



St John Southworth's RC Parish

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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.



6th June 2021



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This weekend, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast Day is a celebration of thanksgiving for Christ's gift of himself to the Church in the Eucharist. During the Mass, the priest takes the bread and the wine, and, in *persona Christi*, (the person of Christ) he speaks the words of consecration, which transform the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus.

It is at the Last Supper that Jesus offered himself to the Father, in a spiritual communion, as the Paschal Lamb. The words and actions of Jesus would then be consummated on the Cross when Jesus would offer his life to the Father as the Sacrifice which frees us from darkness and sin.

In receiving Holy Communion, we are accepting the invitation of Jesus to be swept up into his Sacrifice and so, in intimate communion with Jesus, we too may be offered in sacrifice to the Father.

This exchange of death for life is at the very heart of our Christian faith, and is summed up in the words of the second Eucharistic acclamation, "When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again."

The reception of Jesus in Holy Communion only makes sense in the context of a living faith—the graces which are guaranteed in the Sacraments instituted by Christ can come to life and bear fruit only in hearts that are open to being transformed. There are no magic tricks here—magic tricks belong to the world of deception! On the contrary, the Eucharist breaks through the deceptions of the world and brings us into the new reality of Christ living "through us, with us, and in us" so that "through him, with him, and in him," we are in Communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Thank the Lord that Jesus didn't say, "Take this, all of you, and understand it!" Rather, he said, "Take this all of you and eat of it!" In other words, we are invited to allow the Eucharist to be part of our lives in such a way that it becomes as essential as food is for sustaining of life.

It is not given to everyone in this world that they have the Eucharist on their menu! As Catholics, however, this is the delicacy beyond all delicacies which is offered to us on a daily basis. Should we choose to partake as often as we are able, in this divine banquet, then, surely, we are maximising our opportunities for the life of Christ to grow within us. "Give us this day our daily bread," is the prayer that Jesus invites us to pray!

At this time, we pray for the children in our schools who are making their first Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd July. May Jesus reveal himself to their hearts and minds, and may our commitment to Jesus in the Eucharist be their inspiration and example.

With God's blessing upon you and your families,

Fr Gerard

Mass Schedule for week beginning Monday 7th June, 2021

| Monday 7th June | Tuesday 8th June | Wednesday 9th June | Thursday 10th June | Friday 11th June | Saturday 12th June | Sunday 13th June |
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| For times of Masses and booking at Sacred Heart, click here. | | | | | | HS 11.15am (booking) |
| CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am | CC 10.00am Exposition until 12.00 | CC 10.00am | CC No Mass | CC 9.30am (booking) |

Online booking for upcoming Masses

[Sunday Morning Mass at Christ Church, 13th June, 9.30am](#) (click on link)

[Sunday Morning Mass at Holy Saviour's, 13th June, 11.15am](#) (click on link)

| Date | Reader 1 | Reader 2 |
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| This week: 6th June | Jeremiah | Zachariah |
| Next week: 13th June | Leroy Philbrook | Maggie King |

D-Day

The Normandy landings were the landing operations and associated airborne operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history.

*We pray for all who have lost their lives in war.
We pray for all who work for peace.*

Mass Intentions

James Eric Penny, B'day Anniv, 6th June
John Warner, 1st Anniv, 8th June.
P Hennelly, RIP.
James & Mary Dunleavy (RIP), and family.

Book of Remembrance

June 8 Michael McGrail
June 9 Jane Kelly
June 10 Mary Brooker-Carey
June 10 Albert Slinger
June 10 Terry Langstroth
June 10 Peter Richardson



May the memory of the lives of those who have gone before us, inspire us to be a people of faith and prayer; may they rest in peace, AMEN

ADVANCE NOTICE

ANNUAL RETREAT at the BRIERY, ILKLEY.

This year, the parish retreat will be Friday 22nd October - Sunday 24th October.

Refresh your soul as well as your body! You will enjoy this experience!

Contact Sue Barnes on 01282 618231 for further details.

[Monica's Children's Liturgy Video](#)

Thanking Jesus for being with us!



POUND DRAW WINNERS THIS WEEK

£10, Brenda Hustler; £10, Gianluca Fiorentini;
£10, Bernadette Turner; £76 toward Parish Funds.

Thank you very much.



Church Collection

Last week's collection: £216.70
Standing Orders: approx. £305 p/w.
CAFOD Box: £105.00

Reflection by the Bishops'
Conference of England and Wales on

['The Day of the Lord'](#)
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