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✠ THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ✠

Reading 1	Exod 24:3-8	<i>This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.</i>
Psalm	Ps 115:12-13, 15-18 r.13	<i>The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. or Alleluia!</i>
Reading 2	Heb 9:11-15	<i>The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions/</i>
Sequence	optional	<i>Lauda Sion salvatorem. Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	John 6:51-52	<i>I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.</i>
Gospel	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26	<i>This is my body. This is my blood</i>

Readers this week 6.30pm Gabriel Concepcion/Kieran Shannon 9.30am Ifeoma Ihuegbu/Amarachi Ihuegbu, 11.30am Joseph Kuruvilla/Shakira Kara 6.30pm Chidubem Uche/Ancy Kumar

Next Week Readers: 6:30pm, Oliver Sequira 9.30am Chizoba Okeke/Vincent Obi 11.30am Dinah Kansime/Chelsea Atoe 6.30pm Bridget Iwu/Ugochi Uche

- ✠ Please pray for Joseph Borg† who has recently died and for all the following whose anniversaries occur about this time:
- ✠ Cora Flynn, David Boxall, Elizabeth Hooper, Nellie Roach, Jeffery Allison, Elizabeth Bunting, Teresa Sahadat, Joan Plummer & Clera Pereira.
- ✠ May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace

Weekly Offertory – the collection amounted to £1,048.94 of which £103.00 was Gift Aided.& the Second Collection amounted to £384. 02 of which £20.00 was Gift Aided. (These amounts include contactless payments).
Thank you.



PARISH NOTICES

MASS INTENTIONS - Kindly place all request for intentions in an envelope, clearly stating date, time and the name of the individual(s) and long with a phone number in case your preferably date is not available.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – The next session will be next Sunday, 9th June at 9.30am Mass. The liturgy is for children in primary education and who have not received the sacrament of Holy Communion.

ROSARY –. We invite everyone to pray the Rosary every day. Rosary is recited daily at 9.30am at church. Everyone is welcome.

Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis – There is an upcoming event of Formation Fayre on 8th June at Amigo hall, St George's Cathedral. The focus is on understanding Catholicism. Register now at aec.rcaos.org.uk

QR CODE DONATIONS – we are pleased to let you know it now possible to donate using the QR Code below with your Smartphones. We have had challenges with the contactless devices. We encourage you to sign up for Gift Aid if you have done so already.



FUNDRAISER FOR GHANA – The appeal for Global Bridges Charity made by students from Kent and

NOTICEBOARDS – Can we ask you **not** to post anything of the boards without consent from the Parish Priest. Thank you.

TEA & COFFEE – Tea and Coffee in the parish hall after the 9.30am Mass and also on Tuesday mornings after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome. Voluntary contributions will be most welcomed.

HEALTH & SAFETY – Following the incident on Sunday 12th May when we had to cancel the 11.30am Mass owing to a parishioner who fell and broke her hip, there is to be a review of our procedures and a meeting is to be organised with all stewards. In the meantime, stewards please accompany parishioners who would need some assistances to their seats if they attend mass unaccompanied.

PARISH THANKSGIVING 2024
This has been scheduled on Sunday 9th June. Envelopes are being distributed today at the back of the Church. Please make sure that you pick one thanksgiving envelope. It is time to give thanks to the Lord and also contribute our tithe. 'For the Lord loves a cheerful giver - 2 Cor 9-7'. All the proceeds of our thanksgiving will go to the improving our Parish gardens and the parish hall as indicated in the parish plan

Medway Medical School (KMMS) amounted to a generous £384.02 for which we thank you.

Mass Intentions for this week			
Sat	Vigil	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Sun	2 nd June	9.30am	Repose of the soul of Sean Duffy
		11.30am	Repose of the soul of Sylvia Azubuine
		6.30pm	Pro Populo
Mon	3 rd June	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Essie Meaney
Tue	4 th June	10.00am	Thanksgiving for Babatunde Adebisi
Wed	5 th June	10.00am	In thanksgiving
Thurs	6 th June	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Hooper
Fri	7 th June	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Jeff Allison & Spiritual welfare of Roy & Beryl Brooker & Alex Knight
		7.30pm	Holy Souls
Sat	8 th June	10.00am	Repose of the soul of Clera Pereira & thanksgiving birthday of Shakira Karaa
	Vigil	6.30pm	Holy Souls

THOUGHT FOR THE SOUL

A young boy asked his grandfather, "Grandpa, I want to be a star, I want to be in movies. When I grow up, I want to see the world, drive nice cars, and live in a house made of glass. Yes, I really want to be successful and great. So, tell me, how do I chase all my goals, and catch them faster?" The grandfather stopped for a moment, turned around, and then spotted a huge and super beautiful butterfly dancing on a flower. At once, he said, "Oh, my God! That's a magnificent butterfly! Now, hurry... hurry and chase after it! Make sure you catch it! Don't let it fly away! Move!" The young lad hurriedly ran to the butterfly, but as he tried to take hold of it, the butterfly suddenly flew up into the wind. He ran after it, trying to catch it, but it was flying so fast. He ran around and around the garden until he got tired, and then he could no longer see the butterfly. Panting with loss of breath, he returned to his grandfather, wheezing, "I couldn't catch it, grandpa! It flew away!" The grandfather smiled for a moment, then held the young lad by his hand and took him to a corner. He waited until he calmed down, then he whispered into his ear, "Listen, boy, let me teach you a lesson, a valuable life lesson. If you spend your time chasing butterflies, they'll fly away. But if you spend your time creating a beautiful garden, the butterflies will come to you. You see... that butterfly is like your goals in life. In our journey of success, it's easy to get caught up in the pursuit of immediate goals, the fleeting butterflies of life. However, the real magic happens when we focus on building something substantial, akin to cultivating a vibrant garden. Instead of relentlessly chasing, channel your energy into creating and nurturing. Build something meaningful, whether it's a project, a skill, or a relationship. The beauty you will cultivate will attract opportunities, experience, and success naturally. So, don't chase love, money, or success. Become the best version of yourself and those things will come to you." I let my stories teach the life lessons.