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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year A 10th – 11th June 2023

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

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOACHIM AND ST ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN Mary Fr Joe will be away from the parish on 26th July, the date of the patronal feast, so it will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd July instead.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Members of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team will be delivering safeguarding training in the Cenacle on Thursday 22nd June [10.30 – 2.30pm]. Light lunch will be provided. For catering purposes, please inform the parish office on ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk if you intend to participate.

For those unable to attend, training will be held again on Saturday 23rd September.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

14 children will receive Holy Communion for the first time at the 10am Mass this week [11th June]. Please keep them in your prayers as they participate more fully in the life of the Church.

CONFIRMATION MASS – 16th JUNE, 7pm

Please keep those coming to the end of their preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS There is Mass at 9.15am on Fri 16th June as well as the Confirmation Mass in the evening.

FR PAUL'S 25TH ORDINATION ANN Fr Paul celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on 10th July this year. Mass on 25th June will be for his intention.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

14/05/23	21/05/23
C'tless: £145.00	C'less: £100.00
Loose plate £381.59	C'less Building fund £15
C'less shop £ 5.00	C'less candles £5.00
Piety shop £ 55.00	Loose plate £317.84
Weekly S Orders: £600	Catholic £139.58
	communications
	Candles £ 50.85
	Weekly S Orders: £600

'GLASS ENSEMBLE' CONCERT

Glass Ensemble invite you to a Concert "Of Prayers and Dreams" here in Church. Sunday 18 June at 4.30pm. Featuring Rheinberger's beautiful Mass in E flat and Kirbv Shaw's arrangement of Amazing Grace, plus recent works by Sarah Quartel, Cecilia McDowall and others. Tickets (including refreshments) £12.50 from Maria after Mass or £15 on the door – **cash only**. Retiring collection on the day for Church building fund.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL [SVP]

The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to say a big "Thank You!" to all of those who came along to and helped at our senior parishioners afternoon tea on 20 May. It was a really enjoyable afternoon with music, chat and treats, and also raised £100 which the SVP will be using to support CIRDIC (Churches In Reading Drop In Centre). CIRDIC offers a wide ranges of services for homeless and disadvantaged people in Reading.

CIRDIC toiletries donations

In support of CIRDIC the SVP is organising a collection of much needed men's toiletries including shower gel, roll-on or stick deodorants and shampoo. There will be a box at the back of church alongside the box for food bank donations. The generosity of our community is much appreciated so a huge thanks for your help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11th June – First Holy Communion at 10am Mass
 Fri 16th June – Confirmation Mass @ 7pm
 18th June Glass Ensemble Concert [choir]
 15th July – presentation from Launchpad about their work with the homeless.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Ian MacDonald RIP

Please remember him in your prayers.

Background on the Sunday Readings

This Sunday we celebrate a second solemnity during this period of Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This day was once called Corpus Christi, which is Latin for “Body of Christ.” In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

Today’s Gospel is taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading is part of a discourse between Jesus and a crowd of Jews. The discourse comes shortly after the miracle of Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves and fishes. In John’s Gospel, miracles such as this are identified as “signs” through which people come to believe that Jesus is the Son of God. These signs are followed by dialogue, or discourse that interprets and explains the miracle. In John’s Gospel, Jesus’ multiplication of the loaves is said to have occurred near Passover, thus linking it to the Exodus story and God’s saving action toward the Israelites.

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.

Jesus’ words are not well understood by the crowd; they argue that Jesus is not from heaven but born of Mary and Joseph. The crowd also has trouble understanding how Jesus could give them his flesh to eat. Jesus tells them that when they eat his flesh and drink his blood, they will remain forever connected to him. These are difficult words, but they are important because they seek to show us our intimate connection with Jesus.

This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus’ Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ’s Body in the world.

Mass intentions for Tenth Week of Ordinary Time

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year A

Saturday	10th June	5.30pm	Norman Shaw RIP
Sunday	11th June	10.00am	People of the parish
		12 noon	Baptism
Monday	12th June	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Monday of week ten in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	13th June	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Anthony of Padua Priest, Doctor of the Church</i>			
Wednesday	14th June	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday of week ten in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	15th June	7.30pm	Private intention
<i>Thursday of week ten in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	16th June	9.15am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
<i>Solemnity of the Most</i>		7.00pm	Kathleen Feeney &
<i>Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		[Confirmation Mass]	Michael Corbett RIP

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	17th June	5.30pm	Int. Maureen Lennon
Sunday	18th June	10.00am	People of the parish
		12 noon	Baptism

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.