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SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

Psalter Week: 4
Weekday Cycle: Year 1
Sunday Year: C

Saturday 21 st	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Veronica Hammond (RIP)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Maria Kwan (RIP)
		11.00am	SJW	Mass	Keelin Trehane (RIP)
Monday 23 rd	Feria			No Mass	
Tuesday 24 th	Nativity of John the Baptist	10.00am	SJW	Mass	Richard Healy (RIP)
Wednesday 25 th	Feria	11.00am	STM	Mass 'n' Mingle	Marie and Harry Law (Mem Mass)
Thursday 26 th	Feria	10.00am	STM	Mass	Fr Kevin Scallon
Friday 27 th	Sacred Heart of Jesus	10.00am	STM	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Collette Cunningham
Saturday 28 th	Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am	SJW	Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Richard Nichols (RIP)
		4.15pm	STM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions	
		5.00pm	STM	Vigil Mass	Debbie Colby (Ints)
		9.00am	STM	Mass	Richard McSorley (RIP)
Sunday 29 th	SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER AND PAUL	11.00am	SJW	Mass	Michael Jones (RIP)

*Welcome to Mass today. We extend a special welcome to anybody joining us for the first time.
Please introduce yourself, and if you are able, stay for refreshments after the Mass.*

Every Mass is a commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper and a proclamation and participation in this mystery. Because we can sometimes get lost in the routine each Sunday, the feast of Corpus Christi helps us focus once again on what we are called to do at Mass. We are called to celebrate what we believe: we express our faith in the risen Christ, who gave his life for us out of love. To live what we believe: we give witness to the risen Christ by our way of life and to become what we receive: we become Christlike, so that others might see in us and in what we do the one who gave his life for us.

In the 13th Century there was a great strengthening and renewal of the Eucharist in the hearts of Christians, and today's feast of Corpus Christi was one of its fruits. Traditionally it was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but here, of late, it is celebrated on the Sunday following. Today's feast reminds us of the wonderful gift that is the Eucharist – that the Lord Jesus truly becomes present in the bread and wine which becomes his body and blood. In the Eucharist our Lord becomes both our divine food, and the sacrifice we offer.

Our 5.00pm Mass will conclude with a time of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our 9.00am and 11.00am Masses with a short Corpus Christi Procession. The prayers for the conclusion of Mass can be found on the back on this newsletter.

One way we can increase our reverence for the Blessed Sacrament is by paying attention to how we receive and consume our Lord during Holy Communion. Receiving on the tongue or in the hand, whether standing or kneeling, are permitted by the Church; and whichever we choose, we should make sure we are doing so with the highest degree of care, humility and awe. The early Church Fathers advised Christians to think of their hands as a throne on which the King of the Universe could be humbly received. St. John Damascene taught to put one's hands in the form of a cross. At some point in the early Church, some felt that they could show greater respect for the Eucharist by receiving on the tongue, and it became universal in the West by the year 900.

On this day, we pray that the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, will be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

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Livestream webcam: <https://www.youtube.com/@stmandsjtw-cov>

Coventry Catholic Deanery: www.coventry-catholicdeanery.org.uk

OFFERTORIES AND COLLECTIONS

Collections: STM: £698.00 | SJW: £268.70

Day for Life: STM: 365.20 | SJW: £92.90

Thank you for your continued generosity

IF YOU ARE A VISITOR to our Masses and not a Catholic, or a Catholic unable to receive, you are very welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. As you approach, please have your arm crossed over your chest, so that the minister knows to give a blessing. If you require a celiac host, please let us know before Mass.

WE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF Jacqueline Marajh, Jennifer Bell, Thomasina H Poulet, Ann Brooks, Fr John Baggley, Peter Charman (Requiem Mass on 7th July at 12noon in Christ the King), **Theresa Christine Crout-Jones, Deacon Tony Hewitt, Deacon Tony Rigby and Deacon Terry Hum** together with all who have died recently. We pray for them and their families at this time. May they rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND UNWELL: Angie Browne, Judith Cuninghame, Peter Cunningham, Frank Cunningham, Elaine Fossett, Madge Ward, Heather Walton, Jay Veeman, Pat Farr, Phil Sands, Margaret Kelly, Joanna MacKinnon, Hilary Hanson, Debbie Colby, Monika Tokarska-Hosoi, Joan Theaker, Alice Rowland, John Walker, Christine Grady, Pauline Cullinane, Beatrice Upham, Peter Carvell, Sheila Jenkins, Lillian Chapman, Irena Bienek, Georgina Brannigan-Smith, Ann Kenny, Rose Warburton, David O'Grady, Joan O'Leary, Thomas Weatherstone, Clare Oliver, Romina Mendieta, Claire Hughes, Tony Smith, Christopher Mason and Donal Heffernan.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS: God our Father, you sent Jesus, our High priest, to redeem us and 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.

THE MONTH OF JUNE is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and His saving work.

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father.

ORDER OF MASS CARDS: If you require a card with the Order of Mass text, please ask one of the welcomers for a copy. The readings for Sunday Mass can be found on the back of this newsletter. Please do take them home with you for private prayer and reflection.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND COLLECTION: Peter's Pence

OUR PIETY STALLS are open after all Masses with a wide variety of gifts and cards available for purchase.

WE DARE TO HOPE COURSE continues on Thursday 26th June at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall at SJW.

THIS FRIDAY is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful expression of the Church's piety for Christ, her Spouse and Lord: it calls for a fundamental attitude of conversion and reparation, of love and gratitude, apostolic commitment and dedication to Christ and His saving work.

OSCOTT CEMETERY OFFICE has been in contact regarding the fitting and erecting of a headstone on Fr Michael Jordan's grave. The stone, which will be engraved with his name, date of birth, ordination and death will cost just over £900. If any parishioners would like to donate towards this, please hand them to Fr Simon. If you are a Taxpayer, please remember to Gift Aid your donation by filling out a 'one-off' donation form available from Fr Simon.

THANK YOU to everyone who came along last Friday to support the STM 'Feast'ival. It was good to see so many enjoying the various stalls and activities. If you were unable to attend, there is still time to give a donation towards the total raised.

'YEAR OF JUBILEE' RETREAT DAY on Saturday 28th June from 10.00am – 3.00pm at St Thomas More Catholic Church (CV3 5DE). The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confessions together with the reflections given by Canon Michael Dolman, the Rector of Oscott College, with suggestions for getting the most out of this Holy Year and how we might become greater Pilgrims of Hope as we continue through this Holy Year and beyond. A soup lunch will also be available. Suggested donation of £10 per person. If you are attending, please sign the sheets at the back of church. This event has been opened up to other parishes within our deanery.

'BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!' Many of us enjoy coming to church for a number of reasons. Not only do we get a chance to be closer to God, but we also get to see some of our friends, people that we have known perhaps for a long time, which gives us a chance to catch up on what is going on in each other's lives. Today's world is starved of silence and Holy Mass should be a privileged moment to escape the hustle and bustle of daily life and, through worship and participation in Christ's eternal sacrifice, become capable of giving an eternal value to these same daily and transitory activities.

Before Mass there should be a general atmosphere of silence. This does not exclude a quiet word of greeting, a nod of recognition or a friendly handshake among the parishioners. What should be avoided is the steadily rising hum of multiple conversations in the pews, often interrupted only by the announcement that the celebration is about to begin.

Pope Francis frequently emphasised the importance of silence, particularly before Mass, as a way to prepare the heart and mind for prayer and deeper listening to God's word. He highlighted silence as a space where one can make room for Christ and discern the Father's will, leading to more authentic communication with God.

Before Mass:	During Mass:	After Mass:
<i>talk to God</i>	<i>let God talk to you</i>	<i>talk to each other</i>

REFRESHMENTS after Mass are a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community to catch up and share news. It is also a time when we can help support the work of Mary's Meal's through the donations we are able to give.

PLEASE PRAY for Ron Castillo and Luke Jarvis who in September commence their formation as Seminarians for the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the Royal English College, Valladolid and for Deacon Gerry Bowen as he prepares for his Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood in July.

SVP CONFERENCE has now been running for a few weeks and is slowly starting to take shape. During this time, they have been looking at possible outreach projects which would be helpful to our parishioners at both STM and SJW. A few more members in the conference would be a marvellous addition. If you would like more information, please speak to Fr Simon. Please also let us know if you know of anyone who might like a visit from a member of the SVP. If you are interested, please contact Siobhan Allen on 07712732576.

KINGDOM OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets on Mondays from 7pm to 8.30pm in the MRR.

STM RAFFLE TICKETS are available after all Masses today. Tickets are priced at £1 each or £5 for a book. All stubs and monies to be returned by Friday 4th July ready for the drawer on Saturday 5th July after the 5.00pm Mass.

PARISH BBQ'S will be taking place on Saturday 5th July at STM following the 5.00pm Mass and on Sunday 6th July at SJW following the 11.00am Mass. Tickets are on sale priced at £5.00 per ticket. Please do make a note of these events in your diary as they are wonderful opportunities to come together as a community.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION COURSES are held on the first Saturday of every month in the MRR. For more information and to book a place, families are asked to contact Deacon Leo by emailing dcn.leo.poole@rcaob.org.uk

CHEYLESMORE FOODHUB: You can support the work of the Foodhub through financial donations, allowing more flexibility for the Trust to purchase foods. Cheylesmore Food Hub CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 and the Account no: 00034145. The Foodhub would also be grateful for donations of 'Bags for Life' shopping bags.

SJW FOOD BANK: There is now a box at the back of SJW if anyone would like to give donations of tinned goods towards the foodbank.

HOUSE VISITS to the sick and housebound are an important part of the life of the church. Those who would like a visit, are asked to contact Fr Simon or Deacon Leo. A visit can be arranged by themselves or by the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

CONFESSION is available at STM on Saturday evenings from 4.15pm – 4.45pm; and at SJW on Saturday morning from 10.30am – 11.00am. Alternatively at other times with prior arrangement with Fr Simon. If you haven't been to confession for a while don't let fear, guilt, or embarrassment dissuade you. Jesus is waiting in the confessional for you, and his heart longs to grant you his mercy in abundance.

SEVEN DAY CANDLES: To sponsor a candle, please bring your £5 donation to the sacristy for booking. Please note that only one intention per candle can be booked. At STM the candles can be sponsored for St Thomas More, Our Lady, St Joseph and the Sacred Heart and at SJW they can be sponsored for St Joseph, Our Lady, St Anthony and the Sacred Heart.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL If you or a relative are going into hospital, please be sure to tell the ward staff you are a Catholic and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain. Please also notify the Parish Clergy, so a visit, either by them or the Chaplain can be arranged.

MASS INTENTIONS: The Mass is the greatest prayer we can offer as Catholics since it is the 'source and summit' of the Christian Life. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass offering envelopes are available at the back of both churches. Please fill in the required information and hand it to Fr Simon or push through the Presbytery letterbox. We ask that Masses be booked three months in advance of your required date. Please remember that preferred dates cannot be guaranteed—someone else might have asked for a particular day before you, but the nearest date will be offered.

ONLINE GIVING: If you were unable to give at Sunday Mass, you can give online to either parish by scanning this QR code and following the instructions on the website.



GIFT AID: If you are a UK Taxpayer and would like to increase your giving, at no extra cost to yourself, please consider Gift Aid. By this scheme we are able to claim 25p on every £1 donated. Information available from Tony Curristan at STM and Mike Callanan SJW.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION CONCLUDING WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace,
no work too hard for him. In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.**

A time of silent prayer and reflection follows.

**Tantum ergo Sacramentum, veneremur cernui: et antiquum
documentum, novo cedat ritui: præstet fides supplementum,
sensuum defectui.**

**Genitori, genitoque, laus et jubilatio, salus, honor, virtus
quoque, sit et benedictio: procedenti ab utroque, compar sit
laudatio. Amen**

Panem de caelo præstitisti eis.

Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

*Orémus. Deus, qui nobis sub Sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuæ
memóriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos Córporis et
Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum
in nobis júgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in saécula saéculorum.
Amen.*

*The procession forms and all are asked to follow on afterwards whilst
joining in the hymns:*

**This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
Take it and eat it, and when you do, do it in love for me.**

**This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do, do it in love for me.**

**Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see.
I am still with you, and you will know you're very close to me.**

**Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches; I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know you are alive in me.**

**Love one another – I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do, do it in love for me.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home,
lo, round thy lowly shrine, with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:
sweet Sacrament divine.**

**Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home for every heart,
where restless yearnings cease and sorrows all depart;
there in thine ear all trustfully we tell our tale of misery:
sweet Sacrament of peace.**

**Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean's roar,
within thy shelter blest soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
sweet Sacrament of rest.**

**Sweet Sacrament divine, earth's light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine thy Godhead's majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,
that earthly joys may fade away: sweet Sacrament divine.**

A period of silent prayer follows.

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DIVINE PRAISES

As the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, we sing

**O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all
praise and all thanksgiving, be every moment thine.**

READINGS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI

FIRST READING

Genesis 14:18-20

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 110

R: You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my lord:

'Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.'

The Lord will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes.

With you is princely rule
on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,
I have begotten you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change:
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.'

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

SEQUENCE

Praise, O Sion, praise your Saviour,
praise your captain and your pastor,
with hymns and solemn songs.

Perform what pow'r affords indeed;
his worth all praises far exceed,
none can reach his dignity.

A special theme of praise is read,
a living and life-giving bread,
on this day exhibited.

Which in the supper of our Lord,
to twelve disciples at his board
no doubt was delivered.

Let our praise be loud and free,
full of joy and decent glee,
with minds' and voices' melody.

For now solemnise we that day,
which with joy does to us display
the prince of this mystery.

At this board of our new Ruler,
of new law, new Paschal order
abolishes the ancient rite.

Old decrees be new annulled,
shadows are in truths fulfilled,
day finishes darkness.

That at supper Christ performed,
to be done he rightly charged
for his eternal memory.

Guided by his sacred orders,
bread and wine upon our altars
to saving host we sanctify.

Christians are by faith assured
that to flesh the bread is changed,
the wine to blood most precious.

That no wit nor sense conceives,
firm and grounded faith believes,
in strange effects not curious.

Under kinds two in appearance,
two in show but one in substance,
lie things beyond comparison.

Flesh is meat, blood drink most heav'nly,
yet is Christ in each kind wholly,
most free from all division.

None that consumes him does rend him,
none that takes him does divide him:
received, he whole perseveres.

Be there one or thousands hosted,
one as much as all received,
he by no eating perishes.

Both the good and bad receive him,
but effects are diverse in them,
true life or true destruction.

Life to the good, death to the wicked,
mark how both alike received
with far unlike conclusion.

When now the priest the host divides,
know that in each part abides
all the whole host covered.

Form of bread not Christ is broken,
not of Christ, but of his token,
is state or stature altered.

Angels' bread made pilgrims' feeding
truly bread for children's eating,
to dogs not to be offered.

Signed by Isaac on the altar,
by the lamb and paschal supper,
and in the manna figured.

Jesu, food and feeder of us,
here with mercy feed and friend us,
then grant in heaven felicity.

Lord of all, who here do feed us,
heav'nly guests, heirs, fellows make us,
in eternal company. Amen. Alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 9: 11b-17

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

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