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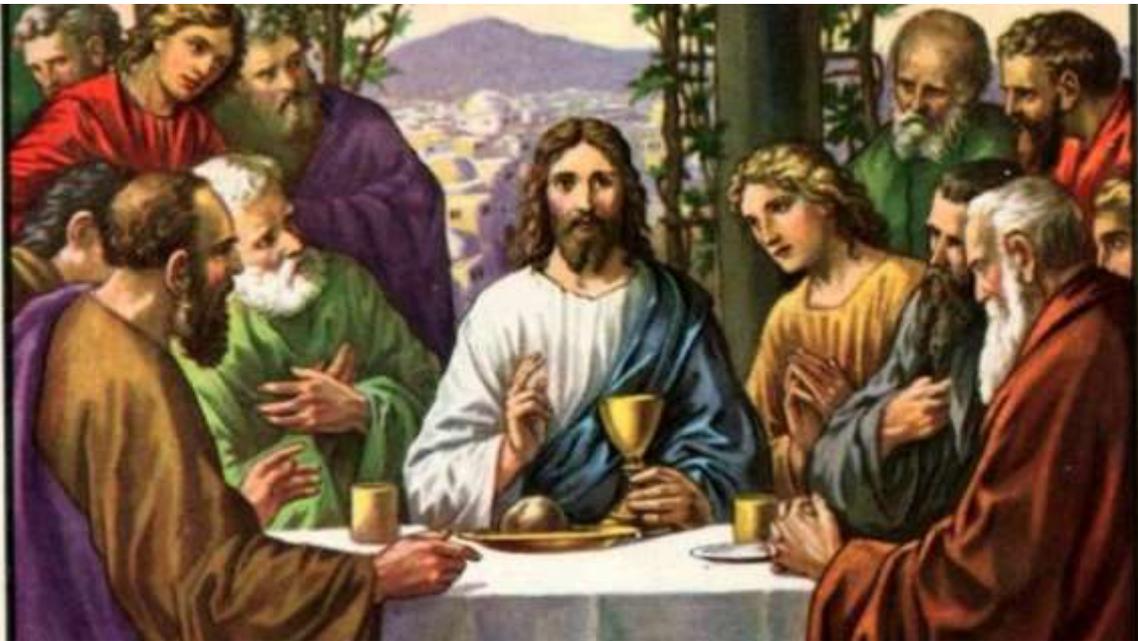
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Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ – 6 June 2021

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

John 6, 51 - 52

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul Betty Brown who died recently.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

India is facing a devastating second wave of coronavirus. The country has confirmed more than 20 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths. The pandemic has put a strain on the medical infrastructure of the Country, with hospitals unable to cope with the influx of patients. CAFOD will be distributing medical kits and setting up temporary treatment centres and provide PPE to frontline health workers. To donate to the appeal please [CLICK HERE](#)

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES UPDATE

This year there will be separate Masses @ 12.00 on a Sunday just for children who are making their first Holy Communion.

St Anne's School

- Y3: Sunday 20th June 2021
- Y4 & above: Sunday 27th June 2021

Children at non-Catholic schools

[those who started to prepare last year with Mrs Freddi & Mrs Carr]:

- Sunday 11th July 2021

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION - CHILDREN NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Further information about starting new preparation for children currently in Y3 or above who would like to prepare for First Holy Communion but do not go to a Catholic school will be published in the near future. If you would like to register your child, email the parish office.

SPONSORING OUR LADY'S LAMPS

We are preparing to organise for people to have a seven-day lamp lit for their intention in the Shrine Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? To buy a lamp which will burn in front of our Blessed Lady will cost a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy. Please take an envelope and place it in

the basket marked SHRINE LAMP at the back of the church.

Please make sure you write on the envelope a note stating your particular intention which will be published in our weekly bulletin and mentioned during the weekend Mass.



OUR LADY'S LAMPS

This week's lamp is lit for:

health and happiness of the family and an end to the pandemic.

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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ/Corpus Christi (Year B – Mark):

The pandemic has altered our relationship with the Eucharist. Those of us who come to Mass in church do receive Holy Communion, but under controlled conditions, while those who participate in Mass on-line cannot receive the consecrated bread and wine. It is likely that the pandemic will make itself felt for some time and most agree that there will be no immediate return to the celebration of the Mass as we knew it before Covid – 19 arrived. For much of the Church's history however the reception of Holy Communion was a rare event for the laity. This fact seems odd to us, given how central to the Mass the reception of Holy Communion has become in our time. Even if Eucharistic ministers have been made redundant by the pandemic, the fact that so many parishes, including our own, had ministers to distribute the Precious Blood suggests that the desire for members of the congregation to be nourished by the Eucharist was very strong in the Church. The feast of Corpus Christi was introduced into the Church's liturgical calendar in the thirteenth century to stimulate devotion to the Eucharist at a time when not only did the laity rarely receive but large numbers of the clergy nurtured philosophical doubts as to the credibility of the Church's belief that the Eucharist genuinely was the body and blood of Christ.

First Reading (OT): Exodus 24, 3 – 8: In this description of the sacrificial liturgy instituted by Moses we have pre-figured the liturgy of the Christian Church. The people gather around an altar, bullocks are offered as a holocaust and the covenant established between God and his people is commemorated.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 9, 11 – 15: Using language and imagery borrowed from the pages of the OT, the author of this letter describes the new sacrifice offered by Christ. The victim is the priest himself, the sacrifice is perfect. And it is once and for all. The sacrifice of the Mass contains all the essential elements of the sacrifice offered by Christ, the perfect priest. The continuity with the sacrificial offerings of the OT is clear, but the effectiveness of the sacrifice and its uniqueness are something new.

Gospel: Mark 14, 12 – 16. 22 – 26: Today's gospel presents us with the prelude to the Last Supper and describes in a few words what Jesus did in instituting the Eucharist. He consecrated the simplest of elements, bread and wine, and transformed them into his own body and blood. And we continue doing this right to the present day at every Mass we celebrate. The reception of Holy Communion, especially when for a long time many have been unable to receive due to the pandemic, has become something very precious. It is worth reflecting why it is we are so keen to receive and what it is those who cannot feel they miss. It is to be hoped that with the lifting of restrictions as of 21 June it will be possible to work towards welcoming to church as many as want to come and that we will have sizeable congregations once more. In the coming weeks the parish will also be celebrating First Holy Communion Masses: two in the month of June and one in July, all at 12.00 noon.

**Mass Intentions for
Tenth Week in Ordinary Time**
All weekday Masses are now open.

**Solemnity of the
Body & Blood of Christ**

Year B

Saturday	5 th June	17.30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Sunday	6 th June	10.00	Gerard Lawrence
Monday	7 th June	09.15	Private intention
<i>Monday of week 10 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	8 th June	08.00	Paul Lucien Artiguas RIP
<i>Tuesday of week 10 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	9 th June	18.30	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Columba, Abbot</i>			
Thursday	10 th June	08.00	Private intention
<i>Thursday of week 10 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	11 th June	12.30	Private intention
<i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>			
Saturday	12 th June	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>			

**Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Year B

Saturday	12 th June	17.30	Sylvia White RIP
Sunday	13 th June	10.00	Barbara Turnock RIP