

University of Warwick Chaplaincy

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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Prayer Before Mass

God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High Priest, to redeem us and you willed that His saving work should continue through the ministry of priests. Enlighten us to celebrate this Sunday Mass with our priest, so that, empowered by the Word of life and the Eucharist, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to live to the full our Christian calling. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, 14 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ALL MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED WITHOUT A CONGREGATION. Live streaming of Sunday Mass and other Masses when a time is printed here is on Youtube. Go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk)	10.00 am Carmel Silver (Anniversary)
Monday, 15 th June		5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour, with Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday, 16 th June <i>Opt. Mem. of St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop</i>		John Haddon
Wednesday, 17 th June		The People of the Parish
Thursday, 18 th June <i>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral</i>		Ann North (Birthday)
Friday, 19 th June <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		Mary Barrett (Intentions)
Saturday, 20 th June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>		Elizabeth Durham (Birthday)
Sunday, 21 st June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Day for Life</i>		Heffernan Family (Intentions)
		10.00 am Phyllis Deegan (Anniversary)

Today is the great feast of Corpus Christi when we celebrate that Jesus has given us His Body and Blood under the forms of bread and wine.

Next Friday is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Please ask me if you haven't got a copy of the Novena Prayers to the Sacred Heart to pray each day at home.

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Livestreaming of Sunday Mass from St. Joseph's on Youtube each week at 10.00. Go to our website (www.sjtwcoventry.org.uk) and look for the indication for "Sunday Mass".

Prayer. I know that when you are on your own, away from a faith community, it can be challenging to keep faithful to a pattern of prayer. If you want to chat or a bit of advice and encouragement, please contact me and I shall be delighted to hear from you.

Maryvale Sacred Heart Novena. June is the month of the Sacred Heart, and all are invited to join online for the Annual Novena to the Sacred Heart at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at Maryvale Institute. There will be a Mass, Sermon and Novena live streamed each evening at 8pm from Thursday, 11th June to Friday, 19th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart). Archbishop Bernard Longley will be celebrating Mass on Sunday, 21st June, at 11am (on the day the 'physical' Pilgrimage would have taken place). It will be live streamed from St Chad's Cathedral. Full details, and how to access each event, are on: <https://www.maryvale.ac.uk/novena-2020.html>

Gloria in excelsis Deo!!!!

As of tomorrow churches will be allowed to open their doors to allow people to come in for private prayer. It doesn't affect the Chaplaincy, but it does matter for St. Joseph's.

However, we all have a duty of care to each other, and each Parish Priest has been told to do a risk assessment for his church and to open only when the risk of spreading the virus has been minimised.

To reduce that risk, stewards will be in place to guide people in and out, to make sure visitors use the hand sanitisers and maintain social distancing, and to control the numbers in the church; cleaners will clean the church THOROUGHLY after each day of use. Numbers in the church must be governed by the need to maintain social distancing; strict hygiene must be enforced; signs must be in place to indicate a one-way system.

I am very grateful to the six people who have volunteered to assist as stewards or cleaners.

It means that we shall be able to open for private prayer, as a first stage, on Thursdays between 10.00am and 2.00pm

Perhaps as we get more experienced and as more volunteers become available we shall be able to open more frequently in the future.

I remember arriving at Heathrow once and there were signs up saying "No smoking, no this, no that ...". It concluded, "Welcome to the UK". I did not feel very welcome! So let me say straight away that you are welcome to St. Joseph's and I am delighted that you can come. However, please be mindful of a few things:

- **If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to St. Joseph's, but go home and isolate;**
- **Because of the need for social distancing in the church we can only hold up to fifteen people at any one time; so please be prepared to wait outside if necessary, keeping a safe distance (as at Tesco's); also, be aware that if others are waiting to come into the church it would be kind not to stay too long but to leave the church after a reasonable length of time;**
- **Please enter the church by one door and leave by the other, so that a one-way system can work;**
- **Use the hand sanitisers on the way in and the way out;**
- **Use a face covering in the church;**
- **Windows and doors will be open, so bring a coat!**
- **If you bring children with you, please make sure they touch as few surfaces as possible;**
- **Personal possessions should be kept to a minimum and should be taken away on leaving the church (any items found during cleaning will be disposed of and will not be kept as lost property), and please take away any handkerchiefs or tissues;**
- **The toilets will not be available (so make sure you go before you come!)**
- **Welcome to St. Joseph's.**

Act of Spiritual Communion. While you watch a live stream of Mass being offered say the following prayer:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You."

Open Heaven: Prayer Walk Coventry. Open Heaven is an ecumenical initiative in Coventry, to "prayer-walk" every street of the city during this month of June. The idea is that when you go out for a walk along your street, you say a Rosary for the intentions of all the people on that street, that they will feel a part of God's Kingdom. You could do this on your own or with a member of your household. Between all the churches they hope to cover every street in Coventry. If you want to be involved, go to <https://www.openheavencoventry.org> and register to cover a road. If you are housebound, you can still offer to pray from your home.

A Youth Alpha Course, supported by the mission team at Alton Castle. We all have questions about life and faith, perhaps now more than ever. The Kenelm Youth Trust (the Diocesan office for young people, based at Alton Castle) are offering several ways to get involved with a youth Alpha online. If you want to get involved as an individual or as a group email

Tailpiece: A boy came late to Mass. Knowing he was usually very punctual, after Mass the priest asked, "Johnny, is there anything wrong?" "No, Father, not really," he said. "I was going to go fishing, but my daddy told me that I needed to go to church." The priest was very impressed and asked Johnny if his father had explained to him why it was more important to go to church than to go fishing. "Yes, Father, he did," Johnny said. "He didn't have enough bait for both of us."

**May God bless you and all those whom you love,
and keep you safe.
Fr. Harry.**