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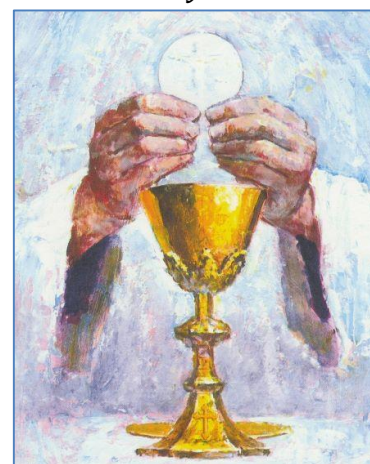
CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI

6th JUNE 2021

Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26 – *This is my body. This is my blood.*

My Dear Parishioners of St Augustine's,

THE AWESOME FEAST OF *CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI* ("the Body & Blood of Christ") allows us, rather like last weekend with the Most Holy Trinity, to ponder a central truth of our Catholic faith. At the heart of His holy Sacrifice, Our Lord established this supreme Sacrament: the night before He died, He gave us the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, a living memorial of His Passion, Death and Resurrection. We cannot contemplate His death on Good Friday without His new rite, "*This is My Body ... This is My Blood,*" given to us on Holy Thursday.



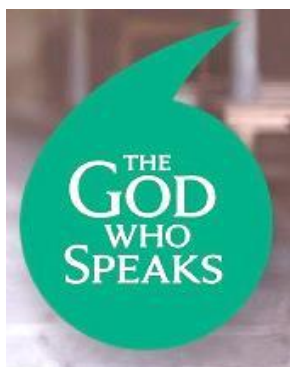
Every single Mass – and indeed every single prayer and act of devotion paid to Jesus in the Tabernacle of the church – is an expression of belief in the unique power and presence of Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament, but on this feast we pay especial honour to Our Lord's great gift to us. **After each Mass this weekend, we will have a few minutes of silent Adoration**, allowing us to re-iterate and extend the prayerful thanks that should be a part of every post-Communion time when we are at Mass. Simply kneeling there in grateful silence to Jesus sacramentally present and exposed in the monstrance is one of the most powerful expressions of our faith. Additionally, we will have an extended time of Adoration **on Sunday afternoon, for a *Corpus Christi* Holy Hour**. Please come and attend this special time of prayer (3.30-4.30pm) to show your love for Jesus who died for you and offers you the graces of that sacrifice in the Eucharist.

I am thankful to Fr Joshy for covering the Masses and times of Adoration during my 5 retreat days last week. It was my longest time away from the parish since November 2019, and I really appreciate Fr Joshy's having been available to make this possible.

May our contemplation of the great mystery of the Eucharist keep us close to Christ! Fr Philip

2020/21 Year of the Word: Pope Benedict XVI, *Verbum Domini*, n. 77

Here we touch upon one of the pivotal points in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, which insisted that each member of the faithful is called to holiness according to his or her proper state in life. Our call to holiness is revealed in sacred Scripture: "Be holy, for I am holy." Saint Paul then points out its Christological basis: in Christ, the Father "has chosen us before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him." Paul's greeting to his brothers and sisters in the community of Rome can be taken as addressed to each of us: "To all God's beloved, who are called to be saints: grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!"



PRAYER & LITURGY

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Lenny Gillett and George Underhill who will be baptised this weekend.

CORPUS CHRISTI (this Sunday): we cannot have '40 Hours' or a Procession this year, so there will be a **Sunday Holy Hour** (Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction) for this feast of Corpus Christi, **3.30pm-4.30pm**.

MASS INTENTIONS: there are many spare *weekday & some weekend dates* for intentions for you to request Mass in the coming weeks. Mass can be offered not only for the deceased, but also for the intentions of the sick, for special intentions, for thanksgiving etc. Intention can be published as 'Private Intention' if you so wish.

CHURCH OPENING: c. 8.15am-7pm, with **Adoration** at the beginning and at the end of the day (Mon-Fri). There are hygienic facilities in place, masks are to be worn, and distancing (2m from any person other than from one's own household) is to be maintained.

CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS:

- *Sunday Mass is shortened*, to give time for sanitizing the church between Masses. There is no congregational singing, no Offertory Procession and no Sign of Peace. Holy Communion will be distributed carefully and slowly. You can give your usual weekly donation as you *exit* the church, rather than in the middle of Mass.
- *Please note that the toilets will remain CLOSED.*
- *Confessions* – available again in the usual confessional, but only *kneeling at the grille/curtain*, not face to face.

5PM SUNDAY MASS: Please note that the 5pm Mass will continue for now, but will cease from August, or sooner if we are allowed to resume using all the pews.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH declared by Pope Francis (8th Dec 2020-21) – [prayer cards](#) are available.

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER ON CARE FOR CREATION: this was included at Pentecost as an insert in the Newsletter, but if you missed it, you can read it on the parish website here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/2021-05-23-pastoral-letter-pentecost/>

FINANCE

CONTACTLESS GIVING AT MASS: since

many people now carry little or no cash on them, there is now a device for giving your weekly offering to the parish for its upkeep contactlessly, by card. The device is at the **LEFT HAND** exit door from church as you leave Mass.

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O., or by envelope throughout this critical time. We do ask those of you whose finances are stable at present to consider your parish giving, to help the parish out at a difficult time. Please see <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370



You can also give by Virgin Money Giving: by using this link tiny.cc/8xn0tz, or by using the QR code alongside:

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

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: Fr Philip has e-mailed the 2020 **First-Communion** families with the groups and class dates for the resumed programme. 2020 **Confirmation** candidates who have been regularly attending Mass are being invited over the coming months to be confirmed at parish Sunday Masses in groups of 3 or 4.

BAPTISMS are now permitted with up to 30 attendees. If you have completed a Baptism course with Fr Philip *previously*, then be in touch with the Presbytery to arrange a Sunday date for your child's baptism.

BAPTISM COURSE will be held **Wed 9th June** in the crypt & **Fri 18th June** in the church, **7.30-9pm**. Only one parent need attend the course; a face covering should be worn. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged; to enrol, please contact the Presbytery.

WEDDINGS: If you intend to get married in the second half of this year, please contact the Presbytery as soon as possible as dates for the next Marriage-Preparation course are being set.

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

CORONAVIRUS - FOODBANK: Thank you to parishioners who give so generously for the local FoodBank! The need is for hygiene items, toilet paper, sanitary products etc., as well as sealed packages of NON-PERISHABLE foods: dry food, tins, and long-life milk etc. FoodBank collection boxes are in the church porch.

SCHOOLS

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL – NURSERY ADMISSIONS 2021. Applications are welcome for Nursery Class (Sept 2021) from families whose child reaches their third birthday between 1st Sept 2020 and 31st Aug 2021. There are still spaces available in our afternoon Nursery. For more details and to access the application form, please visit: <https://staugustines.herts.sch.uk/herts/primary/staugustines/site/pages/ofsted/admissions> or contact the School Office on 463549.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY: Fr Philip's new posting is to Newman House, London's Catholic Chaplaincy for students. If any students expecting to be resident in London for studies next year would like to live in the Catholic Chaplaincy, they should apply here: <https://www.universitycatholic.net/accommodation/newman-house-residential-community/>

HOUSE VISITS: Fr Philip will make door-step visits this **Tues** afternoon at homes in EN11 9A* (Howfield Green etc.; Ware Rd odd nos. if time).

PEACE COTTAGE GARDEN: After a winter of clearing the 'Peace Cottage' garden on Lord

Street in preparation for it to become a resource for the local community, the weeds are making an appearance again and there is much planting and initial design to do. The organisers would love to have more volunteer gardeners on board through the next few months. Could you help? There may also be a need for donations of hand tools (in good condition) and perennial plants. If you would like to help, please do get in touch with Kate Carter, contact details as follows:

curate@hoddesdonparishchurch.co.uk

MARSHAL VOLUNTEERS: Vaccinations against the virus are still taking place at Barclay Hall, next to Hoddesdon Anglican Parish Church. The NHS is asking for volunteers to help with marshalling. The session would be for 4 hours (8.45am-1pm or 12.45-5pm). The marshals might need to be outside during this time. The NHS would draw up a rota of volunteers, so people could volunteer for just one session a week. If you are interested, please contact denise.benfield2@nhs.net.

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.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Sat 5th June ST BONIFACE, Bishop & Martyr 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Elizabeth's intentions</i>	PAGE 85 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Exodus 24: 3–8 <i>This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Roy Clucas's intentions</i> Sun 6th June CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI 9.15am Mass <i>Irene Willmer RIP</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Private intention</i> 3.30pm Holy Hour 5pm Mass <i>For the Parish</i>	Ps 115 — The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. 2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 11–15 <i>The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.</i>
Mon 7th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Women's Catholic Bible Study</i> 6pm Adoration	Gospel Accl.: <i>Alleluia, alleluia I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia</i> Gospel: Mark 14: 12–16, 22–26 <i>This is my body. This is my blood.</i>
Tues 8th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Rosa Russo RIP anniv</i> 6pm Adoration	PREFACE TODAY: Eucharist II (p. 53) EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: no. 3 (p. 27)
Wed 9th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Doreen Poynter RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR B) 1st Reading: Ezekiel 17: 22–24 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 6–10 Gospel: Mark 4: 26–34
Thurs 10th June 8.15am Adoration 9am Morning Prayer 9.15am Mass <i>Michael Sherman RIP</i> 6pm Adoration	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.30 – 9am & 10.40 – 11am or ask Fr Philip at any other time.
Fri 11th June MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (NO Abstinence from meat today) 11am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament/11.45 Benediction 12 noon Mass <i>Ennia Socorro</i> 6pm Adoration	ROSARY The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Sat 12th June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY 9.30am Adoration 10am Mass <i>Giuseppe Cognata RIP anniv.</i>	SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK 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.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass* <i>Calogero Nicastro RIP</i>	SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 13th June 11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>McGrath family intentions</i> 5pm Mass <i>Private intention</i>	Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699
<p style="text-align: right;">* Vigil Mass of Sunday</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 new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** *Si pregano tutti i parrocchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascuna 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.*