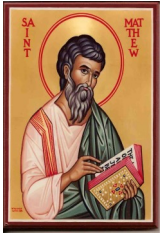


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Sunday 2nd June 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 6:30pm (Sat),
9am & 11am.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Contact
Parish Office

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 7pm every
Tuesday. 9:30am Wednesday & Friday.
12 noon every First Friday.
11am every Thursday at the British
Home.

PARISH OFFICE: Open office/
surgery, Friday 10am - 12:30pm and
2:30pm - 4:30pm. Other days with
appointment, please.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:30pm -
6:15pm and at call.

UCM: Every First Friday at 12noon.

ADORATION: Every Tuesday by 6:30pm

YOUTH CLUB: 4:30pm, 3rd Saturday
of every month

RCIA: Contact the priest or parish
office if you want to join the catholic
faith, return to faith or prepare for
adult confirmation

BAPTISM : Contact Parish Office

PARISH INFORMATION AND FAITH NEWS

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MONTH OF JUNE: For Those Fleeing Their Country; 'that migrants fleeing wars or hunger, forced into journeys full of danger and violence, to find acceptance and new life opportunities in their host countries'

General Election: As you know, the Prime Minister has called a General Election for 4 July 2024. A special page on the CBCEW website has been created with information about the issues of importance. Please direct your faithful to the webpage, which may be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

Government Consultation – Removal of the 50% Cap on new faith schools: As you will all be aware, HMG Department for Education is currently running a consultation on ending the 50% Cap on admissions for new free schools. This has been a longstanding objective of the Catholic Education Service since the changes were introduced in 2010. The consultation is running until 20 June and, notwithstanding the calling of the General Election for 4 July, it is essential that the Department for Education receives more positive responses than negative ones to have any chance of the Cap being removed in the future. There is now a section on the Bishops' Conference website which has a short form people can fill in, which will submit a positive response to the consultation. You can participate in this campaign here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>

Called to be Peacemakers: A Catholic approach to arms control and disarmament: The International Affairs Department of the Bishops' Conference has just released, Called to be Peacemakers, which focuses on disarmament and weaponry. Read this document from the CBCEW or parish website.

Criminal Justice Bill Amendments - Abortion: The House of Commons will vote on important amendments to abortion law, and people can email their MPs easily using this link to the CBCEW website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>. The charity, Right to Life, also manages various campaigns to which individuals can subscribe – from its homepage, click on 'Take Action'.

Archdiocesan Pilgrimage: Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, from 23rd to 30th August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese. For more details: <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/news/archbishop-john-to-lead-pilgrimage-to-lourdes/>

Evangelisation in schools. An innovative project, 'Come and See', is inviting non-Catholic teachers and staff in our schools to consider becoming Catholic. Four staff were received into the Church this year and there are plans to expand the project across the Archdiocese. Read about the initiative in the [Catholic Herald](#) and contact ecenquiries@rcaos.org.uk if you'd like to know more about the project.

Day for Life - 16 June. The focus for this year's [Day for Life](#) will be opposition to assisted suicide. With the intention of praying and advocating for the establishment of a culture of care at the end of life, the theme for the Day for Life is: 'The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life' Resources will be shared by 1 June by Day for Life, but for more info [visit CBCEW](#)

RCIA formation days - clergy and laity. AEC is offering two days of formation focused on RCIA, one specifically for clergy on [Friday 28 June](#) and a more general day open to all on [Saturday 29 June](#), both at Amigo Hall. The days will be led by RCIA expert Dr Bill Keimig, with a focus on the three aspects of RCIA: Liturgy, Catechesis, Pastoral.

The Life of Christ' - Performances at Wintershall - 18-22 June 2024 :The charity that brings 'The Passion of Jesus Christ' to Trafalgar Square each year is now offering performances of 'The Life of Christ' at the Wintershall Estate, near Guildford, from 10am to 3.30pm. The retelling of this evocative story against the peaceful backdrop of the Wintershall grounds has a profound effect on visitors and the production is perfect for schools, families, parish groups, and theatre lovers. The production is both educational and entertaining and all are welcome. To book visit www.wintershall.org.uk or call 01483 892 167.

CYMFed Flame Congress Saturday 15 March 2025 It is exciting to be able to join the CYMFed Flame Congress which is the largest Catholic youth event in the UK. The Flame theme is “Unstoppable – Fan the Flame of Hope”. Featuring guest speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, and much more. Flame is open to those from school year 9 through to university age. The Archdiocese has purchased a block booking.

- Please direct any queries to youth@rcaos.org.uk.

Food projects gathering - 6 June 6.30pm (zoom). Caritas is organising a food projects gathering for all those involved in food projects in their parish. It will be a chance to hear how others are responding to need in their area, share resources and find out about wider support. It’s taking place **6 June 6.30pm-7.30pm**, register, Contact johncoleby@rcaos.org.uk

Formation Fayre - 8 June. The [Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis](#) (AEC) is running a Formation Fayre on **8 June at 10.30am** at Amigo Hall. It is a day for all those interested in receiving formation and growing their faith, including clergy, Deanery Mentors and Parish Leads, as well as those involved or interested in Adult Formation. Archbishop John will deliver a keynote. Details, including booking details here: [Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis: Formation Fayre: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcaos.org.uk\)](#)

PARISH MINISTRY

1st/2nd June

8th/9th June

READERS

6:30PM Preetha Selectine

Anne Doe, Faith

9AM Nathaniel Kouakou

Brenda Desouza

11AM Chiebuka

Daniel Nguo

Obichukwu /

Marie France Nguo

Munachiso

Obichukwu

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6:30PM Jenny

Russell

9AM Albertina

Albertine

11AM Deacon/Kereine

Deacon/Patience

CHURCH CLEANING

Chika / Patience / Juliana

Catherine / Noelie

Order of Mass and readings: Parish Mass Book page 7. Readings for **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** , from page 85 of Parish Mass book.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

DATE	MASS	TIME	MASS INTENTION
SAT 1ST	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Afra Collaco RIP
SUN 2ND	Corpus Christi	9:00am 11:00am	Anna Coutinho RIP Jude & Flavia, Wellbeing.
MON 3RD	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	9:00am	No Mass
TUE 4TH	Feria	6:30pm 7pm	David Pearson RIP
WED 5TH	St Boniface	9:30am	Holy Souls
THUR 6TH	Feria	Mass @ BH	Beatrice Ekwueme RIP
FRI 7TH	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12.00	UCM
SAT 8TH	Vigil Mass	6:30pm	Phyllis GomezRIP
SUN 9TH	Tenth Sunday Ordinary Time	9:00am 11:00am	Afra Collaco RIP

We are grateful for all you do to support the parish.

Setting up a Standing Oder is the most efficient way to make a donation to the parish without incurring fees. You can use the following details for one-off donations or set up a Standing Order or Direct Debit: Nat-west Bank; Account Name: RCAS Norwood West, Sort Code: 60-23-19; Account Number: 44115369. Thank