



Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ **Sunday 11th June, 11am, St George's:**
First Holy Communion Celebration Mass, including the giving of certificates, followed by a shared lunch.
- ◆ **Sunday 2nd July, 3pm, Arundel Cathedral:**
Deanery Confirmation Mass. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.
- ◆ **Sunday 16th July, 11:30am, St George's:**
School Leavers Mass and Fr Tony's 30th Anniversary of Ordination, followed by a parish lunch. *NB. No morning Mass at St Theresa's that day.*

11th June 2023: Corpus Christi
Weekdays: 10th Week in Ordinary time, Year: A(I)

Fr Tony Writes



This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi. The title of the feast means, of course, the Body of Christ. We celebrate the amazing truth that Jesus Christ comes to us intimately in the form of bread and wine. In fact the full title of the feast is, The Body and Blood of

Christ. There used to be a separate feast of the Blood of Christ, but the two were combined when the liturgy was revised after the Second Vatican Council.

Until the pandemic we had the opportunity to receive Communion 'under both kinds'. As "Holy Communion has a fuller form as a sign when it takes place under both kinds" (GIRM n. 281). So far it has not seemed prudent to re-introduce that, but we hope to do so in the not-too-distant future.

Reflecting on this, we can remind ourselves that Jesus is fully present in Holy Communion, whether received under the form of bread, the form of wine, or under both kinds. As many of you know, there is a lady (Sandra) at St George's who, through disability, is unable to receive under the form of bread, and receives under the form of wine only.

Perhaps I should explain the phrase "under the form". The great theologian St Thomas Aquinas, spoke about *form* as outward appearance and *substance* as what something really is. In the Eucharist the elements retain their form, their outward appearance. But what they are changes; they become the Body and Blood of Christ. It is from that idea of the change of substance that we get the term, *Transubstantiation*. Note that strictly speaking the bread does not just become the Body of Christ, and the wine does not become only the Blood of Christ, even if we sometimes use that terminology. As I said above, both become the real presence of the whole Christ 'body blood, soul and divinity' as many of you were taught!

So, in receiving Communion, we are receiving Christ. That life of Christ is given to us, not just for ourselves, but also for the benefit of the Church and the World. For the term 'Body of Christ' has another meaning. It is the Church. As St Augustine says, we receive the Body of Christ in order to become the Body of Christ. Through Communion with Jesus we also receive the mission of Jesus, to be his presence in the world. And we do that precisely as a Communion, as the Church, as the Body of Christ!

Please Pray For...

All who are sick in the parish, particularly Tom Hulse, Elizabeth Hopkins, Peter Rolph, Cheryl Evans and Julie Laker.

Those on our regular prayer list including: Malcolm Allwright, Florence Davis, Kathleen Davis, Paddy Dixon, Cheryl Evans and Margaret Gilligan.

Please also pray for those who have died recently especially, Michael Wilkinson.

A full list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.



This week we are most in need of:

- Biscuits;**
- Cereal;**
- Coffee;**
- Cooking oil;**
- Crisps;**
- Laundry pods/tabs;**
- Long life juice;**
- Loo Rolls;**
- Pasta sauces and pasta bakes;**
- Tinned tomatoes**

Donations may be brought to the hall on Wednesdays 10:30—11:45am, or dropped into the boxes at the back of either church. Thank you for your continued support.

Special Collections: Next weekend's second collection will be for Day for Life.

Counters

We could do with a few more counters at St Theresa's please. It would be for about half an hour after the Sunday Mass. Counting needs to be done in pairs, we currently have two pairs of counters so they are doing every other week. If we had one or two more pairs, it would be every 3-4 weeks. Please let the office know if you can help.



Weekly Timetable

Saturday 10th June	4:45— 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's	<i>All Parishioners</i>
Sunday 11th June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>with Children's liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's <i>FHC certificate mass,</i> <i>followed by shared lunch</i>	<i>Agnelo Rato</i> <i>FHC Families</i>
Tuesday 13th June <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	10am Mass, St George's <i>followed by Tea & Chat</i>	<i>Michelle Evans RIP</i>
Wed 14th June	6:30pm, Music Practice, St George's 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's <i>Adoration to 8:30pm</i>	<i>Diane Kennedy ints</i>
Thursday 15th June	10am Mass, St George's 7:30pm Choir Practice, St Theresa's	<i>Deceased relative & friends of the Gee family</i>
Friday 16th June <i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	10am Mass, St Theresa's	<i>Patricia Weatherseed RIP</i>
Saturday 17th June <i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	4:45— 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's 6:30pm Altar Servers Introduction, St Theresa's	<i>All Parishioners</i>
Sunday 18th June <i>11th Sunday in ordinary time</i>	9am Mass, St Theresa's <i>with Children's liturgy</i> 11am Mass, St George's	<i>Tony Rodrigues RIP</i> <i>All Fathers</i>

Altar Servers

We would like to re-introduce altar servers at our Masses, particularly at the weekend.

To that end there will be an **Information and Sign-up Session at 6:30pm on Saturday 17th June at St Theresa's**. Any child who has made their First Holy Communion is eligible to be an altar server.

NB. For this meeting the children need to come with a parent or guardian. If there are any former altar servers out there, of any age, who would like to lend a hand, do come along also!

There will be refreshments! (Of course!!)



Fr Tony's 30th Anniversary

As you know, Fr Tony's 30th Anniversary of Ordination is coming up and we will be marking the occasion as a parish on **Sunday 16th July**. We will also be celebrating the Year 6 School Leavers from St Mary's at that Mass. Please note that there will only be **ONE MASS** that Sunday, which will be at **St George's at 11:30am**, followed by a parish lunch and celebration in the parish hall. All are welcome, more details to follow in the coming weeks.