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Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ

Sunday 2nd June 2024

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The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, popular known as Corpus Christi, was first introduced in the late 13th century to encourage the faithful to have emphasis on the Holy Eucharist. It was extended to the entire Latin Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264 and became a mandatory feast of the Universal Church in 1312. Traditionally it was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but now it is celebrated on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday.

In the first reading we hear about the Covenant God made with Moses and the Israelites during the time of the Exodus. The Israelites had been released from slavery in Egypt after the famous 10 plagues. They had journeyed to Mount Sinai after crossing the Red Sea where Moses received the laws of God including the Ten Commandments and built an altar with 12 standing stones for the 12 tribes of Israel. This agreement or Covenant with God was sealed with the blood of animal sacrifice which Moses sprinkled on the people.

In the second reading, the author of the Hebrews connects the dots for us between the Old Testament sacrificial systems and what Jesus did at the Last Supper when the New Covenant was sealed by the blood of Christ.. The sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ is totally different. While obeying the Old Covenant never guaranteed eternal life, the New Covenant does because it was sealed with His costly blood in a perfect sacrifice offered for all.

In Mark's Gospel, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist. Here Jesus was both the priest and the victim. This is another difference between the Old and New Covenants. As priest, Christ offered himself to God for our salvation. So it is important to note that whenever we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, Christ is fully present both as the priest and as the victim. The organisation of the Last Supper for the celebration of the Passover meal was rather strange but probably Jesus wanted to avoid Judas knowing in advance the exact place it would be held, to prevent him telling the Sanhedrin. It seems the room was owned by Mary, mother of St Mark, whom also owned the Garden of Olives.

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass Bob Fitzgerald 31 years	Saturday 1st June St Justin Born in the 1 st century in Palestine to a Greek Roman pagan diplomat. Studied Greek philosophy, particularly Plato. At age 30 met a Syrian Christian philosopher and was converted. Then travelled as philosopher preaching Christianity. Started school in Rome to study Platonic Christian philosophy and practice Christian devotions. He wrote three great works. Arrested with six companions and asked to offer sacrifice to pagan gods. When they all refused, they were scourged and suffered martyrdom in 671 in Rome. Their bodies were buried secretly.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 2nd June Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ Alfred Baker RIP 16th Anniversary (Liz Challand's Dad)
6.30 pm Mass	Monday 3rd St Charles Lwanga, St Joseph Mkasa and Companions. In 1879 the White Fathers established Christian missionaries in Africa. In Uganda, after some progress, a new leader King Mwanga tried to root out Christianity after he was reproached for his debauchery and the murder of a Protestant missionary by Joseph Mkasa who was in charge of his pages. Joseph was beheaded as a martyr. Charles Lwanga was his successor in charge of the pages and baptised some of them. When it was discovered by King Mwanga, Charles and the Christian pages were all executed on 3 rd June 1886. Persecution spread and many Catholics and some Protestants suffered death. Charles, Joseph and 20 others, 17 of them young pages, were all canonised in 1964
10 am Mass	Tuesday 4th St Francis Caracciolo Born in 1563 in Italy. First 22 years lived the typical life of the children of nobility. Then contracted a skin disease and was shunned by people. Almost died but recovered. Trained for the priesthood in Naples and ordained and joined the Order of "White Robes of Justice" who worked with prisoners. Then joined Fr Adorno and was co-founder of the Minor Clerics Regular or Adorno Fathers, a group of priests combining the contemplative and active styles of life. He took the new name Francis. When Fr Adorno died he took overall charge. Despite his reluctance as leader, expanded the Order from Italy into Spain. Author of <i>Seven Stations of the Passion of Our Lord</i> . He loved and helped the poor like his relative St Thomas Aquinas
SVP Social 1 pm to 3 pm	Wednesday 5th St Boniface Born in 675 in Devon. Joined Benedictine monastery and Minster at Nursling near Southampton. With Bede, who was born 2 years earlier, two famous Anglo-Saxon saints of the time. Declined the position of abbot at Nursling and left to be a missionary to the Frisians in the Netherlands following St Wilfred and St Willibrord. After a year war broke out and he returned to Nursling monastery. Refused to be abbot. Travelled to Rome to ask pope to make him

6.30 pm Mass	missionary to Germany. Pope Gregory II named him "Boniface" after the 4 th century martyr "Boniface of Tarsus" and appointed him Bishop of Germania, a new diocese in central Germany. He opposed the worship of trees. Cut down oak tree dedicated to god Thor and used it to build a chapel. The new Pope Gregory III made him Archbishop of Germany. Appealed to England for more missionaries and religious materials so he could start more monasteries and build churches. Never gave up the conversion of the Frisians and returned there at age 79. He was murdered by armed robbers as a martyr but they found no riches. St Boniface was buried in a shrine at Fulda Cathedral.				
10 am Mass	Thursday 6th St Marcellin Champagnet Born in France in 1789, the year the French Revolution began. His parents owned a small farm. Had little education due to unrest but learnt skills in farming, carpentry and masonry. Became interested in the priesthood but had difficulties due to lack of education at the seminary. He then developed from timid, shy person to sociable and fun loving member of a group known as "Happy Gang" who visited taverns. Finally settled down to a sober life and eventually was ordained aged 27. His friend Fr Jean-Claude Courveille started the <i>Society of Mary</i> with 3 groups for priests, nuns and lay members. Fr Marcellin also wanted a teaching branch which was agreed. The 12 newly ordained priests of the <i>Society of Mary</i> then went off to their parishes not to all meet again for 20 years. Fr Marcellin was very popular and successful in his parish and then started to form a group of people who could teach the children in his parish and the founded the teaching branch of <i>The Society of Mary</i> . He called them Marist Brothers and their schools were very popular after the lack of education due to the French Revolution. The number of Brothers quickly grew and expanded across France and eventually abroad. Fr Marcellin had a great devotion for Guardian Angels and directed that a picture of a Guardian Angel should be displayed in every classroom in the Marist schools. Produced Rule for Marist Brothers in 1837.				
NO MASS	Friday 7th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Robert of Newminster Born in about 1100 in North Yorkshire. Studied at University of Paris. Parish priest in his home village. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey. Joined monks expelled from St Mary's Abbey in York who wanted a stricter "Rule". They founded Fountains Abbey near Ripon in Yorkshire. Robert founded Newminster Abbey, a small monastery of 17 Cistercian monks north of Newcastle and was the abbot for 21 years. Three new Cistercian monasteries were founded by his monks and Abbot Robert kept clear of all the political and religious disputes unlike the Abbot of Fountains Abbey.				
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 8th The Immaculate Heart of Mary and St William of York Born in 1085 in York. His father was Chancellor for King Henry I and his uncle was Bishop of Winchester. Ordained a priest and became a monk in Winchester. Treasurer of York for the Archbishop of York and then appointed Archbishop of York influenced by his uncle the new King Stephen of England who seized the throne from Matilda, the daughter of Henry I, the true heir. Consecrated by his uncle the Bishop of Winchester without papal approval. Not recognised by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Eventually deposed by Cistercian Pope Eugene III. Replaced him by the Cistercian Abbot Murdoc of Fountains Abbey. William returned to monastery in Winchester for 6 years. When Archbishop Murdoc of York died, Pope Anastasius IV reappointed him Archbishop of York. Popular with people in York.				
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 9th May Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time				
PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS WHEN RECORDING NAMES FOR MASS INTENTION					
Your prayers are needed for the following people					
Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Trevor Delves	Fr Shaun Budden	Valerie Baker

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Letter of thanks from Fr Blaise for the Lenten donation for his Sewing Machine Project in Malawi
This letter is late due to the diocese not releasing our donation from the diocesan account for some time.

Greetings from Malawi.

I would like to express my heart-felt gratitude for the generosity of the Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul under the able leadership of Fr Thomas Parakandathil, the Parish Priest. The donation you made has been properly used. Yesterday I went and bought 10 sewing machines which will soon be used in the Sewing Machine project. I am very grateful indeed and this help will go a long way to support and empower those who will attend this school.

Once again thank you and be assured of my prayers always!

United in prayer always!

Fr Blaise

SVP Social this Wednesday 5th June – 1pm to 3 pm

There is another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends.

No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you.

Look forward to welcoming you. Renee and Pat.

Parish collection for last weekend 25th and 26th May

						Lectionary Appeal			
Parish Envelopes Easter Gift Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other money	Gift Aid	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£147	£36.75	£110.52	£242.54	£51.98	£588.79	----	£100	51.05	£739.84