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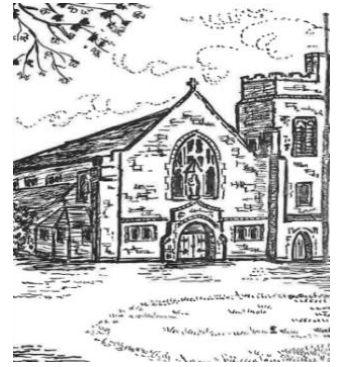
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The Parish office will be open over the summer on:

29/7, 2/8, 5/8, 9/8, 12/8, 16/8 & 30/8 9am-3pm.

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The feeding of the five thousand that we hear of in the Gospel today was not only a miracle that made a deep impression on the disciples (it's recorder in all four Gospels) but it also points to the Eucharist. Jesus takes bread, gives thanks, and shares it with the people. This is a sign of how He will later give Himself as the Bread of Life for all of us.

The Eucharist (or the breaking of the bread, as it was also known) brought the early Christians together and helped them to know the enduring presence of the Lord. It became an important part of their worship as the Christian faith began to spread.

The miracle also showed the early Christian community's mission to care for one another. Right from the start, the Church understood that it was their responsibility to help and support each other. They believed that by sharing what they had, they could build the Kingdom of God and make the world a better place.

As we think about this Gospel for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we can learn from the early Christians. They found unity in the breaking of the bread and looked out for one another. We, too, should strive to come together and support each other as a community. We should also remember the importance of the Eucharist, which allows us to experience the presence of Christ in our lives.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Sunday 28th July marks the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This special day was inaugurated by Pope Francis 3 years ago and is deliberately situated near to the Feast of St Joachim and Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus, which takes place on 26th July. Grandparents and the elderly should be cherished not only for their close family connection with us but also for their wisdom and their important role in passing on the faith to us. Indeed, Pope Francis says that we should cherish the elderly and recognise that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down important traditions to grandchildren.

POPE FRANCIS WED. GENERAL AUDIENCE ON VIRTUES AND VICES 5

Dear brothers and sisters: In our catechesis on the virtues and the vices, we now turn to greed, as an undue attachment to wealth, which hinders us from being generous with regard to others. Greed is not simply a selfish hoarding of money or material objects, but a distorted relationship with reality and even a form of enslavement. The Desert Fathers saw greed as an attempt to avoid facing the reality of death, which is opposed to Jesus' advice to accumulate treasures in heaven rather than earthly goods (cf. *Mt 6:19-20*). May our use of the world's goods always be marked by evangelical freedom, responsibility and a spirit of generous solidarity, in imitation of Christ himself, who, though he was rich, became poor for our sakes, so that by his poverty, we might become rich (cf. *2 Cor 8:9*).

RELOCATION OF THE TABERNACLE:

As announced two weeks ago, Bishop Alan has given his blessing for the relocation of the tabernacle from the side chapel to the sanctuary behind the altar. The project will cost in the region of GBP 35,000 and could well begin at the end of August, but this is to be confirmed. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER OPENING: The Parish office will be open over the summer on 29/7, 2/8, 5/8, 9/8, 12/8, 16/8 & 30/8 9am-3pm.

CONFIRMATION 2024/2025: If your child is in Year 9 or above (from September) and they would like to make their Confirmation in 2025, please email the parish office to **register your interest by Sunday 22nd September 2024 at the latest**. A preparatory meeting for parents and young people will take place on Tuesday 24th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the parish hall and the course will formally begin with a Welcome Session and Mass on Saturday 28th September. The maximum number of young people that we can have on the course is currently 50 and if applications exceed that number, we will prioritise those in Year 10 or above. When registering your interest, please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism & First Holy Communion certificates. We will then be in contact with you directly once full programme details become available. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the Confirmation sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night. The Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on this occasion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024/25: If your child is going into Year 3 or above in September and they would like to make their First Holy Communion in 2025, please email the Parish Office to **register your interest by 1st August 2024 at the latest**. Please include your child's full name, a contact number and a picture of their Baptism certificate. We will then be in contact with you directly once programme details become available. We can tell you, though, that the first meeting for parents will take place on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7pm in the church; the first special focus Mass will take place at 9.30am on Sunday 15th September and the first children's session will be on Saturday 21st September at 2pm in the Parish Hall. The minimum expectations for the course are attendance at the sessions and attendance at weekly Mass on Sunday or Saturday night.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME: We begin a new Journey of Faith programme on Thursday 19th September 2024 at 7.30pm in Parish Hall. It is designed for adults, falling into 3 categories i) for those who are not Catholics but who are interested in becoming one *or* just want to find out a bit more, ii) for those who are Catholics but who have not yet been Confirmed, and iii) for Catholics who would like to revisit their faith from the ground-up. Please let the Parish Office know if you are interested stating which category you fall into - just email us on hornchurchstmmg@brcdt.org

FR JEROLD'S LEAVING MASS & SOCIAL EVENT: Father Jerold's farewell Mass will take place on **Saturday 31st August at 6.30pm** followed by a parish social get together in the Parish Hall. In view of that, we would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits, paper plates, cups, cutlery etc. If you would like to do a dish, please speak to Laura in the office and let her know what you intend to bring (so that we don't have 10 of the same thing).

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: There will be a training session on 14th September at 1.30pm. To register your interest, please email the parish office. All children in Years 4 and above from September are welcome to attend.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON: Is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646.

EVANGELIUM 24: A well-kept secret for 18 to 35 year-olds this summer. Why not spend the weekend of August 16th to 18th in the glorious surroundings of the Oratory School in Oxfordshire, founded by St John Henry Newman? You will experience excellent liturgy and music in the beautifully-appointed chapels. You will be stimulated by invigorating speakers and fed orthodox Faith in a choice of workshops. Make new friends while enjoying good food and relaxing at the bar. See the Evangelium poster or flier. You can book online at St Anthony Communications: <https://saintant.com/>

PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Our Christmas bazaar will take place on **Saturday 7th December** in the Parish Hall. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (alcoholic and non-alcoholic), new and unused gifts, toys and books. All donations can be given in to the Parish Office. Helpers are needed, so please contact the Parish Office.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Carly Menon RIP, John Hawes RIP, Giovanni Capriglia RIP and Philip Rodgers RIP (whose funeral will be at 11.30am on Friday 16th August 2024) who have died recently. Please keep their families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISH at home and in hospital, especially: Ashley Baptist, Angelina Bush, Ruth Carroll, Martin Cornish, John Dawson, David Donovan, Anna Gawlik, Hannah Haughey, Malcolm Hilton, Evelyn Hughes, James Goldfinch, Sajy Joseph, Bill Lodge, Paul Lodge, Margaret Lodge, Lyndsey McCauley, Gina Mifsud, Luiz Eduardo Mota, Bridget O'Sullivan, Claire Ramm (Shanahan), Phil & Tony Reid, Paul and Jill Ridley, Anne Sullivan, Josie Walsh, Evelyn Ward and Melona Vigo.

FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by scanning the below QR codes. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church Hornchurch St. Mary Mother of God

Account Number: 51019058

Sort Code: 40-13-22



To donate £5



To donate £10



To donate £20

SERVICES/ MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday Vigil Mass	27 th July	6.30pm	Jack Hughes RIP
Sunday 17 th Sunday in ordinary time	28 th July	8.00am	Thelma McDonagh RIP
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Nell Colgan & Grace Warren RIP
Monday Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	29 th July	9.15am	Norah, Paddy & Mary Lenehan RIP
		11am	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Giovanni Capriglia RIP
Tuesday	30 th July	9.15am	Michael McDonagh RIP
Wednesday	31 st July	12.30pm	FUNERAL – Requiem Mass Carly Menon RIP
		7.15pm	<i>Evening prayer</i>
		7.30pm	Sammy Brandon RIP
Thursday St Alphonsus Mary de Liguori	1 st August	9.15am	Jim & Andrew Shanahan RIP
		9.45am-12 noon	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday	2 nd August	9.15am	Richard Webb RIP
Saturday Vigil Mass	3 rd August	9.15am	Bridget Hayes RIP
		9.45-11.15am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		10.30-11.15am	Confessions
		5.30-6pm	Confessions
		6.30pm	Nell Colgan & Grace Warren RIP
Sunday 18 th Sunday in ordinary time	4 th August	8.00am	Clare Olaniyan Thanksgiving
		9.30am	All Parishioners
		11.30am	Sam & Connie Farrugia RIP
		5.00pm	Holy Hour with Rosary and Benediction

Hospital: If you are going into hospital this week for surgery Fr Mark will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick after all Sunday Masses. If a loved one is in hospital and would like pastoral care, please let Fr Mark know or contact Helen Miranda on 01708477890

Morning Prayer will be said before all weekday morning Masses at 9am as well as the Rosary after Mass.

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