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Opening Times for Individual Prayer

Monday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 10:00am—12 noon
6:00pm—7:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am—12 noon

Sunday: 10:00am—12 noon

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



ST MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE —MONTH OF

THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

14 June 2020

CORPUS CHRISTI

YEAR A

The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a Catholic liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by



St. Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV in order to create a feast focussed solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasising the joy of the Eucharist. On this day, it is traditional to hold in the streets of a town or in an individual parish a procession with prayers and singing to honour the Blessed Sacrament. During the procession, the consecrated Host is displayed in a monstrance held aloft. At the end of the procession, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is given.

The ancients associated blood with life. In the Old Testament it says, 'for the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life' (Leviticus 17:14).

Carrying this association further, one can see how drinking blood or eating meat with blood would signify a communion or participation in the victim's life. For instance; by drinking the blood of an ox, for example, the person gains the power or strength of the ox. The pagans often worshipped animal gods. So drinking the blood of animals or eating meat with blood in it was an attempt to enter into communion with these gods.

Christ is God. Therefore, he has the authority to propose a new law that supersedes the old (Matt 5:27-48; 1 Cor 9:21; Gal 6:2; James 2:8). The New Law commands us to partake of Christ's Body and Blood (John 6:53-56). Therefore, Christ's command makes it permissible to share in the life of God. Sharing in the life of God is an act of true worship that is both desirable and necessary (John 6:57, 11:25; 1 John 5:11-12; 2 Peter 1:4).

Jesus says, 'whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them' (John 6:54-56).

Are you ready to share his life?

Fr. Sudham.

Those who are sick: Brian Lynch, Ann Kean, Jerome Hayes, Thomas Sheridan

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eileen Costello, Thomas Gilgunn, The Wallis Family

Parish News

Reopening the church. "It is really good news that we have been allowed to reopen the church for individual prayer. You will be very welcome to come and pray quietly in the church, to pray for yourself and your family and friends, for those who are ill or who have died, and for all who work in key services.

You will be able to light candles, and most importantly to pray in the presence of Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. There will be no public Mass, formal prayer or public recitation of the Rosary.

We are following guidelines from both the government and the church in making everything as safe as possible for you. You will notice some important changes to the church as we follow these guidelines.

The way in will be by the door under the tower, not the main doors on the street, and the way out will be the door by the grotto. This will also be the step free entrance for those who need it.

Whenever the church is open, there will be stewards to guide you and make sure that everything is kept as safe as possible. Please co-operate with them so the church is safe for all to enjoy.

Depending on how many people come at any one time, you may be asked to wait outside until there is space in the church.

When you come into the church please gel your hands thoroughly using the gel from the dispenser.

There will be a one-way system operating inside the church. You will see arrows on the floor to guide you. Some parts of the church will be roped off and not accessible. Please do not cross any barriers. This is to help with the cleaning of the church.

Please observe social distancing at all times, whether you are walking, sitting or kneeling. Households may sit and kneel together.

You will be able to light candles at some of our shrines, but not all of them. You may not use candles brought from home. Please do not touch the statues in any way.

You will see signs on the benches indicating where you can sit or kneel, observing social distancing. People living together in one household may sit together.

Please observe the one-way system through the church.

If there are a lot of people wanting to use the church, we may have to ask you to limit the amount of time you can spend in the church so others may come in as well.

There will be a basket for your offerings and envelopes as you leave the church.

The opening of the church is only made possible because people have generously volunteered to act as stewards. We will aim to open the church regularly throughout the week, but the times may vary depending on the availability of stewards. We will inform you of the opening times each week on the website, in the newsletter and on the doors of the church. If you wish to help with stewarding and cleaning the church, please get in touch via email. May God bless you and all you love". Monsignor Roger.

Please see details of our opening times for individual prayer overleaf.

Newsletter. Now that our church is open a paper copy of the weekly newsletter will be available in the church for you to pick up and take home with you as you leave. The newsletter will continue to be posted on the parish website as normal and can be found under this link <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesdengreen/parish-newsletters-2020/>

Mass Intentions. We are still taking Mass intentions. If you would like to book a Mass please telephone the parish office on 020 8451 4677 or email willesdengreen@rcdow.org.uk.

Collection. Standing orders for May amounted to £3,179.00. If you would like to consider giving by standing order please contact the parish office. Thank you so much for your generosity in whatever way you give.

What happens if you go into hospital? In light of strict data protection rules it is essential that on entering hospital you indicate that your details or those of your relative are to be passed to the Roman Catholic chaplain. Also state that you or your relative would like the Roman Catholic chaplain to visit you. Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an on-call service in case of emergencies.

Diocesan News

Cardinal: Opening churches for individual prayer is 'big step forward for society.' A few days before churches re-open for private, individual prayer on 15 June, having been closed to the public since 23 March to help stop the spread of COVID-19, Cardinal Vincent spoke about the significance of this important step. In an interview recorded in Westminster Cathedral, the Cardinal said that re-opening churches safely is an important first step as society continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. He also expressed the hope that, as we return to normal, we can continue to hold on to the 'many things that we've learnt' and some of the 'old treasures we've recovered' during the lockdown. This week, the cathedral is undergoing a deep clean and the seating reconfigured to allow the faithful to come in to pray in a safe manner. On Sunday, one day ahead of the opening of churches, the Cardinal will celebrate Mass for *Corpus Christi* from the cathedral, which will be broadcast live from 8:10am on BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship. The full transcript of the interview can be found at <https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/cardinal-opening-churches-for-individual-prayer-is-big-step-forward-for-society/>

Readings at Mass

Corpus Christi

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2—3. 14—16

Psalm Response: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Second Reading: Corinthians 10:16—17

Alleluia Verse: I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Gospel: John 6:51—58

Sunday Readings and Prayers

Entrance Antiphon Ps81(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.

ST MARY MAGDALEN MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Week commencing 14 June 2020

Sunday 14 June 2020 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Sanguis Christi)

The Mass Intentions for the weekend are:

Oliver Fay	RIP
The Wallis Family	Anniv
People of the Parish	
Eileen Costello	Anniv
Thomas Gilgunn	Anniv

Monday 15 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Ambrose Cosgrove	Ints
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Tuesday 16 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Joy & Ray Rice	Ints
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Wednesday 17 June 2020 – *Feria*

9:30am	Tommy Quigley	RIP
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Thursday 18 June 2020 – St Barnabas, Apostle

9:30am	Pat & Bridie Connell	Ints
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Friday 19 June 2020 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30am	Peter Fernandes	RIP
6:30pm	Feast of the Sacred Heart – Pioneers	Ints

Saturday 20 June 2020 – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30am	Michael Niland	RIP
6:30pm	Martin & Patrick Grealish	Anniv