

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE

Corpus Christi • Our Lady of Lourdes • St Joseph's

THIS WEEK

11th Week of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY **14th JUNE** 2020

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

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

1st Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16

Psalm O praise the Lord,
Jerusalem!

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel Verse I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

Gospel John 6:51-18

Giving

To donate to any of our parishes, please visit corpuschristiweston.org/giving.



Communion with Jesus *Canon Tom Gunning*

In today's Gospel passage Jesus says: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in him" (Jn 6:56). So we share in Jesus' life when we receive the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion. We are brought into closer union with the Son of God who gave his life for us. At every Mass we remember Jesus' passion death and resurrection. Jesus' sacrifice is not repeated but made present. We participate in this sacred meal that Jesus left us at the Last Supper and draw spiritual strength for our pilgrim journey towards the fulness of union with Jesus in heaven. In the Eucharist we not only draw closer to Christ, we also draw closer to one another. We become one in Christ. We come to a greater realization that we are the Body of Christ, the Church.

At this time we are painfully aware that because of the Corona virus it is only the priest and the seminarian who are receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in Holy communion. The People of God are temporarily locked out of the Mass. We pray that this unprecedented situation may soon end, and all are able to participate in the Eucharist again.



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NOTICE BOARD

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS Daily Mass is being offered online via Zoom. For the link to join us, please subscribe to our email list via the website, or use the Meeting ID 336 924 3297. Mass is at 9am each day apart from Wednesdays, which is 6.30pm.

Please note that the **Zoom link has changed**, as it will now be on Canon Tom's laptop, rather than Joseph's!

9am Sunday 14th - People of the Parish
9am Monday 15th - Joseph Meigh (ints)
9am Tuesday 16th - Joyce Deakin R.I.P
6.30pm Wednesday 17th - Bill and Alison McEntee 25th Wedding Anniversary
9am Thursday 18th - Anthony Seyfang R.I.P
9am Friday 19th - Mary and Ernie Drake R.I.P
9am Saturday 20th - Ralph & Alan Purcell and Linda Phillips R.I.P

READERS If you'd be happy to read at one of our Zoom Masses, or sing a psalm, please contact Richard who is coordinating this: rcsashby@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR - Roberto Giordani who died a few days ago. 'May he see the light of Heaven' Amen.

THE DIVINE MERCY CANDLE is being kept alight at Our Lady of Lourdes, this week we pray for Bernadette Brennan R.I.P

JOSEPH MEIGH, our seminarian, will be leaving Weston at the end of his placement, on the 16th June. There will be a small 'virtual party' on Zoom to say goodbye to him, after Vespers at 5.30pm on Sunday 14th.

FOODBANK / HOMELESS DONATIONS As Joseph Meigh will no longer be here, we'd ask you to deliver your donations directly to our local charities, which we want to keep supporting. Both the Foodbank and the 'Somewhere to Go' Homelessness centre are grateful for donations of food and toiletries. The Homeless shelter is on the Boulevard (4-6), a wooden door and a buzzer marked 'Day Centre', and is normally manned on weekday mornings (10am to 1.30pm) while they're preparing food to deliver to the homeless. The Foodbank has set up a number of 'Drop-off' points at different churches and school halls. The locations and opening times of these are all listed on their website:

<https://westonsupermare.foodbank.org.uk/covid-19/>
Many thanks for your kindness and support for those who are struggling in our local community during this time.

CHURCHES RE-OPENING

As you may have heard, permission has been granted to re-open churches for individual, private prayer (not yet Mass or any public gatherings) from this Monday 15th June. This is provided that each church can pass a 'risk assessment' and follow strict hygiene guidelines, including social distancing and frequent cleaning.

Could you volunteer as a steward?

One of the requirements is to have at least two stewards, who will simply be present to make sure that we're all keeping our distance and to wipe down door handles and so on! Stewards must be under 70 and not in a vulnerable category. If you could spare some time to help keep our churches open safely, please get in contact and let us know when you could be available.

Times of Opening

'Opening hours' will be limited by the availability of volunteers to act as stewards, so will probably be somewhat limited and subject to change. We will do our best to keep them updated on our website, www.corpuschristiweston.org/coronavirus.

RADIO BROADCAST OF MASS - BBC Radio 4

Sunday Worship will broadcast Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols from Westminster Cathedral on Sunday 14th June at 8.10am.

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MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

Today we are invited to reflect on our understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species and what it means to our faith. This will not be difficult for us – we have been deprived for many weeks of receiving Christ in Holy Communion. It is possible that our appreciation of what we have currently lost has opened our eyes to how easy it is to take things for granted. Unlike many parts of the world where daily, or even weekly, opportunities to celebrate Mass are few and far between, we are fortunate to be able to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord on a regular basis. The Church gives us this feast so that we can reflect on the sacramental life of our faith. We know, more than ever, how important it is for us to be able to participate in the divine life of the Church and, although our reception of Holy Communion offers us a promise of eternal life, it also gives us the nourishment we need to follow and emulate the life of Jesus. In receiving the Body of Christ we are called to be the Body of Christ, to be bread for others and bread for the world, especially those who hunger and thirst not only for food but for justice.

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