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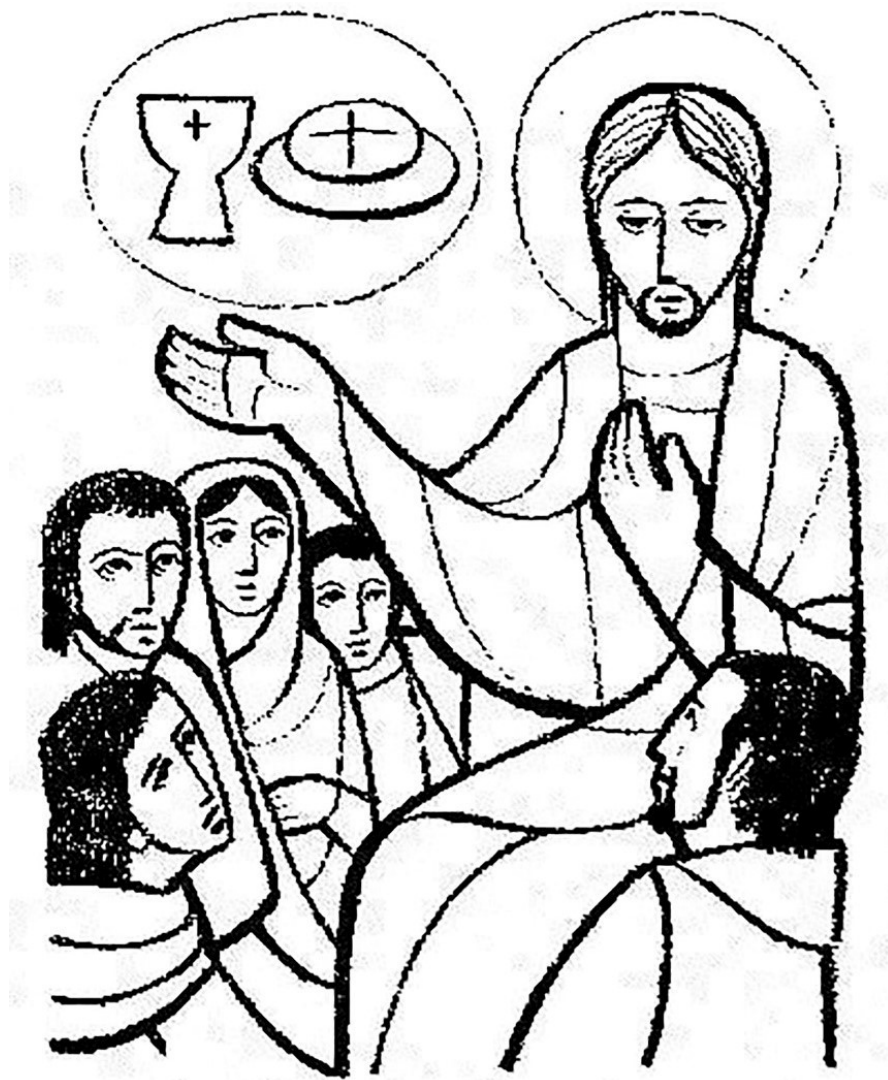
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Corpus Christi 11th June 2023

(Sunday cycle year A, weekday cycle year 1, psalter week 2)



“I am the living bread which has come down from heaven”

CAFOD Prayer for Corpus Christi

Jesus, Bread of Life, feed our faith, help us to share fairly, to find joy in our differences and to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

THIS WEEK

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| Sat 10 th | 10.30am | First Holy Communions | BVM |
| | 6.00pm | For the Parish | Corpus Christi |
| Sun 11 th | 9.30am | For the elderly, sick and housebound of the Parish | |
| Mon 12 th | No Mass today | | Feria (week 10) |
| Tue 13 th | 9.30am | In thanksgiving for a 90 th birthday | St Anthony of Padua (memorial) |
| Wed 14 th | 9.30am | Maureen Dignon | Feria |
| Thu 15 th | No Mass today | | Feria |
| Fri 16 th | 9.30am | Peter Chadwick | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (solemnity) |
| Sat 17 th | 10.30am | Austin and Isabel Harkin | The Immaculate Heart of Mary (memorial) |
| | SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE | | Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time |
| | 6.00pm | Stephen Dowse | |
| Sun 18 th | 9.30am | For the Parish | |

CONFESSIONS: FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10.00am OR BY APPOINTMENT

| This week | | Reader | | Eucharistic Minister | | Bookshop | |
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| Sat 10 th | | C Williamson | | J Hothersall | | R Smith | |
| Sun 11 th | | C Snape | | M Gardner | | B Gore | |
| Bidding prayers | L Gardner | Children's Liturgy | C Snape, J Grogan | | Collection counters | J & K Slater | |
| Next week | | Reader | | Eucharistic Minister | | Bookshop | |
| Sat 17 th | | G Hopkinson | | P Fawcett | | P Hothersall | |
| Sun 18 th | | K Snape | | F Fordyce | | C Snape | |
| Bidding prayers | G Hopkinson | Children's Liturgy | L Worswick | | Collection counters | C & K Snape | |

Last weekend: attendance: 107, collection £395.22 – thank you!

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17, John 6:51-58.

The Ascension of the resurrected Lord beyond the earthly sight of the disciples enabled his presence to be more widely and more intimately felt through the workings of the Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

It is through the same Spirit that we are able to have faith and perhaps some insight into the mystery of the Holy Trinity as we reflected last week.

And today we have the last of these great post-Easter feasts with Corpus Christi: the celebration of his body and blood at the last supper which he left to the world in the form of bread and wine.

The communion sacrifices of bull's blood in which Moses separates one half representing God's side of the covenant and the other half being the people's side of the covenant, prefigures the new sacrificial covenant where the blood of God's Son is given up and *poured out* for us on the cross and in which we participate at every Mass.

For blood represents life, and in the giving of his blood, Christ gives his life totally and irrevocably; for once the blood is poured out, it cannot be poured back in again.

Two hundred years before Moses, Abraham receives bread and wine from the mysterious priest Melchizedek and later, in obedience to God's command, he goes up a mountain to offer the ultimate sacrifice of his son who innocently asks: 'where is the lamb for the offering' to which Abraham replies: 'God himself will provide the offering...'. Isaac the beloved son, the wood, the mountain and the intended sacrifice foreshadow Christ, the beloved Son and victim, the wood and altar of the cross and the sacrifice on the hill of Golgotha/Calvary.

These are among *the olden types foreshadowed*...taken from the last three verses of the *Sequence* attributed to Thomas Aquinas (13th cent) which we have just proclaimed together.

The offering of the bread and wine of Melchizedek, the compliance of Isaac to his father's will, the bull's blood of Moses – all find their culmination and realization in the Son, himself compliant to his Father's will, to offer himself in place of us as the *Preface* tells us: *for at the last supper with his Apostles, establishing for the ages to come the saving memorial of the cross, Christ offered himself to the Father as the **unblemished** lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise.*

All that went before were types and shadows in preparation for the real thing as Christ, speaking of himself, tells the Jews in today's Gospel:

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.

Yet even this great gift is but a foreshadowing of things to come as our post-communion prayer puts it:

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.

Let us make that our prayer and reflection for this week.

Commemorations this week

St Anthony of Padua (1195-1231) Began as an Augustinian but later became a Franciscan and after ordination was commended for his learning, eloquent preaching and winning countenance.

At some point, a novice tired of the Franciscan life made off with Anthony's Psalter book which contained his teaching notes and comments and which was valuable to him. Anthony prayed for its return and the novice stopped in his tracks, returned the book and resumed his noviciate hence the tradition of praying to him for lost items. (Another tradition says that a novice simply took the Psalter without permission.)

St Anthony's bread recalls his compassion for the poor and he died at the early age of 36 and is a Doctor of the Church.

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and **The Immaculate Heart of Mary** might be summarised in the following prayer:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the sorrowful and immaculate heart of Mary, your tender mother and ours.

With prayers,

Fr Raphael.

At Masses **THIS WEEKEND**, the Feast of Corpus Christi, **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** will renew their commitment to their important ministry.

There is **NO MASS ON THURSDAY** this week.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DAY FOR LIFE, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others. Please support the work of pro-life organisations by prayer and, if possible, financially through the **SECOND COLLECTION** to be taken on the day. There is more information here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life>.

Also **next weekend**, there will be a **FOODBANK COLLECTION**.

On Wednesday next week (21st) there will be a meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**. If you have anything you'd like raised under "Any other business", please bring it to the attention of one of the committee members – names etc on the noticeboard.

HEIDI CROWTER, who has Down's syndrome, has announced that she will be taking her case against the UK Government over our current discriminatory law, which allows abortion up to birth for Down's syndrome, to the European Court of Human Rights. To find out more about Heidi's case, and the discrimination babies with Down's syndrome face in the womb, visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/HeidiCase>.

PLEASE PRAY for those who are sick or housebound including Bill and Hilda Warbrick and Anne Chadwick, as well as for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. **Please also remember in your prayers the 9 youngsters who made their First Holy Communions on Saturday.**

100 CLUB: The winner for week 25 is number 36, Mick Gardner.

During Ordinary Time (Summer) up to September, we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

On **Saturday 1st July**, there will be a **FAMILY FUN DAY** in and around the Parish Hall from 2.00 to 5.00pm, organised jointly by the school, church and scout group. See the poster on the noticeboard for full details.

HELP REQUIRED!!! The parish contribution to the Fun Day is to run the café. We would really grateful if any parishioners could bake cakes/biscuits to sell on the day. Also if anyone is available to help for part of the afternoon, that would be appreciated. A list is at the back of church for you to sign. Thank you. Frances Fordyce and Gill Fowler.

GRAVEYARD: Please could we avoid planting shrubs or any other plants or placing any items in front of graves which might prohibit the passing of a lawnmower.

TEA & COFFEE are served after Mass on Sunday mornings. Please come along – you'll be very welcome.

If you're the last one out of church after a weekend Mass, could you please check that the lights are turned off and doors closed? Thank you.

RISING COSTS

For everyone, the cost of living is presently rising at an alarming rate. Energy costs are at an all-time high, and the cost of essentials at the supermarket increases each week. So now is not a good time to appeal for additional help for the church's finances, but sadly, however, it is necessary. The heating bills for the church are rising just as much as in your homes, and the maintenance of the old buildings are a constant drain on the church's income.

So we are asking that if you can do so without making your personal situation much worse, could you consider adding a little extra in your weekly offering or monthly standing order? Just a 10% increase will help offset the much greater costs of electricity, gas and essential maintenance the church faces in the coming months.

If you are setting up or amending a standing order, the account details are: **Account name:** Archdiocese L'Pool Brindle St Joseph's Presb 007, **Account number:** 71544691, **Sort code:** 40-29-12, **Account type:** Business.

Also, if you pay UK income tax, signing up for Gift Aid will cost you nothing, but allow the church to reclaim from the government an additional 20% of your offering.

Another extremely valuable benefit for the church, but one which is often not considered, is that of leaving a legacy to the benefit of St Joseph's. If you are considering writing or making amendments to your will, this would be a perfect time to add a clause defining the amount you would like to give to the church. It is very important that any alterations to a will are officially sanctioned to avoid any issues at the time of probate. Thank you.

Bidding Prayers – Corpus Christi – 11th June 2023

As we remember His Son's gift of His body and blood, let us ask our Father in Heaven for our needs and those of the world.

We pray for the Church, for Pope Francis, Bishop Malcolm and all the clergy as they guide us in our faith. Lord in your mercy....

We remember in our prayers the children in our parish who made their First Holy Communion today/yesterday. We pray that the Holy Spirit will hold them in his care. Lord in your mercy.....

Let us pray for peace in the world. Lord in your mercy....

Let us pray for understanding, forgiveness, empathy, tolerance and compassion in our multi-cultural society. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for world leaders, that they act with wisdom and integrity to overcome global challenges, especially with the threat of climate change. Lord in your mercy....

We pray for our parish community, families and friends, that we may care for each other as Jesus taught us. We think especially of the lonely, housebound, sick and elderly. Lord in your mercy....

As we reflect on the source and summit of Christian life, we ask God to give us a better understanding of the importance and dignity of each human person, made in God's image and likeness. Lord in your mercy....

We ask Mary our Mother to join our prayers with hers as we say Hail Mary.....

We pray in silence for our own intentions.

Heavenly Father, we ask you grant our prayers through Christ your son. Amen

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Priest: As we thank God for the gift of his Son in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our Parish who are sick or housebound.

All: May the body and blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic Ministers, bring them consolation and peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.