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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [A] (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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My dear friends

Today we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of the Lord. This feast used to be celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity, reminding us of the day that our Lord instituted the Eucharist, Holy Thursday. It also flows from the feast of the Trinity as the Eucharist is their greatest gift to us. Through Holy Communion, we are united as God's family and share in their divine life.

When Saint John Paul II visited the Upper Room in Jerusalem in the year 2000, he reflected on the gift of the Eucharist, these are his words:

"As if it were not enough that the life of the Trinity dwells in us through the Holy Spirit, Christ himself becomes part of our very being, in a new kind of incarnation, through the great gift of Holy Communion."

Today we join with the Polish Community and will have a joint procession from the Church to the Cardinal Bourne Hall after the 2pm Mass. We particularly welcome today to the 10:30am Mass all our children who recently made their first Holy Communion. May devotion to the Blessed Sacrament continue to flourish within our parish family.

May god bless you all.

Fr Tony McKentey

Episcopal Ordination of Bishop - Elect Dr Alan Williams SM

Following the ballot last Sunday evening, Iris Jay and Margaret Wheeler will represent the parish at this event.

Please see Mass Schedule for ANY changes

SUNDAYS:	Divine Mercy followed by Rosary	3pm
DAILY:	Morning Prayer 8:15am; Rosary/Divine Mercy	8:35am
EVENING PRAYER:	Fridays at 6pm	Church
PRAYER GROUP:	Mondays at 7:45pm	Crypt
MEDITATION GROUP:	Tuesdays at 8pm	Crypt

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK (new entries are in bold type): Please remember in your prayers; Władysław Antończak, Pat Banks, June Bickersteth, Grace Blanchette, Frank Campbell, Karl Collins, Val Crane, Brian and Pauline Critchley, Olive Crawford, Jeanette Dagwell, Lynne-Michelle Denton, Nancy Drummond, Fr Paul Dynan, Gianni Emoli, Charlie George, Bill Graves, Bert Hewitt, Norah Hewitt, Venetia Hetherington, Maurice Highfield, Theresa Hogan, Ronald Jay, Pat Keene, Patrick King, Declan Knight, Irma Knowles, Peter Ledgley, Mirella Leonardi, Marie Lyons, Pat Maloney, Cara Maude, June Mayhew, Colleen Mercedes, Margaret Norman, **Anne Renwick**, Leah Patterson, Elaine Proudfoot, Ronald Quijano, Sabina Rhatigan, Douglas Rogers, Carley Saunders, Catherine Spicer, Valerie Thurston, Angela Udall, Arthur Urquhart, Filomena Velasquez, Kathleen Walsh, Patricia Wiltshire, Tony White, Dorsey Young.

SICK LIST: If you know of anyone who has recently recovered, please let one of the priests know. Thank you.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the repose of the souls of Vivienne Andrews and Howard Ashcroft who both died last Sunday. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. May they rest in peace. Vivienne's Requiem Mass will be Monday 30th June at 2pm Priory St. Howard's Requiem Mass will be on Friday 4th July at 12 noon Priory St. **DECEASED PRIESTS:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr John Timmins. His Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 25th June at St Thomas More – Harlow at 11:30am and Fr Ambrose O'Gorman one of the retired priests of the diocese who died in Ireland. His Memorial Mass will take place at Newbury Park 7:30pm Friday 27th June.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND: This Sunday we welcome into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism; Sebastian Slawinski. God bless this child and congratulations to his family.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTISED? The next Baptism course will be Friday September 29th and Friday October 3rd in the Crypt from 7:30pm – 9pm. There is no need to make an appointment but both sessions must be attended. Entry to the Crypt is via the Church. [This course is for new-borns up to age 6]

CONGRATULATIONS: To Joanna and Jamie Goodwin who were married at Priory St this weekend.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME MASS: The 12:15pm Mass this Wednesday 25th, will be replaced by a morning Mass at 9:30am – because of the clergy deanery meeting.

CORPUS CHRISTI: This Sunday 22nd June the joint English – Polish Mass starts at 2pm and will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Bourne Hall.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection this weekend 21st and 22nd June for the Sick & Retired clergy of our diocese. As a charity, the fund relies on the generosity of the parishes and individual donations to keep it in a healthy state. Another valuable means is by making a bequest in your Will; a *Form of Bequest* can be found on page 6 of the Brentwood Diocesan Directory. Your generosity through donation, the annual collection and bequests is greatly appreciated.

MERSEA NEWS: The July coffee morning will be hosted by Margaret Ashmore on Tues July 8th at 18, Mersea Ave, come along and enjoy it with friends. **MERSEA AGM:** Will be Thursday, 26th June at 7:30pm in the Church.

MONKWICK NEWS: Our next coffee morning will be Saturday 28th June hosted by Christine Brown at 3 Adelaide Drive. CO2 8UB. All welcome.

PARISH AGM: Will be next Sunday 29th June at 7:30pm Cardinal Bourne Hall. Any items that you wish to discuss should be submitted to Fr Tony before the meeting.

FILIPINO MASS: this Sunday 22nd at 4pm. All our welcome.

SVP WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: 6th July. Coach departs from Ipswich Road Colchester at 8:30am and from East Hill at 8:45am. *PLEASE BE PROMPT.* Tickets £12. Limited availability, so if you have not already confirmed your place, please call 01206 841236 as soon as possible. Thank you.

KSC MASS: Tuesday 1st July at 7.45pm Priory St. All our welcome. **KSC FAMILY FUN DAY:** Saturday 19th July. 12 – 4pm. St Josephs – Mile End. £5 per family. Bouncy castles, Face painting, Giant garden games, BBQ, Raffle, Tombola. All proceeds to a charity nominated by the KSC.

DEANERY MUSIC DAY: Following the very successful Deanery Music Day last year at St Monica's in Wivenhoe, a Music Day has been arranged again this year and will be hosted by St Teresa's, Lexden, on the 28th June. This event is open to all, not just the music group; for example, children learning instruments. Tea and coffee will be provided but participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. For full details, please contact Lesley on 01206 512310.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 18-35 YEAR OLDS: Douai Abbey 19th-21st Sept 2014 Organised by Young Catholic Adults. Featuring John Pridmore (the reformed London gangster), Fr. Gregory Pearson and Fr. Matthew Goddard. Prices range from £18 upwards. For more details, please see www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm, bookwhen.com/yca-douai-2014 or ring 07908105787 or 07515 805015. (Please note that the Abbey have requested that you book in by the 29th August 2014)

CHURCH CLEANERS: Thursday 26th – Team 5

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JUNE 22nd - (Holyday of Obligation)

Saturday June 21st 6:15 pm Max & Rita Milford RIP

Sunday June 22nd
8:00 am Giancarlo & Laura Sancassani RIP
10:30 am Reginald Hammond RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
4:00 pm **FILIPINO MASS**
6:30 pm Ken Herbert & William Richards RIP
West Mersea 8:30 am Molly Hefford RIP [JW]
Mile End 9:15 am Andrew McMahon RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

Monday 23rd *Feria*
Church 7:30 am Ints: Ria & Family
Church 9:15 am Ints: Mary Catherine Maguire
Tuesday 24th **NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - Solemnity**
Church 9:15 am Denis O'Neill RIP
Wednesday 25th *Feria*
Church 7:30 am Ints: Jane & David Hopgood [PG]
Church 9:30 am Teresa Burchell RIP
Thursday 26th ^{NB} *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Jim Regan RIP
Friday 27th **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS - Solemnity**
Church 9:15 am Holy Souls RIP [F&JG]
Church 12:00 pm **HOSPITAL MASS**
Church 6:30 pm Ints: Karen Brown
Saturday 28th *Feria*
Church 9:15 am Terry Moan RIP

SS PETER & PAUL, App - Solemnity JUNE 29th - (Holyday of Obligation)

Saturday June 28th 6:15 pm Roger Thurlow RIP [MD]
Sunday June 29th 8:00 am Joseph & Bridget Loftus RIP
10:30 am James Donovan RIP
2:00 pm **POLISH MASS**
6:30 pm Ints: Eddie George
West Mersea 8:30 am Molly Hefford RIP [D&JH]
Mile End 9:15 am Linda White RIP
Monkwick 10:15 am Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:45-10:30am and 5:30-6:00pm
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM *Baptismal Courses arranged as per Newsletter*
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE *At least six months notice is required*
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