200. See Notice Board.

**FEAST OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL** Wed 29 June, we celebrate the Feast of these two pillars of the Church. As this is a Holy day of obligation, **Mass times** are at **7am, (11.15am St Anne's) & 7.30pm in St Edmund's; 12.15pm in St Joseph's; 2pm in Springhill School.**

**YOUTH EVENT FOR TEENAGERS** 7.30pm – 9pm Fri 1 July in St. Edmund's Hall for young people in the parish to have fun, meet others and learn more about our faith. Contact Peter McGeady 077 6925 8378.

**PASTORAL AREA CONFIRMATION MASS: 3pm on Sunday 3rd July in Holy Family Church, Millbrook.**

*Please pray for the candidates on their special day:* Christopher Amedu, Aleyxz Anatalio, Monique Anatalio, Weronika Andrzejewska, Harry Barham, Weronika Banda, Wiktoria Banda, Hettie Beale, Marta Brodzka, Lucia Campbell, Ambrose Chou, Anjolie Chou, Sarah Davis, Lawrence Del Rosario, Shonah Dougan, Will Doyle, Peter Fenton, Harvey Hiscock, Megan Humphries, Finn Butterworth Kenny, Erin Lynch, Paddy Marsh, Ashley Mascarenhas, Ruth McCullen, Ciaran McGowan, Stephanie McGrory, Alice Mintoff, Hannah Moody, Georgia Murray, Jack Perry, Charlotte Platt, Quantae Ramdin, Zoe Salanitro, Jack Shiner, Tim Stringfellow, Hannah Strong, Ben Warburg, Jess Weltevreden.

**FOR INFO** Mon: Day off VH/PL. Tues: PA clergy meeting: VH/PL. Wed: Holy day...see elsewhere. Thurs: Confirmation in Charminster: VH  
Fri: New church dedication, Waterlooville: VH  
Sat: Ordination of John Chandler: VH/PL

## NEXT WEEKEND

**11AM MASS & CONFESSION CANCELLED SAT 2 JULY**

**REVEREND JOHN CHANDLER'S** Ordination Mass will be held at 11am on Saturday 2 July in St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. **All welcome!**

**WE WELCOME FR. MARK HOGAN** who will be celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses at St. Edmund's on Sun 3 July. (*Father Vincent will be presiding at Masses in Basingstoke.*)

**GOSPEL CHOIR** 7pm Mass Sun 3 July.

## NEXT WEEK

**SCOF** meeting 7pm Tues 5 July in Stella Maris Centre.

**CCPG** to meet at 7.45pm on Wed 6 July in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**WANTED:** Married couples to join the **Marriage Preparation Team**. We have a large number of Weddings every year and a growing number of couples who marry outside the parish. Please contact Father Vincent, Father Paul, Marjorie Dean, Wilma Boddeke or the Parish Office. An information evening will be held on **Wednesday 6 July at 7.30 pm in St Edmund's Hall.....come along and find out more.**



**WEDDING BELLS:** Congratulations to **Eilish Ryan and Neil McKeown** who are getting married at 3pm on Sat 9 July in St. Edmund's Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*

**CAFOD CONNECT2: Rwanda – Deepen the Connection:** Sun 10 July 12 noon in St Theresa's Parish Hall, 20 Beaumont Rd, Totton SO40 3AL. Meet first hand Odette Kayirere, founder of CAFOD partner Avega East in Rwanda (an award-winning women's association set up to help widows of the genocide), and Feza (community leader from the Musha village); to learn about their work and CAFOD's Connect2 initiative. Feza and Odette will be giving a talk in the parish hall followed by a luncheon with CAFOD raffle. Tickets £5, children aged 12 and under free entry. For tickets/info contact Edna Wharton: 023 8086 5823.

## GENERAL ITEMS

**MARTHA'S...IN BEDFORD PLACE...**a charity shop run by a team from the City Centre Catholic Parish, selling donated clothing, china, and many new small gift items. All profits for charitable causes (*to date: Rent Deposit Scheme, Winchester Asylum Project, and Catholic Home Care...amongst many others*). Please support them, pop in and see the latest gifting lines.



**CEILI NIGHT:** 8pm til late Sat 30 July. Eastleigh Irish Social Club, Station Hill, Southampton Road, Eastleigh. Members £5, Non-members £7. Contact 023 8025 2248 for tickets.

**VACANCY – CATHOLIC HOME CARE** are looking to recruit an assistant to the Home Care Co-ordinator. The successful candidate will possess good computer, communication & organisational skills. A flexible 20 hours per month to cover client visits, office support and holiday cover; own transport essential. For more information & application form contact Anne Monaghan 023 8033 3589 (Tues, Wed or Fri). Closing date for applications 8 July 2011. (Please note, this post is subject to a CRB check.)

**CHARITY BBQ** 2pm—10pm Sat 9 July in Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 3SB. Raising funds for underprivileged children in Bambui, Cameroon. Website [www.bukda.org](http://www.bukda.org).

**FINANCE GROUP** meeting 7.30pm Thurs 14 July in St. Edmund's Presbytery.

**HEALING DAY** with Little Way Healing Ministries 10am - 4.30pm, Sat 16 July, Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer a day of teaching and healing. Everyone is welcome so bring your friends, neighbours and relatives. No need to be a churchgoer to attend. Come all day or just pop in. Tea and coffee provided. Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'... **Come and see.**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** for **Grzegorz Dobiecke** and **Kristy Olszewski** to be married in St Edmund's in July and **Adam Filo** and **Ewelina Drozda** marrying in Poland in September.

**VACANCY: PART-TIME ADMINISTRATOR/IT SUPPORTER** at the Diocese Pastoral Formation Office in Park Place, Wickham. Tel. Nicky Stevens on 013 2983 5583. See Notice Board for further details.

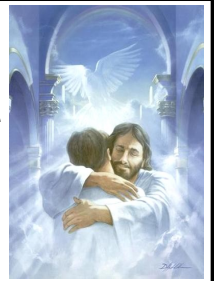
**CAFOD THANKS** have been received for the amount of £1570 collected so far for Fr. Paul's *Endurance Walk*. The Just Giving website amount is still to come. Many thanks for all your contributions.

**5. THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL - THE FOUR PRESENCES OF CHRIST:** The Second Vatican Council (1962-5) reminded us of our ancient faith: Christ is always present in his church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. So, each time we come to Mass we experience the presence of Christ in four different ways:

- Christ is present in the congregation – the people gathered together;
- Christ is present in the person of the priest;
- Christ is present in the Scriptures that we listen to during Mass;
- Christ is present in the bread and wine when it becomes Christ's Body and Blood.

The more we are able to understand and join in the Mass, the more we will come to love it. The new translation will help us to do that because the words we will now use will say more clearly what our faith is teaching us. **Keep reading, more to follow!**

## PARISH MISSION (SOUTHAMPTON CENTRAL & WEST)



**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW LIFE:** The Mission is taking place in our Pastoral Area (*Holy Family & St Vincent de Paul, St Boniface and St Joseph & St Edmund*) **from 16-23 July 2011. Programme:**

- 10am Mass: Mon & Wed in St Boniface Church
- 10am Mass: Tues & Thurs in Holy Family Church  
.....**volunteers will be required to transport people who wish to attend at St Boniface and Holy Family**
- 7pm Mon—Thurs talks and prayer in St Edmund's ending with Mass at 7pm on the Friday.

**(NB: no Masses at St Edmund except on Friday).**

**Make a note to be free those mornings and evenings!** Members of the team will be speaking in our schools—*Springhill, Holy Family, St Anne's and St George's*. It will be led by St Patrick's Community, John Pridmore, Niall Slattery, Matthew Beine, Breda Coman and Catherine Leigh. **Mission web: [www.faithalive.org.uk](http://www.faithalive.org.uk).**

**Watch this space for more details. Please pray for the Mission.**

### PRAYER FOR THE MISSION JULY 2011:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the Mission to our city and for the guidance of the St Patrick's Community team.

We ask that your Spirit of Truth transform us, inspiring us to listen and act. Grant that the fruits of this mission will be a deepening and refreshment of our spiritual lives which will renew your local church. Amen.

### MISSION PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE / CHILDREN:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this Mission.

Bless our priests, our parents, our teachers and all those involved in the Mission.

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to listen to and live your Word. As we come alive in you we ask that this change will be reflected in our parishes, our schools and our homes. Amen.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Vincent Latham, Joe Smartt, James Smith, Baby Iga, David Taylor, Oke Hammed, Joan Hunt, Angus MacKinnon, Baby Ava Evans, Josie Franklin, Stephen Brooks, Byron Reynolds, Myra Andrade, Anne Brackenbury, Brenda Hibberd, Carlos Fernandes, Eileen & Alex Aitken, Sheila Quinn, Percy White, John Dorling, Pat Cummings, André Neves, Peter Scott, George Francis Ponniah, Carolyn, Lee Henninghan, Jenson Pearce, Phyllis Richmond, Teddy Blake, Eileen Smedley, Virginia Monteiro, Stella Smith, Sheila Morris, Terry Clark, Kay Gills, Kathy Kelly, Ian McKenna and all parishioners who are sick or recovering. Please call the parish office if you would like to add someone to the list.

**2011 CELEBRATE WEEKEND 1st & 2nd Oct.** Sat 9am—9pm; Sun 9.30am—5.30pm at St. Mary's College, 57 Midanbury Lane, Bitterne Park, SO18 4DJ. Faith & fun for the whole family. Workshops & seminars both days. Book at [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org).

**CONFESSION TIMES: St. Edmund's Saturdays 11.30am  
St. Joseph's Saturdays 5.45pm; Thursdays 11.45am**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26 JUNE**

SAT	VIGIL MASS 25 JUNE		6.15PM SJ	STEFAN ORZELSKI, WALENTY & MARIANNA KWASNIK RIP (SH)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	26 JUNE	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> <b>(The Body &amp; Blood of Christ)</b>	9.00AM SE	HELEN ANN MURRAY RIP & HANNON FAMILY IN DUBLIN (HELEN'S MUM)
			10.00AM SJ	BAPTIST D'CRUZ RIP (SR)
			11.00AM SE	GOD'S FAVOUR FOR EMPLOYMENT (AC)
			7.00PM SE	PERSONAL INTENTIONS (JR)
TUES	28 JUNE	13TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM SE	NANCY GUILFOYLE RIP (PC)
WED	29 JUNE	<b>SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL</b>	7.00AM SE	MICHAEL LAMONT RIP (NW&AW)
			11.15AM SE	ST. ANNE'S SCHOOL MASS
			12.15PM SJ	MARK & NOELLE COLE MARRIAGE BLESSINGS (TM)
			7.30PM SE	GOD'S BLESSINGS ON JOSEPH & REGINA'S WEDDING PREPARATIONS & FUTURE LIFE TOGETHER (JJ)
THURS	30 JUNE	1ST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME	12.15PM SJ	GERALD KAVANAGH (RD)
FRI	1 JULY	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	7.00PM SE	ANNE MCPHERSON & WILLIAM WITHERS RIP (F)
SAT	2 JULY	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	11.00AM SE	NO MASS—JOHN CHANDLER'S ORD.
			6.15PM SJ	BABY KEVIN KAPUSCHINSKI RIP (LK)
			7.00PM SE	MASS IN POLISH
SUN	3 JULY	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.00AM SE	ANEELA—THANKSGIVING (AH)
			10.00AM SJ	PHYLLIS STEINBERG RIP (F)
			11.00AM SE	TARANGITH'S 40TH BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FROM ANUSHKA (AP)
			7.00PM SE	JULIETTE WHITE RIP (F)

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**THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**Psalm Response**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

**Gospel Acclamation**

**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!**

**Prayer of the Church Week 1**

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3 JULY**  
**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1st reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

**2ND COLLECTION TODAY**

**PETER'S PENCE**

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

**CHURCH BUILDING FUND**

Collections	19/6/11	2nd Collection Catholic Care
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2510.53</b>	<b>£482.26</b>
Cash	970.13	219.26
S / O	1232.30	263.00
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	308.10	-

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**Our Catholic Schools:** Springhill Catholic Primary 8033 3954;  
 St Anne 8032 8200, St George 8032 2603