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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI) (YEAR B) - 6TH JUNE 2021

SUNDAY THOUGHT

The Gospel for this Sunday is Mark's version of the Last Supper, which for him was in the context of the Passover meal. But according to the Synoptic Gospels (Mathew, Mark and Luke) Jesus gave new meaning to the Passover meal. The bread he takes, blesses, breaks and shares is his Body. The cup of thanksgiving that is shared is his covenantal Blood. The Passover meal, which commemorated the people's delivery from Egypt, would now commemorate Jesus's death and ultimate delivery from death to resurrection. Our participation in consuming the Body and Blood of Christ is a participation in his life, death and resurrection.

We who gather around the table of the Eucharist are fed by Christ and become one in him. The celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is much more than the celebration of something to be revered. By necessity, the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ causes the unity shared by Christians by their participation in the Eucharistic feast. That unity was Jesus's own desire expressed by his prayer to the Father. May we be instruments of that unity by our own share in that same Eucharist.

Catholicism is a sacramental faith. we are an earthly people, needing to touch, taste, see, smell, and feel. Is it any wonder that the way we connect with the incarnation of God is to consume the Body and Blood of that incarnation? Rather than merely listen to the word of God, we consume the Word of God made flesh. The sacramental reality reaches something deep within. Our faith is not simply a head trip, or the summary of what can be learned in books. Our faith is something we experience with our senses. By consuming the sacramental meal we participate in the life of Christ and his paschal mystery.

MESSAGE FROM FR SHAUN

Last weekend I shared with you the news that my time as your Parish Priest will shortly be coming to an end. My final Sunday with you will be 1st August, after which I will be having a sabbatical year before taking up a new appointment in the Diocese in September 2022. I also shared with you the news that your new Parish Priest will be Fr Andrew Gallagher, who is currently the Precentor and one of the Chaplains at Westminster Cathedral.

Fr Andrew has Hertfordshire roots, as his family home is in Harpenden. The three parishes are very blessed that such a dedicated, faithful and hard-working priest has been appointed to lead the three parishes forward. The parishes are also blessed that Fr Damian will continue in his ministry as Assistant Priest, which will help with a sense of continuity and assist Fr Andrew through the period of transition. I know that you will give a very warm welcome to Fr Andrew when he arrives at the end of August. Please keep both Fr Andrew and Fr Damian in your prayers at this time and in the coming months. *Fr Shaun*

FROM THE PARISH DIARIES

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE	11.30am	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians
THURSDAY 10TH JUNE	8.00pm - 9.30pm	Online Prayer Group	via <i>Zoom</i>
SATURDAY 11TH JUNE	11.30am	Baptisms	Our Lady Help of Christians

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

	Our Lady Help of Christians	St John the Evangelist	St John Fisher
SATURDAY 5TH JUNE <i>ST BONIFACE, BISHOP & MARTYR</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 6TH JUNE <i>THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST</i>	10am Special Intention 6pm Ramiro Montesdeoca RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am For the People of the Parish	9am Gregory McEwen RIP
MONDAY 7 TH JUNE	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
TUESDAY 8 TH JUNE	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
WEDNESDAY 9 TH JUNE	9.30am Julia Rice RIP		
THURSDAY 10 TH JUNE	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
FRIDAY 11TH JUNE <i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</i>	9.30am Verna Kendrick RIP		
SATURDAY 12TH JUNE <i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	For the sick and housebound of the parish		
SUNDAY 13TH JUNE <i>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>	10am John Netto RIP 6pm Nuala & Gerry Corr RIP (Anniv.)	10.30am Stephen Birch RIP (Anniv.)	9am For the People of the Parish

Entrance Antiphon:	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
1st Reading:	Exodus 24:3-8
Response to Psalm:	The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.
2nd Reading:	Hebrews 9:11-15
Gospel:	Mark 14:12-16. 22-26
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.
Next Sunday's Readings:	Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34 (Gospel)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISHES

Our Lady Help of Christians: Kathleen Collins, Brenda Reynolds, Neville Mathews, Agnes & Ronnie Harper, Ginny Goodgol, Maria Wallis, Heather Kean, John Caneparo, Henry Cutting, Nalene Nixon, Pam Bell, Maureen Douglas, Josie Westthrop, Bishop John MacWilliam, Michael Gaukroger and Ronnie Harper.

St John the Evangelist: Rita Murray, Michael Dixon, Alfredo Rock, James Clark, Eve & Tom Clark.

St John Fisher: Nora O'Toole, Francis De Souza, Georgina Kelham, Pete Murray, Steve Kibbey, Matthew Leone, Jean-Pierre Roche, Angela Hoy, Pat Finucane, Colin Dowling, Kitty Finucane, Anne Trenchard, Paul Kennett, Ann Penn, Paddy Goble, Pam Fitzpatrick and Julian Harris.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

TERESA PRICE RIP

The funeral of Teresa Price will take place at Our Lady Help of Christians on **Friday 18th June at 11am** followed by burial at Chorleywood Lawn Cemetery. Due to social-distancing restrictions, funerals are currently restricted to a maximum of 30 mourners so it will not be possible for parishioners to attend, unless they have been directly invited by the family. However, people are free to participate via livestream at the following link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/rickmansworth> We offer our deepest condolences to Teresa's family at this sad and difficult time.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Although it isn't currently possible for the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, both Fr Shaun and Fr Damian are available for the celebration of the sacrament by individual appointment. Any parishioners wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation should contact Fr Shaun or Fr Damian to arrange a mutually convenient time.

BAPTISMS

For those seeking to register their child/children for baptism, please, email Fr Damian. For those who have completed baptism preparation, and who are waiting for the next available dates, please contact Kerry Van Rensburg.

GIFT AID

Thank you to everyone who has Gift-Aided their offering. Gift Aid adds 25p to the value of every £1 given, at no extra cost to you. If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your offering please contact Fr Shaun, Fr Damian or Kerry. ***Please let us know if your tax circumstances have changed (2020/21 tax year) so that we do not ask for a tax refund if you haven't paid the associated tax.*** We will also need to know if you have changed your address recently.

UPDATED - IMPORTANT INFORMATION - MASS ATTENDANCE STICKERS AND CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE (CCP) OF 2022 SECONDARY TRANSFER AND NURSERY / RECEPTION 2022

With the Sunday Mass Obligation currently suspended and the ability of families to attend Mass in the parish each Sunday being very restricted due to social distancing measures, it is currently not possible to provide Mass attendance cards and stickers to families with a child making secondary transfer in 2022 or seeking a nursery or reception place in a catholic primary school in 2022. There currently seems to be a level of uncertainty about if, and on what criteria, priests are going to be asked to complete CCPs for 2022 admissions. For the time being, all parents with a child who will be seeking a place in a Catholic Secondary school in 2022 or a nursery or reception place in a Catholic primary school (other than St John's, Mill End or St Anthony's, Watford which do not require a CCP) should email me at shaunchurch@rcdow.org.uk, providing the following information: *Name of the child (first name and surname); Parents/Guardians names (first name and surname); Address at which you reside; Telephone contact details.*

I will retain this information and keep a careful eye on Diocesan guidance with regard to the issuing of CCPs for 2022 admissions in the light of the prevailing restrictions caused by the pandemic. *Fr Shaun*

"TEA WITH THE SVP" AND THEIR COVID RECOVERY PROGRAMME – CAN YOU HELP?

As Covid restrictions are relaxed further, the hidden suffering in our communities is likely to become more apparent. To raise funds for their Covid Recovery Programme and its regional Community Support Projects the SVP recently hosted a week of events - "Tea with the SVP" - to coincide with National Tea Day on 21st April. During that week there were thoroughly enjoyable interviews with two well-known Patrons of the SVP – Julie Etchingham (of ITN News, to view click [here](#)) and Frank Cottrell-Boyce (children's author and screenwriter, to view click [here](#)) about their careers and what the SVP means to them. The SVP's nationwide target is £5,000 which will be matched by a generous corporate benefactor. **Please can you help?** If so, please go to www.svp.org.uk and click on the red "Donate" button. Under "Where should it go?", click on the drop-down menu and select "Covid Recovery Programme". Thank you for your generous support and may God bless you.

RVS LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club run by the RVS has reopened at the Community Centre in Mill End. Two course lunches will be served between 12.15 - 12.30 every weekday at a cost of £5 per head including a soft drink and on frequent occasions, a glass of sherry. Teas and coffees are also served before and after the meal. Everyone over the age of 60 is welcome! In order to reserve a place please ring the Community Centre on: 01923 493344. Please notify us of any food allergies when contacting the Community Centre.

CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

NOTICES FOR ALL THREE PARISHES

INVITATION TO PRAY

You are warmly invited to join us every Thursday evening to pray together and have a time of fellowship. Whether you are part of the Parish Community or not we would love you to come along to our online prayer group. The evening will consist of a time for singing, reading and quiet reflection, sharing and intercessory prayer. You are welcome to join in as you feel you would like. Prayer meetings will start at 8.00pm every Thursday and finish at 9.30pm. If you would like to join us simply email the following address and we will add you to the invitation - barbarajohnson48@gmail.com We are using a platform called 'Zoom' which is very 'user friendly' and we can support you with this if necessary. We look forward to hearing from you.

WESTMINSTER DIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Please visit our website at <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> where you can view the latest vacancies.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS - NOTICES

DONA - CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please look out for our donation device (DONA) – it's a simple and easy way to make a donation. Choose an amount and then tap your debit/credit card. We are very grateful to all our regular donors who support the parish financially by standing orders or weekly envelopes, however our loose plate collections have greatly diminished as fewer people carry cash now. Please remember to use hand sanitizer before and/or after using the device which will be stationed in the church porch. Thank you.

200 CLUB

Apologies for last weeks notice - the list of winners was incorrect and from a previous year's notice.

April - Congratulations to Heather Kean (£33), Patricia Kelly (£24.75), Pauline Starck (£16.50), Angela Steele (£8.25)

May - Congratulations to Annie Kent (£33), Maureen Douglas (£24.75), Theresa Jubber (£16.50), Richard Dumughn (£8.25)

FOR THE MISSIONS

Please keep saving your stamps for the Missions. For the time being, please keep them at home, do not bring them to the church porch. Thank you, *Sheila Harrington*.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST - NOTICES

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, MILL END AND MAPLE CROSS

2021 marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of St John the Evangelist church in 1971. I am delighted to say that Cardinal Vincent Nichols will be coming to St John's to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday 27th June 2021**. We can be hopeful that by that time the restrictions will have been eased enough for us to be able to celebrate the day in a fuller way than we can right now. But we will have to wait and see. As part of our celebration of this important anniversary year we are moving forward with our plans to create a Lady Chapel in the side chapel area of the church. The new painted reredos for Our Lady's statue and the refurbished wooden altar are now complete and will be installed in the next couple of weeks.

ST JOHN FISHER - NOTICES

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

A number of parishioners who use planned giving envelopes but are currently unable to attend Sunday Mass have contacted us regarding their planned giving and the offering that they make to their parish using them. For any parishioner who is in this situation and wishes to make a Sunday offering, we invite you to either drop your envelopes, together with your donation, at the parish office at the Presbytery at Our Lady's (but only if passing through Rickmansworth – please continue to follow Government guidelines with regard to essential travel) or to post a cheque made payable to St John Fisher, Chorleywood, together with at least one planned giving envelope, to the Parish Office. Alternatively, you could make a donation via an electronic payment to St John Fisher parish using the following details:

Account Name: WRCDT Chorleywood

Sort Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 21095552

Please annotate the payment as: **Sunday Offering**. Thank you for your continued and valued support.

MISSIO/APF REDBOX HOLDERS

It is almost June and time for the quarterly collection for our Missionaries, who must be struggling! Loose cash is not readily available, so could you once again put either a banknote or a cheque made payable to Missio APF or me and either put it in my letter box or leave it at Church. New box holders always very welcome! Thank you as always. Mary 284975.