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OUR LADY OF LOURDES HARPENDEN
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (B)



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Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, a feast that speaks to us of the wonderful gift that we receive in Holy Communion - the gift of Jesus himself - his body and blood. Freely and generously, Jesus gives himself to us, an undeserved, and unearned, gift. Sometimes, what we freely receive, what we don't have to work for, we may not appreciate as much as those things we have to put effort into achieving.

For the past fifteen months there have been those two periods when it has not been possible to celebrate Mass with a congregation and, since public Masses have been permitted, some parishioners, for health reasons, have been unable to, physically, attend Mass. Not attending Mass, and being unable to receive Holy Communion, has, I know, been hard for many of you.

Although it has been hard not celebrating together, could it be a moment of opportunity also? A moment when the 'absence' helps us to appreciate, even more, what we are not receiving, and creates an even greater desire within us for the gift of the Eucharist.

It has been good in recent weeks to see an increase in the numbers attending Mass, but there is still room for more; less than 20% of parishioners are presently attending. It would be good to see more young families attending, particularly those whose children made their First Holy Communion last year, as well as those preparing for the Sacrament in the autumn.

As we celebrate this feast may we reflect anew on the wonderful gift that we have been given, and may we be renewed in both our appreciation of, and our desire for, this gift of Jesus himself; as we remember that when we gather together, we are truly the Body of Christ.



MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 9am and 10.30am*

If you wish to attend one of the above Masses you can request up to two places via the parish website,

for three or more places, please email, telephone, the parish office.

Monday, Tuesday*, Wednesday and Thursday* Mass this week at 9.15am.

No need to request a place in advance.

*These Masses are live-streamed, for details see below.

When you come to Mass:

Please follow the guidance of the stewards,

wear a mask, sanitise your hands when entering and leaving,

do not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

If you suspect you may have Coronavirus symptoms, have been in touch with anyone who has, or if you are feeling unwell, do not come to church.

TOWARDS NORMALITY.....

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued further guidance in the light of the changes to the current lockdown restrictions. Those entering the church, for Mass will still need to observe the expected social distancing and wear a face mask. You will also be asked to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building. Those attending Mass on Saturday or Sunday, should continue to request a place via the website, or by email. We would ask, if at all possible, that people use their mobile phone and the QR code provided to register via NHS Test and Trace.

So from this weekend:

- The distribution of Holy Communion will return to its usual place in the Mass. Instead of coming forward to receive, you should remain in your places, and the celebrant, and extraordinary Minister, will move through the empty pews, giving Holy Communion.
- Instead of saying a collective 'Amen' to 'Body of Christ', we will return to the practise of saying 'Amen' individually when receiving Holy Communion.
- After you have received, please remain in your place, and Mass will conclude in the usual way.
- Following the Blessing, please remain in your places, until the stewards direct you safely from the church.

From this weekend the Intercessions will be reinstated.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Thank you to everyone, who has continued to support the Parish, financially, since the first lockdown in March 2020. For some, circumstances will have changed, and it will not have been possible to offer any support, which is understandable. You can give your support by Standing order, or by using planned giving envelopes. For details please contact the parish office. It's also possible to make a contribution, using the 'Contactless' machine in church and to register your offering for Gift Aid following the simple instructions on the screen or via Virgin Money giving through the Parish Website.



IN OUR INTERESTS

It does seem that there are lots of restrictions at the moment, even when we come to Mass! Overall, though, I'm sure we can all see that they are in our interests. The reason why Holy Communion is brought to you in your places, is so that there is no excessive moving around in the church. You are also guided out of church so that you can depart in a safe manner and, as well, so that our helpful volunteer stewards, can begin sanitising the church as soon as possible, ready for the next Mass. So, a big 'thank you' to everyone, for your patience in cooperating with all the guidance.

STEWARDS FOR MASS

Thank you very much to all those who give their time to steward at Mass, and to clean the church. Without you we would not be able to continue to celebrate Mass as frequently as we do. As people return to work, and take the opportunity to be away, our numbers are dropping a little, particularly on weekdays. If you have an hour, or so, to spare, during the week, or at weekends, it would be a great help if you could volunteer to be a steward. If you could help in this way please let the parish office have your details.



LET US KNOW

It's good to see that, slowly, the numbers attending Mass are increasing. In recent weeks we have been unable to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend Mass. So, it's quite disappointing to see that quite a number, who request a place, don't always take them up, or let us know. If you are unable to use the place/s you have requested, please let us know by 3pm on Thursdays. It does matter because you could be depriving someone else of the opportunity to attend Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The children preparing for First Communion, later in the year, will shortly be making their First Reconciliation. In preparation for this, there will be a **parent's meeting on Zoom, tomorrow Monday, at 7.30pm**. Parents should have received the meeting link by now.



PARISH SURVEY

Early in 2020 many of you completed the Parish Survey. 2020 though, took a very unexpected, disruptive, turn. So many things, the survey included, did not work out as we might have expected. However, the survey has been analysed, and your comments drawn together. Hopefully, many of you will have received the details of how to listen the recording of the outcomes, or where to find the transcript on the parish website. This survey, the thoughts of many of you, is about our parish. I would like to think that everyone would be interested in what has been said. To listen to the recording go to: <https://youtu.be/pPLuShNvPqs>, for the transcript visit:



<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harpenden/parish-survey-2020-outcome-seeking-christ-together/>

HELP YOURSELF

In the porch, are books authored by the late Elizabeth Wang, on the priesthood and the Trinity, as well as cards designed by her. If you would like either, or both books, or some cards, they are free to take. Last few copies remaining.

LIVESTREAMING

Masses and Services will be live-streamed on Zoom, and YouTube this coming week:

DAY	TIME	ZOOM CODE
Sunday - Mass	10.30am	894 6908 9284
Tuesday - Mass	9.15am	872 7923 9813
Thursday - Mass	9.15am	837 5376 6231

PARISH OFFICE

In line with current government advice, our office administrator, Melanie is working mainly from home. This means that the phone may not always be answered during parish office hours (9.30am-12.30pm), Monday to Thursday, and you may not get a response to a voicemail immediately. The best way for parishioners to contact the parish office at the moment is by emailing harpenden@rcdow.org.uk



PARISH NEWSLETTER

As the pandemic continues so, the weekly newsletter will only be available electronically. Parishioners on the newsletter distribution list or parish database will continue to receive an electronic copy of the bulletin each week. It is also available on our website and can be accessed here. For anyone who cannot access it electronically, it is possible to have a copy posted, if you request one from the Parish Office. Alternatively, if you are aware of anyone without a computer, or internet access, you might think of printing off a copy for them.

FOR THE CHILDREN

While the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended, it falls to each, if we are not attending Mass, to do what we can, to nourish our faith.

Parents may find the following links, useful to do something with the children, particularly on Sundays:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy/>

<https://www.facebook.com/colourandshapeonline>

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO HELP AT THE HARPENDEN JIGSAW FESTIVAL FRIDAY JULY 9TH & SATURDAY JULY 10TH

With over 1100 jigsaws on display and for sale, The Harpenden Jigsaw Festival, organized by the Developing World Group in conjunction with our friends at the High Street Methodist Church, on Friday July 9th & Saturday July 10th will be open from 8.00 am to 8.00pm. We are in need of a number of helpers to cover a variety of roles at the Festival and have begun to compile a list of volunteers. If you could help on one or both days, please could you email Noel Whittle at



noel.whittle@btinternet.com and let him know if you would prefer to do a morning, afternoon or evening stint. It is proposed that a shift will be for 2 hours. All proceeds from the Festival will be equally divided between the DWG chosen charity



Workaid www.workaid.co.uk and the High Street Methodist chosen charity Azalea www.azalea.org.uk

OPEN GARDEN ON SATURDAY 17 JULY - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

You are warmly invited to this year's open garden which will take place between 10am and 3pm on 17th July. It will provide a great opportunity to relax with friends



in a lovely setting after what has been such a difficult year. There will be plants for sale and ample refreshments including coffee, tea and delicious cakes. Any donations

of plants for the sale would be most welcome so do get those seed trays going! All proceeds will go to the DWG's current project. Further information to follow.

LIVESIMPLY

'To care for the world in which we live means to care for ourselves. Yet we need to think of ourselves more and more as a single-family dwelling in a common home. Such care does not interest those economic powers that demand quick profits. Often the voices raised in defence of the environment are silenced or ridiculed, using apparently reasonable arguments that are merely a screen for special interests.'

(Fratelli Tutti 17)

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<p>SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 11.30am & 12.30pm</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr Baptism Donaghey/Kumar Families</p> <p>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLODD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (B) Muriel Orton RIP (Recently Deceased)</p>
<p>SUNDAY 6TH JUNE</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLODD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Elizabeth & Timothy O'Mahony RIP Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>
<p>MONDAY 7TH JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Special Intention KH</p>
<p>TUESDAY 8TH JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Eric Harber RIP (Recently Deceased) Zoom Code 872 7923 9813</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 9TH JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Kathleen Moran RIP</p>
<p>THURSDAY 10TH JUNE 9.15am</p>	<p>feria Special Intention JG Zoom Code 837 5376 6231</p>
<p>FRIDAY 11TH JUNE</p>	<p>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</p>
<p>SATURDAY 12TH JUNE</p> <p>VIGIL MASS 5.00pm</p>	<p>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>John Moran RIP</p>
<p>SUNDAY 13TH JUNE</p> <p>9.00am 10.30am</p>	<p>11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)</p> <p>People of the Parish Beryl Vasquez RIP (Anniv) Zoom Code 894 6908 9284</p>

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