

Parish of St Peter & The Good Shepherd Bearsted & Harrietsham

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Newsletter

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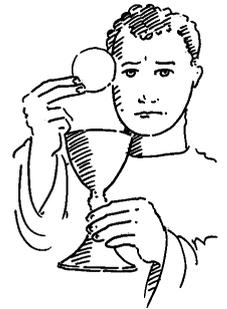
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www.catholic-bearsted.org.uk

Year B

THE MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST

3rd June 2018

FAITH IN FOCUS: An Every Day Miracle The Eucharist is an 'every day miracle'. The trouble is that for many of us, the Eucharist has become so routine that we can easily fail to appreciate its true significance. If we really want to rekindle the wonderment of that daily or weekly miracle, we have to start nurturing a life changing appreciation of the Eucharist and of the Mass. Key to appreciation is preparation. If the Eucharist is food for our minds and our souls, it's important not to fill up on junk beforehand. Do we turn up for Mass in the right frame of mind ready to give genuine thought to our prayers and to the readings, or do we arrive with our heads full of trivia... life's junk food? Chances are that if we arrive at Mass with our heads full of unrelated thoughts, we will spend our time simply going through the motions. We might as well not be there in the first place. In the moments before Holy Communion when we are kneeling quietly in the bench with heads bowed, are we simply kneeling quietly in the bench or are we preparing our minds. We need to be preparing to receive Jesus' real presence into our bodies and into our lives. We need to be remembering Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons he made it. At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin and his ultimate sacrifice.



How do we behave after Communion? Do we hurry back to our seat and continue chatting to the person in the next bench? How do we behave after the Mass has ended, do we make a hasty exit keen to get on with the rest of the day, or do we remember that we are taking God out into the world with us? Jesus is with us to the end of time, and one of the ways he is with us is through the Eucharist. The sooner we start appreciating this every-day miracle the sooner our lives will change for the better. *Chapel Bell*

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of the EUCHARIST Customarily at Mass on Corpus Christi, ministers renew the commitment to their ministry. Ministers are therefore asked to renew their commitment at whatever Mass they attend on Corpus Christi, **this weekend**.

WELCOMERS Pick up a new rota for those involved in this valuable ministry at St Peter's.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting **this Monday** at the presbytery.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE MEETING On Sunday **10th June** coffee will be served in the hall after Mass at St Peter's, where we will be having a short meeting about our parish pilgrimage to Fatima and Santiago de Compostela in September. All are welcome to the meeting.

GIFT-AIDERS Please pick up a letter addressed to you.

IT'S BARBECUE TIME AGAIN! Tickets are now on sale for our parish barbecue, which will take place on **Sunday 1st July** after Mass at St Peter's. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults, £3.50 for children and £12 for a family ticket (2 adults plus 2 children). You can get your tickets after Sunday Mass at St Peter's, or ring Ian on 736811. Please bring your own drinks. We would be grateful for any contributions of a salad or a dessert and, if you can help with the catering in this way, please will you put your name on the list in the parish room. Thank you.

**DIARY for the WEEK BEGINNING 3rd JUNE 2018
(Masses and Devotions marked '(H)' are at Harrietsham)**

✕ **The MOST HOLY BODY and BLOOD of CHRIST (B)** ✕

Sun 3rd	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Christine Thompson RIP
Mon 4th	Feria	7.00pm	✕ Mass: Holy Souls
Tues 5th	St Boniface	10.00am	✕ Mass
Wed 6th	Feria	(H) 10.00am	✕ Mass
Thu 7th	Feria	7.00am	✕ Mass
Fri 8th	SACRED HEART	7.00pm	✕ Mass
Sat 9th	Immaculate Heart BVM	<i>5-5.30pm</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
✕ TENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (B) ✕			
Sun 10th	Saturday	6.00pm	✕ Vigil Mass
	Sunday	(H) 8.45am	✕ Mass: John Welchman RIP
		10.30am	✕ Mass: Pro Populo

PRAYER VISITING See the displayed list of prayer intentions following this recent event in Bearsted.

JUSTICE & PEACE Meeting **this Tuesday** at St Peter's.

PLEASE PRAY...

- **With the Holy Father for June – Social Networks:** *that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*
- **For all the sick and for all who are unwell at home or in our care homes,** especially Cyril Adam; for those who have died recently, especially Olive Parker; and for all those whose anniversaries occur about now (see below); for all our relatives and friends; and for the intentions on the notice board.
- **For all those who are preparing for Adoremus,** the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress, that their efforts will inspire new life and energy within the Church throughout the United Kingdom.
- **Anniversaries this week** (St Peter's Lady Chapel memorial): ✕ George Larkman, Vera Seager, Lillian Vale, Virginia Kitchin and Catherine Wickham. ✕

Thank you for your offerings last week to help run our parish: **£360.20** Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for the **Catholic Trust for England and Wales** which supplies our bishops with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

CONFIRMATIONS If you are in year 9 or above, and would like to be confirmed in October, please speak for Fr Geoffrey or Deacon Cyril. If you would like to join the programme that is being launched in St Francis', you must apply before **6th June** (the date has been extended owing to low take-up). *Pick up an information sheet after Mass.*

VACANCY St Simon Stock Secondary School is looking for a clerk to the governors: this is a paid part-time position requiring good organizational and minuting skills. Foundation governors: voluntary roles for people who want to help in the education of the next generation within a catholic ethos. Further information from the Chair of Governors: mike.powis@btinternet.com.

CATHOLIC SINGLES Helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholic singles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498.

SUMMER YOUTH DAY Aylesford Priory **Saturday 23rd June**. Southwark Catholic Youth Service will once again be hosting a Summer Youth Day with the Carmelites at Aylesford Priory. You'll need to book places for catering purposes. Be part of a day of music, drama, art workshops and a barbecue. The day will culminate with Mass on the Shrine. Visit www.scys.org.uk/events for more details. To book contact 01227 272900 or info@scys.org.uk.

THE PILGRIM The **June** edition of the diocesan newspaper is now available.