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CORPUS CHRISTI

Welcome to our 'On Line' Newsletter during this difficult time for all of us. It should be easier to read and to download and print if you so wish. Please use the readings and reflection as part of your spiritual Communion and with any streamlining Masses in which you may be watching and participating.

Sunday cycle
Readings Year A

Weekday Readings
Year 2 Week 11

Divine Office
Week 3

For children,
download a weekly sheet:
[http://www.sdc.me.uk/
sundayliturgy/](http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/)

THIS WEEK

Sun 14 June **CORPUS CHRISTI**
9.30am For the People of the parish
James Heron RIP

Mon 15 June **feria**
9.30am O'Reilly Family Ints
Jan Paszkowski RIP

Tues 16 June **feria**
Calco Family Ints
David Leathers RIP

Weds 17 June **feria**
9.30am Baptist Fernandes Ints

Thurs 18 June **feria**
9.30am Mary O'Connell RIP

Fri 19 June **THE MOST SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**
9.30am Paddy Meehan RIP
Mario Pinto RIP

Sat 20 June **The immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.30am Margaret carroll RIP
Jerome Connor RIP

Sun 21 June **CORPUS CHRISTI**
9.30am For the People of the parish
Silvera Lopes Ints

TODAY'S MASS



Having seen Jesus multiply the loaves and fishes, the crowd pursues him, perhaps seeking more food but also looking for another sign. Jesus tells the crowd that he is the bread of life. He explains that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has sent new manna that will give eternal life. It is in this context that Jesus repeats those words in today's Gospel and tells them again that he is the living bread that came down from heaven.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a

Moses tells the people to remember how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Praise God, Jerusalem!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though many, we are one body when we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

Jesus says, "I am the living bread."

SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Let us ask our Lord then to make us souls devoted to the blessed Eucharist, so that our relationship with him brings forth joy and serenity and a desire for justice. In this way we will make it easier for others to recognize Christ; we will put Christ at the centre of all human activities. And Jesus' promise will be fulfilled: *I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.* (Jn 12:32)"

Saint Josemaria Escriva

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

SICK & HOUSEBOUND: Michael Fahey, Anne Hull, Catherine Kevill, Margaret O'Shea, Edith Geissler, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Germaine Duffner, Patrick McDonagh, Paul Turnbull, Tom Fernandes.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Louisa Robison, David Lethers, Bridget Bolger, Gerson Moores, Peter.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED:

Emmeline Lynam, Cardinal Basil Hume

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

- ◆ ALL WHO WORK IN THE NHS AT THIS TIME.
- ◆ DOCTORS, NURSES & SUPPORT STAFF.
- ◆ ALL WHO ARE SICK IN ANY WAY.
- ◆ THE ELDERLY & VULNERABLE.
- ◆ FOR OUR POLITICIANS MAKING DIFFICULT DECISIONS.
- ◆ FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR CARE HOMES AND ALL WHO WORK THERE.

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE

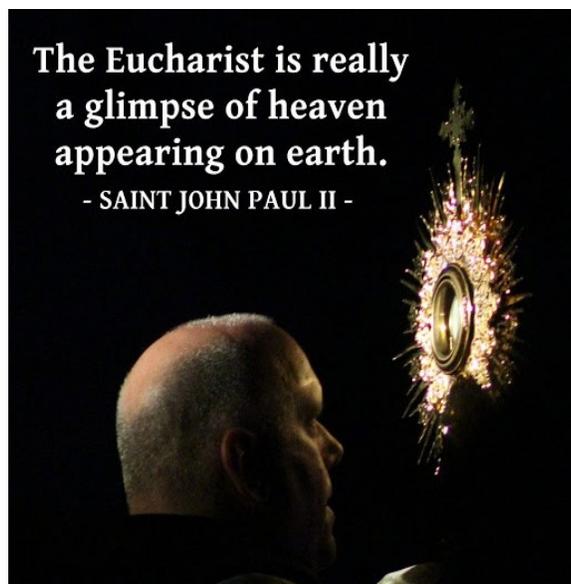
The Way of the Heart: We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Has been sponsored this week for the Parish and its renewal after Lockdown

LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

has been sponsored this week for intentions of Mr & Mrs Neary



**The Eucharist is really
a glimpse of heaven
appearing on earth.**

- SAINT JOHN PAUL II -

Today is one of the great feasts of the year, 'Corpus Christi', when we give thanks for the wonderful gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. When The Israelites celebrated the first Passover in Egypt the Lord ordered that they should celebrate it every year and that they should explain to their children and to their children's children, from generation to generation, what this Passover signifies (Ex 12:25-27). The awareness of what it is, is absolutely necessary for appreciating this celebration and for celebrating it as it should be celebrated. The same applies to the Eucharist, the Passover of the New Testament.

Jesus celebrated the first Passover of the New Testament, when at the Last Supper he changed bread and wine into his Body and Blood and gave them to his Apostles as food and drink, and then dying on the cross he offered himself as victim to his Father. In the Holy Mass, Jesus is offering himself, in the form of bread and wine, through the ministry of the priest, to God the Father, reminding us of his death and resurrection.

The Eucharist is the real 'manna', Jesus had promised his listeners in the desert in today's Gospel. From the very beginning, the Church believed these truths and taught them and upheld them against all errors and heresies. St Thomas Aquinas, expressed beautifully the Eucharistic faith of the Church in the hymn "*Adoro te devote*" (I devoutly adore you), which he composed for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Along with him let us also say: 'We cannot know you through seeing or touching or tasting, but we believe in you through hearing what you have said. We believe whatever you have said, for nothing is more true than your word. On the cross only your divinity was hidden, but here in the Eucharist also, your humanity is hidden. But we believe and proclaim both, i.e., that both your divinity and humanity are present in the Eucharist, and we make the same request of you as the penitent thief.'

If the sacrifice of the Mass is the same as the sacrifice of Calvary, but offered in an un-bloody manner, how devoutly should we celebrate it or participate in it? In the early Church, public sinners and non-Christians were not admitted to the Eucharist. The faithful were taught, that to be able to receive communion worthily and to benefit from it, one must be free from grave sin. St Paul had given a warning: You must examine yourselves before you receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. If one receives the Eucharist unworthily, one is bringing judgment upon oneself (I Cor 11:27-29). Today let us resolve to worship the Lord in the holy Eucharist and never to offend and dishonour him.

God alone can satisfy all the longing and hunger of our hearts, because He alone can give us the bread of eternal life. Without it we would not have the strength to follow Christ. By receiving the Eucharist, we are nourished, and enabled to nourish others as Jesus does. Let us thank God for this wonderful gift!

NEWS UPDATE



STAY ALERT
CONTROL
THE VIRUS
SAVE LIVES

GREAT NEWS—After we had gone to print last Sunday the government announced the first phase of churches re-opening. For us this will happen on **MONDAY 15th JUNE**. For this first **week we will open from 10.15am—12noon**. It is a huge undertaking as the government have asked for huge health and safety measures to be in place. Thankfully at St George's we are pretty well there!

SO...

WELCOME BACK TO ST. GEORGE'S! - It will be great to see you again!

Before you come to church, please read carefully the following guidelines for the re-opening of our Churches:

- Please always keep social distancing –2 metres apart.
- Please use sanitising gel:
 - ⇒ On Entry;
 - ⇒ Before and after lighting a candle;
 - ⇒ On leaving.
- Please sit in the designated areas. Each is marked by a strip of black & yellow tape.
- Please follow the one way system as identified on the floor and exit by the far door.
- If you are a household living together you may sit together but please

respect other individuals and their space.

- Do not shake hands, hug or kiss anyone (we know its great to see your friends again!)

- Entry to the sacristy, flower room and confessional are still restricted.

- The toilets are closed.

- Please note that at this stage the church is allowed to be open for **PRIVATE PRAYER ONLY**. Please do not recite together any devotions i.e. Divine Mercy or the Rosary.

- Do not leave anything behind in church (literature, tissues etc.). There will be a disposal bin on leaving.

- If you wish to make an offering or return your weekly giving envelopes, collecting buckets are placed by the exit.

- It's great to be back in Church. Thank the Lord, continually present in the Blessed Sacrament. He has been waiting for the moment to be with you again. Pray for our Parish and one another. can be downloaded. It will keep you in touch with what is going on.

Once again, if you think you can help with daily stewarding and cleaning please contact Fr Jeremy on:

jeremyfairhead@rcdow.org.uk

We need YOU to keep the church open!

HALL HIRE One or two people are asking if the parish Centre will reopen soon. Once again there is no advice at present other than to keep them locked. It would be strange to open them before the church itself! We'll keep you informed as things progress.

THIS SUNDAY 14TH JUNE the Sunday Worship Programme, which airs at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will broadcast Mass celebrated by the Cardinal

in Westminster Cathedral. Please share this welcome news with parishioners, and family and friends who do not have access to the internet and are thus unable to watch livestreamed Masses.

YOU CAN FIND POSSIBILITIES FOR JOINING MASS LIVE-STREAMING

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/sudbury/pray-at-home/> <https://www.ealing.gov.uk/coronavirus>

MASS INTENTIONS. If you would like to book a Mass please telephone the presbytery. Please note that at the moment the parish office is closed.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank you to all have been giving during this time via Direct Debit. It has made all the difference. Like every business we have been financially challenged during the lockdown period and maybe beyond. Those who usually give through the envelope scheme should have received your new annual envelopes in the post. If you have been keeping them to return once the church opens there will be a facility for you to give them after Monday. Thank you again to all who have been doing this for St. George's.. If after this time you would prefer to use direct Debit you will need to let us know in the parish office and we can send out the relevant form. Also, if you have a gift aid with the parish and are no longer paying tax it is your responsibility to inform the parish office. Lastly, if you have been giving regularly, but now find yourself unable to do so because you may now be out of work, please don't worry or feel obligated. The Lord understands and knows that our families and those realities come first.

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

Entrance Antiphon *Ps 81 (80): 17*

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 8:2-3.14-16*

Moses said to the people: Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial psalm: 147

R./ O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. **R./**

2. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **R./**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. Alleluia! **R./**

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we

all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

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!

Gospel: *John 6:51-58*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *John 6: 57*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.