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Year A

CORPUS & SANGUIS CHRISTI

14th JUNE 2020

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

My flesh is real food and My blood is real drink

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

CORPUS & SANGUIS CHRISTI – THE 'BODY & BLOOD OF THE LORD' – follows in the sequence of feasts which we have been keeping ever since Easter Sunday. It's a powerful celebration of the highpoint of all the Sacraments, the gift *par excellence* of Jesus to His holy Church, namely the gift of Himself, His sacred Body & precious Blood. It is a shame that on this feast

above all, we cannot celebrate the Holy Mass together, this "sacrament of sacraments"! But there will be Adoration available this weekend, in the parish garden – for 6 at a time, in accordance with current rules on gatherings – **Sat & Sun, 8.45-10am, and 6-7pm**, weather permitting.

FROM MONDAY WE ARE ABLE TO RE-OPEN THE CHURCH AGAIN for private prayer. It will be open 8.45am-7pm each day, with an early period of quiet Eucharistic adoration (till 10am) and another one later (6-7pm). Obviously, even for the use of the church just for private prayer there will be: (i) sanitiser 'hand gel' available at all the entrance doors; (ii) a requirement that we keep at least 2m away from anyone else in church who is not a member of our household; and (iii) a daily routine of antiseptic cleansing of any surfaces likely to have been touched through the day. Please do not consider coming to church to pray if you have any of the classic symptoms of the coronavirus (fever, cough etc.).

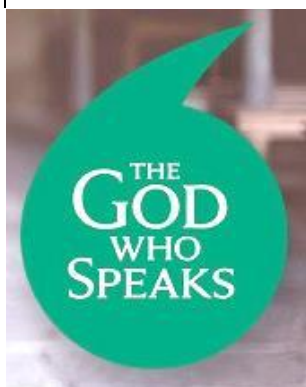
THE PARISH FUNDS ARE CONTINUING TO DIMINISH, owing to almost 3 months of no Sunday collection – the parish bank account having fallen by £13k since the start of the year – despite the kindness of many parishioners setting up Standing Orders or dropping off Offertory Envelopes through the Presbytery door. This is even with the reduced outgoings, and the rebate from Government for our furloughed staff. So, please, do remember to support our parish financially throughout these difficult weeks: your parish needs your generous support! <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/>. Thank you!



Let us adore the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus, our Bread of Life! Fr Philip

2019/20 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 26

In both Old and New Testament, we find sin described as a *refusal to hear the word* ... Sacred Scripture shows how man's sin is essentially disobedience and refusal to hear. The radical obedience of Jesus even to his death on the cross completely unmasks this sin. His obedience brings about the New Covenant between God and man, and grants us the possibility of reconciliation. ... It is important that the faithful be taught to acknowledge that the root of sin lies in the refusal to hear the word of the Lord, and to accept in Jesus, the Word of God, the forgiveness which opens us to salvation.



PRAYER & LITURGY

CHURCH RE-OPENING: the Government is allowing the re-opening of our churches from Monday 15th June, as long as there are hygienic facilities in place, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is maintained. Our church will be open for roughly the usual times (8.45am - 7pm) with Adoration at the start of the day and end of the day (8.45-10am; 6-7pm). There will be low-level supervision operating, to ensure that all is safe: Fr Philip or Fr Joshy, or volunteer parishioners, will be available in church/in the porch.

GARDEN GROTTA – ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament till **Sunday 14th June** twice a day: **9-10am and 6-7pm**, weather permitting. 6 people at most can be present in the garden at any one time; if more come, then parishioners will simply have to take it in turns.

CATHEDRAL MASS ON RADIO: On **Sunday 14th June**, feast of *Corpus Christi*, the 'Sunday Worship' programme, which is aired at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal from Westminster Cathedral. Please share this welcome news with parishioners, and family and friends especially who do not have access to the internet and are thus unable to watch live-streamed Masses.

PUBLIC SUSPENSION OF MASS: Mass is celebrated by Fr Joshy & Fr Philip in private.

- The suspension of public Mass means that the *obligation to attend Sunday Mass is removed* for the duration of the suspension.
- *Parish Masses*, for the intentions requested, will be offered without fail, even though in private. Please continue to ask for Masses to be offered, and these will be published in the Newsletter as usual. Fr Philip will also add in a Mass intention for each and every deceased person whose funeral he has had to celebrate at the cemetery/crematorium without Mass.
- *Sunday Mass can be followed online* e.g. at St Joseph & English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford> at: Sat 6pm; Sun 9am, 11am, 6pm; & weekdays 9.30am; or Westminster Cathedral <https://www.churchservices.tv/westminster> at: Sat 5.30pm, Sun 10.30am/5.30pm. This is not an obligation, but would be a pious practice in order to stay in touch with the rhythm of the Church's seasons and her devotional life.

- *The readings for Mass* can be found every day on the 'Universalis' website <http://www.universalis.com/mass.htm>
- You don't have to be a FaceBook user to view our parish page, as it's open-access: www.facebook.com/CatholicHoddesdon – I am adding a *video* of my homily to this page, so that I can continue to offer you my reflections on the Sundays and feasts.
- A *resource for daily spiritual nourishment* is the '[Pause for Faith](#)' YouTube channel hosted by Westminster priest Fr Stephen Wang: 30-min reflections, very accessible.

FINANCE

APPEAL FOR YOUR GENEROUS HELP: the Finance Committee thanks all who participated in the March 'Planned-Giving' campaign. Please could all other parishioners whose income is not threatened by this virus outbreak consider their regular support for the parish, and maybe increase their giving, doing so by *Standing Order* if possible. Print the relevant inside pages from the [Financial-support form](#) on our parish website, and return the completed form to the Presbytery. The parish relies solely on parishioners' donations. THANK YOU!

BOXES OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: those who give via Offertory envelopes can continue to deliver your offering through the Presbytery letter-box. We still rely on your giving! **NEW BOXES FOR APRIL ONWARDS** available for collection from the Presbytery, if you haven't received yours through your letter-box.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

It is vitally important that we 'look out for one another' in this present crisis. We have a number of parishioners offering to assist with shopping or running errands for anyone who is self-isolating, or elderly and choosing to remain safely at home. PLEASE, if you, or anyone you know, is in need of such help, then phone the Presbytery and we will co-ordinate it.

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

Housebound parishioners may like to know that Mass is regularly broadcast on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an *automatic* visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, **please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward**, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain.

Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Leszek Gamracy 01279-426017

CATECHETICS

"RCIA" / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION: classes all suspended for now. The celebration of Confirmation will be rescheduled by Bp McAleenan in the autumn. It is now clear that the First-Holy-Communion celebrations also cannot take place when originally scheduled, but it is not yet clear when the children's classes can resume for their preparation.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CAFOD. We are one global family. Please will you sign the CAFOD petition to ask the government to work with other world leaders to help the most vulnerable people in our world cope with this crisis? To sign the petition visit www.cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Hundreds of people rely on generous donations to the local FoodBank from our parishioners and other local people. The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are now returned to the **church porch in their usual place.**

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2020/21: We are still accepting applications for places in our Nursery commencing September 2020. Application forms available from the School Office or to download from the school website. Visits to the Nursery are – in due course – warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the School Office on 463549 or by e-mailing admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will resume making house visits when it is safe to do so.

200 CLUB: the June draw for the 200 Club has produced the following winner: no. 139, Irayna Coleman-Green. Congratulations to her!

CHURCH CLEANING – a special rota will be devised now that the church is open again.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

POPE FRANCIS'S PRAYER TO OUR LADY at this time of the virus outbreak

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus's pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



Masses this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 13th June ST ANTHONY OF PADUA Private Mass <i>McGrath family intentions</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">PAGE 83 in the Mass books</p> <p>1st Reading: Deut 8: 2–3, 14–16 <i>He fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known.</i></p> <p>Ps 147 — O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!</p> <p>2nd Reading: 1 Cor 10: 16–17 <i>That there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form one body.</i></p> <p>Gospel Accl: <i>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats of this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!</i></p> <p>Gospel: John 6: 51–58 <i>My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink</i></p> <p>PREFACE TODAY: Most Holy Eucharist (p. 65) EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10–13 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12–15 Gospel: Matthew 10: 26–33</p>
Private Mass* Hester Counsell RIP rec. dec.	
Sun 14th June CORPUS & SANGUIS CHRISTI Private Mass Giuseppe Diesi RIP Private Mass For the Parish	
Mon 15th June Private Mass Theresa Delaney — thanksgiving	
Tues 16th June ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER Private Mass Bill Pollard RIP Private Mass Patricia Mangion RIP rec. dec.	
Wed 17th June Private Mass Cepta & Attilio Castaldi RIP	
Thurs 18th June Private Mass Violet Seelanatha RIP Private Mass Margaret Docherty RIP rec. dec.	
Fri 19th June SACRED HEART OF JESUS (NO Abstinence from meat today) Private Mass James Keane RIP rec. dec.	
Sat 20th June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY Private Mass John Teeling	
Private Mass* Molly Zwager RIP	
Sun 21st June TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR Private Mass George Daly RIP Private Mass For the Parish	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 10.30 – 11 am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11 am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday ** With Children's Liturgy (nursery-age to year 2 only) ‡ There are also Sunday evening Masses in English in Hertford (6pm) and Waltham Cross (6.30pm)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> <p>The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> <p>Any parishioner frail through illness or old age, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Philip for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> <p>Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
REGULAR EVENTS	

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box attached to the notice board. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post your new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio.*