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**SUNDAY 3rd JUNE 2018**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**YEAR B**

Last week, we celebrated the Three Divine persons in the One God, i.e. the Most Holy Trinity. Today we celebrate the Sacrament to which all the other Sacraments point the way, **Holy Communion** itself. Each time we receive Communion, we take to ourselves that same Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity which Christ first gave to His Apostles at the Last Supper and which, as our Risen Lord, He longs, every day, to give to us. This is not to be regarded as a reward for being good, but to strengthen us in our resolve to be good Catholics.



One of the descriptions of the Mass is ‘...*a public act of worship...*’ Another public proof of our adherence to the Fullness of the Faith is how we ‘...*love one another...*’ Many of us will recall, from our own childhood, that a prominent part of the celebration of Corpus Christi was a public procession around the neighbourhood of our church. Father, accompanied by the Parish First Communicants, their Families and other Parishioners, carried the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance, taking Our Lord out to those of all Faiths and none. This very ‘high-profile’ demonstration of our love for and devotion to the *Bread of Life* is taking place, after a gap of many years, in our Parish today.

Thanks to the present English translation of the text of the Mass, we can acknowledge, just before receiving Communion, our total unworthiness to have God come into our body and soul. We repeat the words of the Roman Centurion, declaring, “**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.**” We not only admit to our fallen human nature, but we proclaim our firm belief that Christ can, in His Goodness, providing that we are truly sorry, drive out the sins which distance (and, sometimes) completely separate us from Him.

It is because Jesus, God the Son, actually comes to each of us *personally* that the Church insists upon our being in the State of Grace, i.e. free from Mortal Sin, requiring us to confess any such sins of which we are aware before approaching the Altar. She requires us, also, under normal circumstances, to fast for one hour (water and medicines are the only exceptions) before receiving Communion. Hopefully, realising the importance of the Food of our Souls, this is no big deal. Decades ago, the fast lasted from Midnight on Saturday; it was then reduced to three hours by Pope Pius XII in 1957, then to the present one hour by Pope Paul VI in 1964.

You might like to read the stories of **Saint Tarcisius** (<http://www.ewtn.com/library/MARY/TARCIS.htm>) and **Little Li** (<http://www.myfirstholycommunion.com/portfolio-view/little-li/>), two children who gave their lives as Martyrs for love of the Holy Eucharist. They will inspire you and your children! Why not see how many more *Saints of the Eucharist* you can discover! If ever one goes unwillingly to Mass and Communion, one will do well to recall that in various parts of the world, our Brothers and Sisters are still risking their lives for this Privilege. Our Procession today will be a clear sign of our gratitude for the freedom we enjoy to practise our Faith in this country, and a sign of Solidarity with our persecuted Brothers and Sisters. Have a Holy and Happy Solemnity!

## **Thank you for your generosity**

The collection for Sunday 27th May 2018 came to **£1979.00** (£1279.00 (baskets) & £700.00 (Standing Orders)).

Thanks from LIFE for helping them to raise £126.00 for LIFE HQ at last weekend's Coffee Morning.

Next weekend, there will be a Second Collection for the **Catholic Trust for England & Wales**. This supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, helping with the central administration costs of running the Church in England and Wales. Would all **Gift Aiders** please use the **yellow envelope, specially marked** for this collection, from your boxes. Those who Gift Aid by Standing Order will also need this special envelope.

## **GIFT AID SCHEME**

**Envelopes for weekly offerings are a pale green colour; Envelopes for second collections are yellow.**

**The colour of envelopes is changed each tax year, so if you have old ones, please destroy them.**

**If you have left the Gift Aid Scheme, you must cease using your envelopes and destroy them.**

**Numbered envelopes may only ever be used by the person who has signed the Gift Aid Declaration.**

**Never use anybody else's envelope, even with the number crossed out. Never share envelopes with others.**

To join this scheme, please contact John Byrne via the Parish Office. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the parish can reclaim tax you have already paid, **at no extra cost to yourself, if you are a taxpayer and you qualify for the scheme.**

*If you would like to receive an End of Year letter for tax purposes, kindly request it from the Parish Office.*

## **A SPECIAL PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER**

This will be read at all Masses this weekend, concerning the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and concentrating on the Holy Eucharist, whilst looking forward to the forthcoming Adoremus Eucharistic Congress, which will be taking place this autumn.

## **Please pray for our Sick and Housebound parishioners:**

**Under the new GDPR rules, any new names added to our list must be with the approval of those named.**

Jessica Anane, Lilian Armstrong, Juliette Blake, Alan Blaquiere, Anita Blaquiere, Barry Breese, Erna Breese,

Frances Caulfield, Jean Cowie, Reeda D'Souza, Audrey Draude, Teresa Florek-Smail, Raffaela Forte,

Giovanni Franco, Rachel Gadd, Elaine Gunther, Anne Harris, Agnes Healy, Evelyn Hyland, Baby Scarlett Kurowski,

David Lacey, Elsie McCleave, James McDonald, Breda McDonagh, Michael Madigan, Ajitha Mahantila,

Gerard Mascarenhas, Charmaine Meli, Ruby Mendez, Mary Meyern, Janina Miller, Maria Parnis,

Marion Robertson, Parwar Saib, Frederic Saint-Rose, Alice Scott, Elizabeth Scott, Christine Shaughnessy,

Maggie Sunich, Tony Tambirasa, Edythe Thirlwall, Monica Vergara, Mary White, Ethelda Williams,

Carole Winch, John Windsor, Charmaine Wise, Georgette Yoo Foo, Tony Zammit.

*If you know of anybody who is sick or housebound, or in a local care home, who is unable to come to Mass,*

*and who would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation, an Anointing or a Blessing,*

*please ask them or their representatives to contact the parish office as required under the new GDPR legislation.*

## **WELCOME**

We welcome into the family of the Catholic Church, the three children Baptised last Sunday:

**Kian Noel Dempsey, Lucia Grocott and Beatrice Kate Massey**

## **CHURCH CLEANING IN THE COMING WEEK - GROUP 6**

Ann Marie Charles, Islay Cowlin, Susan D'Souza, Susan Flatts, Linda Johnson, Agatha Kyere-Amoako, Obi Ohen, Gloria Osiobe, Carol Thompson, Julie Thompson. *To join our rota, please contact the Parish Office.*

## **COFFEE MORNING NEXT SUNDAY WITH THE SVP**

In the hall after the 8.30am & 10.00am Masses. Do come along and give your support, enjoying teas, coffees and delicious home made cakes. As ever, the SVP will be raising money to enable young people in need to have a short break at a Young Vincentians holiday camp. Most of us are lucky enough to be able to have a holiday away from home, but for many this just is not possible. Please come along and help to make it a great success.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION - THIS AFTERNOON**

Our first Corpus Christi Procession for many years, takes place this afternoon. This will be our first ever public procession, away from the church itself. Please gather at the entrance to Norbury Park, beside the old police station, prepared to set off at 2pm. We intend to walk up the pathway towards Harefield Road, where we shall hold Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. All parish

groups are encouraged to attend; those with banners are asked to bring them along if at all possible. Free parking is usually available in the nearby carpark off Granville Gardens. Please note that the usual 4pm Benediction in the church itself will not be taking place this afternoon.

## **CONFIRMATION 2018**

On Sunday 20th May, Pentecost Sunday, Bishop Patrick Lynch visited our parish to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 33 parishioners. The Mass was a wonderful and uplifting occasion. Bishop Pat commented on how well all the candidates took part and how clearly they made their responses. He was well aware of and indeed paid tribute to the thorough preparation given to our candidates by our dedicated catechists.

Congratulations and thanks go to all the newly confirmed, their families and their sponsors. Special thanks goes to the team of catechists, who prepared the group over several months, and to the priests and altar servers who attended the Confirmations.

Please remember the newly Confirmed in your prayers that, filled with the Holy Spirit, they may go forth and use their newly acquired Gifts in the service of the Lord.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2018**

The first Mass takes place next **Sunday 10th June 2018 at 12 Noon**.

The second Mass takes place on **Sunday 17th June 2018 at 12 Noon**.

The third Mass takes place on **Saturday 23rd June 2018 at 12 Noon**.

The **Going Forth Mass**, which is for all our First Holy Communicants, will be taking place on **Sunday 1st July 2018 at 12 Noon**. (No practice). This will be followed by a special lunch.

**Practices for First Holy Communion Masses will take place in the church as follows:**

The practice for the first Mass is **this coming Wednesday 6th June 2018 from 6pm - 7.30pm**.

The practice for the second Mass will be **next Wednesday 13th June 2018 from 6pm - 7.30pm**.

The practice for the third Mass will be held on **Wednesday 20th June 2018 from 6pm - 7.30pm**.

The Repository will be available during these practices for the purchase of gifts and cards etc.

### **SERVERS REQUIRED FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES**

Would all servers kindly see the notice in the sacristy, and sign up for one or more of the four First Holy Communion Masses, all of which will be at 12 Noon, replacing the usual 11.30am Masses. One of the Masses will be on a Saturday. All First Holy Communion Masses are in June, except the Going Forth Mass, which is in July.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

The 11th and final session for our First Holy Communicants, entitled "**To Love and Serve**" will take place on Saturday 30th June 2018 from 10am - 11.30am in the hall. Please be prompt in arriving.

### **THE REPOSITORY**

First Holy Communion items are still available, including cards and appropriate gifts to commemorate this Sacrament. Access to the Repository will be available during the First Holy Communion practices as stated above.

### **CTS**

This year marks the 150th Anniversary year of the CTS, providing those of the Catholic faith, and indeed those not, with concise information on the many aspects of what we believe as Catholics. Please take a look in our well stocked rack, just outside the Repository. Pamphlets are designed to fit easily into your pocket or bag.

CTS publications are now available for your hand held e-book devices. See: <http://www.ctsbooks.org/ebooks>

Payment for pamphlets obtained from the rack should be put into the lower wall box to the left, when facing the main door, which is clearly marked "PAPERS & CTS".

Please note that the wall box to the right is has been allocated to your donations towards flowers for the church.

### **PROTOCOL FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Would those who sit in both the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and Our Lady's Chapel please proceed to the rear of the church and then approach the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion by way of the centre aisle. This method is to allow for a smoother process and reduce the confusion which can sometimes occur at this most solemn point in the Mass.

### **"INTRODUCING THE MARRIAGE METER" - A NEW BOOK BY FR INNOCENT!**

Father Innocent launches his book on Saturday 8th September 2018. Please see the poster in the porch.

### **A DAY WITH MARY**

This will take place at St Joseph's, Montem Road, New Malden on Saturday 16th June 2018. Please see poster.



## Parish Masses This Week

Sunday Masses: Vigil, Saturday 6.15pm; Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am and 5pm

### Parish Mass Book: This Sunday - p.85

Mon - Fri: 7.30am; Mon – Sat 10am

Monday - Saturday 9.15am

Monday - Saturday 9.30am; Sunday 4pm (*Rosary & Benediction in May & October*)  
*On First Fridays - Adoration after 10am Mass, closing with Benediction at 2pm*

Monday - Saturday after the 10am Mass

Saturday, after the 10am Mass, until 11am; then in the afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Time	Intention
6.15pm (Saturday 2nd June)	Maria & Antonio Telles RIP
8.30am	Norma Papasin RIP
10am	The Church, the Pope & Society in England & Wales
11.30am (Polyphony Choir)	Bernard Jupp - 90th birthday
<b>2pm</b>	At Norbury Park, including Benediction
5pm	People of the parish