



# THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD & ALL SOULS

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SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

*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. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



### How much does the Holy Eucharist mean to us?

I couldn't quite believe what I was reading. A priest from Sudan described what his parishioners went through to get to Sunday Mass. Most of them needed to walk 15-20 miles to Mass each way. They would have to wake up between midnight and 2am to begin their journey, but they preferred to walk at night because it was less risky. That's because the fundamentalist Muslim government in Khartoum would often send snipers to wait along the road-sides ready to shoot and kill Christians heading to Mass. Parishioners prayed the rosary the entire journey so that if there were snipers waiting for them, their last words will be, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners NOW and AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH." If they made it to Mass – and every once in a while a group would not make the Mass because they had been ambushed – they celebrated Mass with great joy for 3-4 hours. They rejoiced in their faith. They adored Christ in the Eucharist and received him each time as if they were receiving him for the last time, because they never knew if that communion would in fact be their *viaticum*. After Mass there was a common meal and then the faithful would begin their walk back to their respective villages, praying the rosary, hoping again that snipers were not waiting for them.

Why would our Sudanese brothers and sisters go through so much each week? Why would some of them walk almost two marathons each Sunday, spend three to four hours at Mass, at the serious risk of their own lives? The reason is surely because Jesus in the Eucharist was the source and summit of their entire lives. They loved Jesus Christ in the Eucharist enough to do everything it took to come into his presence and receive him and adore him. Jesus gave his life out of love for them and they were willing to give their lives out of love in return. What a tremendous inspiration to us their love and devotion is.

**What does the Eucharist mean to us? Is it the beating heart of our lives? Do we make sacrifices to be at Mass? Do we relish being in the Presence of Jesus and receiving him in the Eucharist?** Questions to ask on this great feast day of God's love. Fr Paul

### ✠ WORSHIP THIS WEEK ✠

Sunday cycle of readings: Year B Weekday cycle of readings: Year 1 Divine Office psalter week 2

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> (Solemnity of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)	<b>10.30am MASS</b> For the People of the Parish Rose Hall RIP (Fr Tim)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass Intentions of Natalie Green (birthday)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass Intentions of Yvonne Middleton
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am Mass Charlie, Breda & family
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Feria in Ordinary Time	7.30pm MASS (of Sacred Heart) Mukund Nagothnekar
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	9.30am MASS Josie McGrath (in thanksgiving for 97 years of life and 72 years as a parishioner of All Souls) Joseph Goyer RIP (Fr Tim)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	9.30am Mass In thanksgiving (Fr Paul's 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination as a Catholic priest) 10.30-11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 4pm Mass (Year 3 First Holy Communions)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>10.30am MASS</b> For the People of the Parish Noel, Stephen & Paul Cross RIP (Fr Tim) 1pm Holy Baptism (Matilda Russell)

**Daily Evening Prayer** (Vespers) on Zoom at 6pm (email Fr Paul to receive log-in details)

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for 30 minutes before Mass Monday-Saturday

## EUCCHARISTIC TEACHING AND PRACTICE

**The tabernacle** When we come into church we ought to genuflect towards the tabernacle before sitting down. We do this to show respect to Jesus, who is present body, blood, soul and divinity in the consecrated hosts (Blessed Sacrament) reserved in the tabernacle. We do the same when we pass the tabernacle.

**Fasting** It is customary – health and age permitting - to fast before Mass for at least one hour in order to prepare ourselves for holy communion. Water and medicine do not break a fast.

**Receiving worthily** If someone is conscious of grave sin, they are asked to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before receiving Communion. Saint Paul teaches that, *“whoever...eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”* (1Corinthians 11:27-28)

**In the presence of the King** Before approaching the priest for Communion, it is good and fitting to make a reverential bow (or genuflection) in honour of Christ the King, truly present. When the priest says “the Body of Christ” or “the Blood of Christ”, our response should be “Amen”. This word means, “So be it”, “It is so”, or “I believe”. Please say it clearly and distinctly. It is possible to receive Holy Communion kneeling also.

**On the tongue or in the hand** You can receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or in the hand. If you choose to receive in the hand, place your right hand flat over your left, making a throne to receive the King of kings. The host should be consumed immediately. It should not be given to children who have not made their first communion or taken out of the church.

**Non-Catholics** are respectfully asked to abstain from receiving communion. This is not because we are being unwelcoming. There are very good and logical reasons for this discipline:

### + Communion is a statement of faith

The Church has always been clear that at Mass the bread and wine literally become the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. They may still have the appearance and taste of bread and wine, but they have truly and *substantially* changed. When Our Lord says at the Last Supper “This is my body...” we take him at his word. If someone doesn't believe Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, it would be disrespectful (to put it mildly) to receive his Body and Blood.

### + Communion shows we are part of the Body

When a Catholic receives Communion, they show they are a member of the wider Catholic community – literally “in communion” with the Church. It therefore makes no sense for a non-Catholic to take Communion. As the bishops of England and Wales say: *“...when people receive Holy Communion at a Catholic celebration of Mass, they should be saying: ‘We are in full communion with the Catholic Church, united with the bishop of this local community and with the Pope.’”* (One Bread, one Body)

### + Receiving Communion unworthily

Another reason that non-Catholics should not receive Communion is for their own good. Again St Paul warns: *“For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”* (1Corinthians 11:29)

If someone wishes to become a Catholic, they are very warmly invited to participate in preparation for Baptism and Confirmation, or if already a Christian, to be received into the full Communion of the Catholic Church. Holy Communion would be the culmination and goal of this journey of faith. In the meantime non-Catholics are welcome to come forward with their arms crossed over their chest to receive a blessing.

## OUTDOOR ADORATION TODAY

After Mass today the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for silent Adoration in the Peace Garden until 12.30pm. Please enter the Peace Garden only if there is a seat free and leave the sits in their positions.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Mulligan** (funeral Mass at 11am on Tuesday 15 June), **Bernadette Feehan** (funeral at Christ the King at 1pm on Thursday 10 June).

**BAPTISED IN CHRIST** We welcome into the Church **Cara King**, who was baptised yesterday. We pray that she and her family will be familiar faces at All Souls.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Our Year 3 children will make their First Holy Communion this coming Saturday at 4pm. We pray that they will grow in their devotion to the Eucharist and be lifelong communicant members of the Church.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** It is now possible for us to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound indoors. If you know of parishioners or family members who need the Sacrament to be brought to them at home, please contact Deacon Paul.

**ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS** We ask parishioners to attend to funerals by family invitation/consent only and provide the family with Track and Trace details before the day of the funeral.

**CONFIRMATION** Six more children will be confirmed during the regular 9.30am parish Mass on Saturday 19 June.

**VOTIVE LAMPS** This week the light in the Lady Chapel burns for **Samantha Frost**. The lamp in the Sacred Heart Chapel burns in **thanksgiving for all help given by the parish during the pandemic**. To arrange for a lamp to burn for a particular intention or in memory of a loved one, please add the intention to the list at the back of church and enclose an offering of £3 in one of the envelopes and place in the offertory.

**ST. OSBURG'S CHURCH EMERGENCY REPAIRS** See the poster in the entrance porch about supporting emergency works to the guttering of St. Osburg's church.

**'THANK YOU'** from Friends of the Holy Land for raising £437.07 for Christians in the Holy Land. In 2020 we helped 182 children across 14 schools and 48 university students. In 2021 we expect that number to increase sharply as the pandemic continues to hit hard. Please continue to remember us and those we support in your prayers.

## JUNE: MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a well-loved Catholic practice. Rooted in Scriptures, the devotion dwells on God's boundless love for humanity. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart this year is Friday 11 June, but here is an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart we can pray at any time: *Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love, broken by my ingratitude, pierced by my sins, yet loving me still, accept the consecration which I make to you, of all that I am and all that I have. Take every faculty of my soul and body, and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to your sacred side: There, as I can hear the lesson, teach me your blessed ways. Amen.*

**SCHOOL MASSES** Each week of this half term one of the classes (a 'bubble') will attend the Monday morning Mass at 9.30am. The first class will actually be with us this Tuesday (the first day back for the children after the half term break).

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION** Please join me this Saturday in giving thanks to God for the grace and privilege of ten years as a Catholic priest. God is good! Fr Paul.



# COVID UPDATE: A FEW MINOR CHANGES

Although the vaccine rollout programme is very successful to date - 70% of adults having had one dose and 35% two doses - the risk of transmission is still live. Therefore it is important to continue to mitigate against the risks of virus transmission in church. The Conference of Bishops recommends that two key measures to help reduce aerosol and droplet spread remain in place in churches for now:

1. **hand sanitiser** for those entering churches
2. the **wearing of face coverings** (apart from those who are exempt.).

In addition, **routine cleaning** and **ventilation** are very important.

## Social Distancing & Capacity

The Government Roadmap states that new sectors which were permitted to reopen on 17 May are “*Some large events, including conferences, theatre and concert performances and sports events. Controlled indoor events of up to 1,000 people or 50% of a venue’s capacity.*” This applies to single one-off events, moderated by the Local Authority, and **not** to regular worship in churches. Our seating arrangements will remain unchanged. Stewards will continue to welcome worshippers and guide them to a seat, to Communion and to the exit.

## Track & Trace

Our system of gathering details of those attending worship will continue. Stewards will still be on hand to welcome and assist, but individuals entering church should take responsibility for leaving track and trace details themselves.

## THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

**Congregational singing** Indoor congregational singing is still prohibited at this stage. Further guidance from Public Health England is expected before the 21 June Step 4 date is reached.

**Water stoups** remain unfilled. Father Paul will happily bless pre-filled bottles of water for use at home.

**The Prayer of the Faithful** (Bidding Prayers). Brief bidding prayers will be reintroduced to all our Masses.

**Offertory procession** This will be reintroduced at Sunday Mass. Those bringing the bread and wine forward will sanitise their hands beforehand. The offertory will still not include the collection of monetary offerings.

**Sign of Peace** The physical exchange of the Sign of Peace remains suspended, as it would mean physical engagement with people outside family groups or bubbles. This will be kept under review as we continue the journey towards easing restrictions.

**Holy Communion** will continue to be distributed in one kind (the Host). The distribution of Communion will follow the same pattern under the guidance of stewards. The minister will continue to use hand sanitiser and wear a face covering, but will now announce “The Body of Christ” to each communicant.

It is recommended that Communion be distributed in the hand, but it is *permitted* to receive on the tongue. **Those who wish to receive on the tongue are asked to sit on the outer end of a pew and to come forward for Communion at the end of the distribution of Communion. The minister will sanitise his hands after each time he distributes Communion on the tongue.**

**Incense** is now permitted and will be used at the 10.30am Sunday Mass.

## Rosary Marathon Calendar: prayer for an end to the pandemic

### **May 1:**

Saint Peter's (Vatican): Prayer for wounded humanity led by the Pope.

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Our Lady of Walsingham (England): Prayer for the deceased.

### **May 2:**

*Jesus the Saviour and Mother Mary Sanctuary* (Nigeria): Prayer for those who could not say goodbye to their loved ones.

### **May 3:**

Czestochowa Shrine (Poland): Prayer for the sick.

### **May 4:**

Basilica of the Annunciation (Holy Land): Prayer for pregnant women.

### **May 5:**

Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Rosary (South Korea): Prayer for children and adolescents.

### **May 6:**

Our Lady of Aparecida (Brazil): Prayer for young people.

### **May 7:**

National Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, also known as the Antipolo Cathedral (Philippines): Prayer for families.

### **May 8:**

Our Lady of Luján (Argentina): Prayer for people involved in communication.

### **May 9:**

Our Lady of Loreto (Italy): Prayer for the elderly.

### **May 10:**

Our Lady of Knock (Ireland): Prayer for people with disabilities

### **May 11:**

Notre-Dame de Banneux (Belgium): Prayer for the poor and people in economic difficulty.

### **May 12:**

Notre-Dame d'Afrique (Algeria): Prayer for lonely people who have lost hope

### **May 13:**

Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Holy Rosary (Portugal): Prayer for prisoners.

### **May 14:**

Our Lady of Health (India): Prayer for scientists and medical research institutes.

### **May 15:**

Mary Queen of Peace (Bosnia and Herzegovina): Prayer for migrants.

### **May 16:**

St. Mary's Cathedral (Sydney, Australia): Prayer for victims of violence and trafficking.

### **May 17:**

Basilica of the Immaculate Conception (Washington, D.C., United States): Prayer for those responsible for international organizations.

### **May 18:**

Notre-Dame de Lourdes (Paris, France): Prayer for nurses and doctors.

### **May 19:**

Shrine of the House of the Virgin (Meryem Ana, Turkey): Prayer for people at war and peace in the world

### **May 20:**

Our Lady of Charity of Cobre (Cuba): Prayer for pharmacists and health personnel.

### **May 21st :**

Our Lady of Nagasaki (Japan): Prayer for social workers.

### **May 22:**

Our Lady of Montserrat (Spain): Prayer for volunteers.

### **May 23:**

Our Lady of the Cape (Canada): Prayer for law enforcement, military and firefighters.

### **May 24:**

*To be determined*

Prayer for those who guarantee essential services.

### **May 25:**

Ta'Pinu National Shrine (Malta): Prayer for teachers, students, and educators.

### **May 26:**

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico): Prayer for workers and entrepreneurs.

### **May 27:**

Mother of God Pochaevskaya (Ukraine): Prayer for unemployed people.

### **May 28:**

Shrine of Our Lady of Altötting (Germany): Prayer for bishops, priests and deacons

### **May 29:**

Our Lady of Lebanon (Lebanon) Prayer for consecrated persons

### **May 30:**

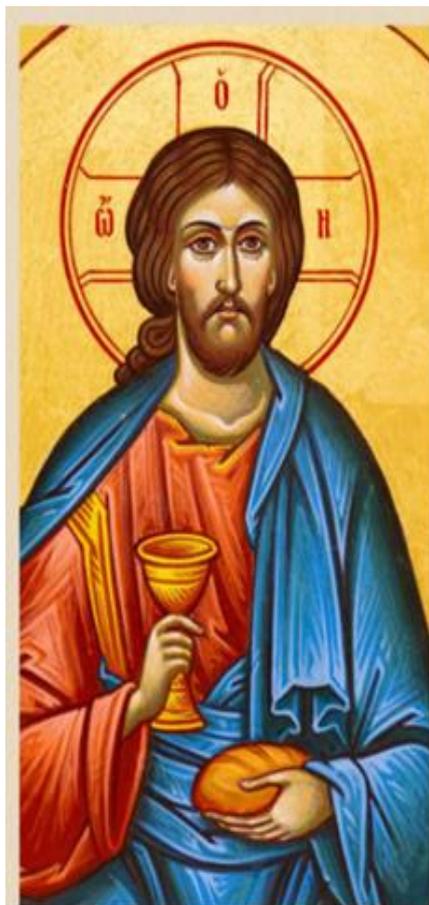
Virgin of the Holy Rosary of Pompei (Italy): Prayer for the Church

**May 31st:**

Vatican Gardens (Vatican): Prayer for the end of the

pandemic and the return to work

### Prayers for Spiritual Communion



#### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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.

Amen.

#### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me  
Body of Christ, save me  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me  
O good Jesus, hear me  
Within thy wounds hide me  
Permit me not to be separated from thee  
From the wicked foe defend me  
At the hour of my death call me  
And bid me come to thee  
That with thy saints I may praise thee  
For ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself, and keep

us all in your care. Amen.

O God, help me to trust you, help me to know that you are with me, help me to believe that nothing can separate me from your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Prayer of General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Conclude with the following:*

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

