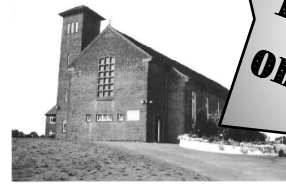


CORPUS CHRISTI

A warm welcome on Sunday afternoon to the second group of children from our Sacramental Programme and to their parents, families and friends as they complete the journey begun in Baptism and become full members of God's Church. That is what "Communion" means - a full belonging to a community, the community which is the living Body of Christ at work amongst us now and for all time.

On this special day, the Church is also celebrating the great feast of 'Corpus et Sanguinis Christi' or, to use the English title, the 'Body and Blood of Christ'. Today we meditate on Our Lord's greatest gift to us at the Last Supper and on the Cross - the gift of himself to be with us always, 'even to the end of time.' Like the feasts of Epiphany and Ascension, this feast has been transferred by the local Bishops' Conference to Sunday - the Lord's Day - in line with many other countries throughout the world. And so, what better Sunday is there for our children to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, in Holy Communion?

*This is a special time for the children, and I am sure you all wish to respect the solemnity of the occasion. Please allow them every opportunity to experience the loving presence of God coming to dwell within them, through appropriate silence. For the same reason, please **refrain from all photography** until after the ceremony is over - there will be plenty of op-*



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portunity to take photographs then. And **please take part** in the singing and the responses as best you can! Thank you.

The children will sit with their families until after the Readings and short Homily (sermon). Then they will gather with the Catechists at the back of Church to process with the gifts of Bread and Wine, and assemble behind the Altar to take a special part in the Eucharistic Prayer. Here, Our Lord's words from the Last Supper are repeated, asking God to change the Bread and Wine into the real presence of Jesus, to come to them in Holy Communion. They will return to their families at the Sign of Peace. At Communion time, please be guided by a Catechist. Thank you.

REMAINING SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME DATES

TODAY

Mass at 3.00pm
Second group for

First Holy Communion

Wednesday 6th July, 6.30pm
"We are people who live our Faith"
(Session to include Children's Party)

Sunday 10th July, 10am
Mass with Presentation of
Certificates

FORTHCOMING EVENT

School / Parish Concert. This has proved very successful over the past 2 years, and is scheduled to take place this year on Thursday 14th July at 7.00pm. (Mass will be at an earlier time on this occasion). Make a note in your diary!

- * *New to Holy Family parish?*
- * *Know someone who is sick or in hospital (or the hospice)?*
- * *Like a visit from the priest?*
- * *Think the parish may be able to help you, or you us, in any way?*

Please speak to Fr Martin, after Mass or at any convenient time.

Mass times at Holy Family

Saturday (Vigil Mass): 6.30pm
Sunday Morning: 10.00am
with **Children's Liturgy**
(Tea and Coffee served after morning Mass)
Weekdays: See Calendar, below
Holydays: Eve 7.00pm
9.30am on the day

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday after Midday Mass, and 6.00-6.15pm,
or at any reasonable time on request.
(Rite II Reconciliation Services are celebrated in Advent and Lent)

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

by arrangement (6 months' notice required for weddings)

Weekday Calendar

Monday - No service today

Tuesday - Morning Mass: 9.30am, Sacristy

Church cleaning afterwards

Vigil Mass for Ss Peter and Paul: 7.00pm in Church

Wednesday - No early Mass today

Mass for Ss Peter and Paul: 9.30am in Church

Thursday - Evening Mass: 7.00pm, Sacristy

Friday - Mass: 12.30pm, Sacristy

Saturday - Mass: 12.30pm, Sacristy (*New time*)

Fourth in a series of articles from the Liturgy Office:

The New Mass Translation – why do we need one?

As we have already seen, until the early 1960s, Mass was celebrated in Latin throughout the world. At the Second Vatican Council it was agreed that the Mass could be celebrated in our own language, and in 1970 Pope Paul VI agreed the official Latin text that would be used. This was then translated into different languages to be used throughout the world. It proved to be a huge task which was completed in a very short time. However, because it was done so quickly, some of the richness of the original Latin prayers was, quite literally, 'lost in translation'. It was seen that a further translation was needed. The new translation would keep the original words, meaning and style of the Latin as far as possible. The new translation also means a new edition of the Missal which will include some additional text such as, prayers for the saints who have been added by the Church to the liturgical calendar.

FEAST OF Ss PETER AND PAUL

We have become familiar with the Bishops' Conference decision a few years ago to transfer Holyday feasts of Our Lord to the nearest Sunday. Do, please, note that the feast of Ss Peter and Paul remains a Holyday on Wednesday, and Catholics are expected to make a special effort to attend Mass. (See times on calendar, above).

WE PRAY THIS WEEK

...for the following, for whom Masses will be offered - **the sick:** Ella, Clara, Eileen, Kathleen, Christine, Liz, John, Giovanni, Bill and Rosalind, John, Julie, Peggy, Ethan, Anne-Marie, John, Denis, Marjorie, Mary, Denis, David, Margaret, Joan, Kathleen, Marie, Jane, Christine, Ernest, Kay, Craig, Sister Gabriel, Sister Alphonsus, Kathleen, Margaret, Mary and Bridie, Helene and Ann Marie, -----

----- and
those who have died: Ronald Gaskell, Jim Jordan, Jim Smith, Sybil Worrall, Vera McDermott, Annie Curley, Clarisse Wrigley and Marie-Terese Anastasi. **We also pray** for our Sacramental Programme families as the children receive Our Lord for the first time in Holy Communion, and for a number of Special Intentions.

OFFERTORY Thank you for last week's collection of £242.35.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

No retiring collection this week
Next week: SVP monthly collection

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MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL

throughout the coming week and always