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Newsletter for the week commencing 22nd June 2025

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) (C)

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

First Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20

Psalm 110 Response: You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Second Reading: The First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26

Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 9: 11b-17

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh or drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Father Behr writes:

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday for the Feast of Corpus Christi we will have a Blessed Sacrament Procession after Mass.

There are roadworks planned for the Ashford Road so it would be advisable to allow extra time for travel.

Children who have made their First Holy Communion recently have been invited to lead the devotions. After the procession we have Benediction.

Fr Behr

Your Prayers are asked for:

Recently deceased: Andrew Czaykowski RIP, June Munton RIP, Giles Hutt RIP

Those ill or infirm: Sophie, Lady Wyn McWilliams, Michael Payne, Roger Styles, Mary Basher, Paul Lane, Mara McDermot, Ailish Cantwell (Jones), Joe Adams, Ellie Lawrence, Patricia Hook, Josie Payne, Pat Holland and all those who are unwell and in need of our prayers.

Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time: Kay Ockenden, Catherine Havre-Young, Stan Walczak, Lovemore Dzimati, Diana Wood, Peggy Russell, Dennis Tew and Hazel McQuirke.

Masses and services for the week (22nd – 28th June), Feasts and Mass intentions.		
Saturday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Peter
Sunday 22nd June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C)	10am Mass <i>Chris and Liz Leahy 45th Anniversary</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Suzanne
Monday 23rd June St Ethelreda (Audrey), Abbess	10am Funeral Mass for June Munton RIP	
Tuesday 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist	10am Mass <i>Holy Souls (Margaret)</i>	
Wednesday 25th June Feria	10am Service of Word and Communion	
Thursday 26th June St Thomas Garnet, Priest and Martyr	9am Adoration 10am Mass <i>David Cockayne RIP</i>	
Friday 27th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	10am Mass Adoration 10.30 – 11am	
Saturday 28th June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No public Mass am 6pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	Reader: Lorraine

Sunday 29th June SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles	10am Mass <i>Titus Thomas and Family</i> 12 Midday Traditional Latin Mass	Reader: Rachel
Flowers: for 29th June - Kathy		

Confession Fr Behr is available for Confession every Saturday from 10.30am - 11am. He is also happy to visit those who are not able to come to church.

Children's Liturgy Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass is on the first Sunday of every month. All children who have not made their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend. The next lesson with Lorraine is Sunday, July 6th.

Parish WhatsApp Our parish has a WhatsApp group. We will post parish events including social events, special occasions and requests for help in the parish as well as general parish news. If you would like to join, please get in touch with Fr Behr.

Fire Marshall training with Roy Collier from our diocese this Saturday after the evening Mass.

Parish AGM

On Friday 5 September we have our parish Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a great opportunity to come together. Our Finance Committee will present an overview of the spending and we can have plenty of time for reflecting on our parish.

David Green suggested we have fish and chips together from 6pm and then open the meeting for 7pm. There will be a sign up sheet for the fish and chips nearer the time.

Please put the date in your diary. More details and agenda for the AGM will be available nearer the time.

Urgent plea from Frances Lawrence (f.lawrence999@btinternet.com or 01233 7326570)

Due to some of our flower arrangers leaving, we are keen to recruit new members to our group. If you like being creative with flowers and foliage, whether it is in a vase or in a dish or saucer using oasis, please contact Frances (details above). We also have a good selection of artificial flowers for those times when the real ones are in short supply!

On Friday 27 June we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart with Mass at 10am followed by a Holy Hour of Adoration and devotion.

If you would like to deepen your devotion to the Sacred Heart please join in our Litany of the Sacred Heart before Mass on Saturday, starting this Saturday from about 5.50pm and Sunday from about 9.50am.

Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus: model for Catholic men

Men of the parish are invited to a special holy hour on Friday 27th June, solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic adoration, Rosary, Sacred Heart devotions, and presentation by Alan Ashfield, Kent chairman of The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. Food and drinks served. 7.30pm onwards, St Michael's parish, Chatham ME4 6PU.

Contact: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June. St George's Cathedral will be visited by a relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. **On Thursday 26 June**, an evening of **adoration** and **veneration** of the relic for young adults is taking place. **On Friday 27 June**, **Archbishop John** will preside at the **6pm Solemn Mass** of the Sacred Heart, which will include the veneration of the relic. **On Saturday 28 June**, There will be a "**morning with Carlo Acutis**", which will include Mass, adoration, rosary and a talk on the relic. An **exhibition** will also be on display at the Cathedral **from 19 June to 7 July**. Visit: stgeorgescathedral.org.uk for more information.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 12th 2025, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited.

Contact Carole at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Maidstone, Dover

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