

From Sunday's Gospel



Jesus said, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Those who eat this bread will live forever. Now the bread which I will give is my flesh, and I will give my flesh for the life of the world. Those who eat the bread which is my flesh have eternal life now, and I will raise them up on the last day. My flesh is true food; my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I live in them. So my flesh is the bread which comes down from heaven. It is not like the bread which our ancestors once ate in the desert – they died, but those who eat this bread will live forever." You are warmly invited to learn more about the Gospel through your local parish church.

Adapted from John 6:51-58 The Feast of Corpus Christi, Year A



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Newsletter during the time of the suspension of Public Worship

Fr Bernard will continue to celebrate Mass
IN PRIVATE without any people present at 9.00am each morning
The Solemnity of The Body & Blood of Christ June 7th 2020

The intentions are as follows:

Sunday: Johanna Katarina Friedrich
Monday: People of the Parish
Tuesday: Soecial Intention (MO)
Wednesday: Helen Confrey (107th birthday!)
Thursday: Margaret Muller
Friday: Special Intention (GB)
Saturday: Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday: People of the Parish

There will be only **one** Mass each day. **The Church will remain closed until further notice.**

Confessions by appointment.

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Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people Jesus' words are the most nourishing food for the soul" Today's word is **Nourish**. To nourish means to

feed and help grow. Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus nourishes our souls. We can experience Jesus in prayer, in one another, and, when our churches are open again, most especially in Holy Communion. This Sunday especially we think of Jesus as the Bread of Life who gives us himself, his life and his love, under the forms of bread and wine. Just as we don't know how he managed to feed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish, so we don't know how he is present to us under the forms of bread and wine, but we BELIEVE that he is. The word Eucharist means Thanksgiving, and as we thank Jesus for the gift of himself we can think of others to thank for nourishing us in different ways, and also determine to give nourishment to others this week by encouraging someone or giving something to a Food Bank or a local charity. "Let us be nourished by daily prayer." Pope Francis

First Holy Communion



I am very conscious that we were due to celebrate First Holy Communion this Sunday, the **Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ**, but with our churches still closed and the ban on public worship still in place, this will not be possible. I know all of us will join in the disappointment of the children and their families at this time. I just want to assure the children that I and our parish will do everything we can to make sure that they are able to receive Jesus' gift of himself in Holy Communion as soon as possible. It may be that we have to be creative in the way we do this, but guided by the Holy Spirit we will find a way.



With the thought of postponements in mind I would ask us to remember in our prayers The Revds Henry Longbottom and Darren Jones, two Deacons for our diocese who were due to be ordained as priests but whose ordinations have been postponed. Bishop Marcus has pencilled in dates for July but these will be subject to Government restrictions.

The Opening of Places of Public Worship



Recently we have been advised that the Government is giving permission for Places of Worship to be open for PRIVATE PRAYER from this Saturday June 13th. This comes just before the opening of shops and other amenities which have hitherto been subject to lockdown. I am afraid this does NOT mean that I can simply leave the church open on Monday morning. There are stringent conditions to be fulfilled before Bishop Marcus will authorise any church in the diocese to be open and in line with other diocese there will be a pilot scheme with some of the larger, city/town centred churches opening first to see what the implications are going to be. I will, of course, try and keep everyone up to date with developments. At the time of writing this newsletter there is still no indication of when our churches will be able to open for PUBLIC WORSHIP, but I have been advised that this also will be phased. We have a moral as well as a legal obligation to make sure that the church will be a SAFE place to gather.

A Note from Nicaragua



Once again Fr Luis has been in touch by email following the celebration of Mass last Sunday, the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Nearly 700 people gathered to celebrate Mass at midnight their time, and some 250 were with Sr Anna Maria in her Barrio in a different part of Managua. It is wonderful that we are connected in this way and a real privilege for us in our parish to be joined by so many people many of whom will have walked for miles, and all of whom wore protective masks and observed the necessary washing and safe distancing. In the recent past we have celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on the Sunday following the Friday's Feast Day. Having consulted with members of the Liturgy Committee we had different opinions so I asked Fr Luis what he thought. After consulting some of his people they were unanimous that they would like us to celebrate the Sacred Heart next SUNDAY which is what we will do. This will take the place of the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

CAFOD Campaign - Unite against Coronavirus



As we cope with coronavirus in the UK, we think of our sisters and brothers in developing countries who are facing this pandemic with fragile health-systems, some of which have almost no intensive care beds or ventilators.

Food prices have already risen with borders closing, the poorest are losing their jobs and income with wholesale shutdowns. Furthermore, inadequate healthcare, lack of access to washing facilities and limited ability to social distance will result in loss of life on an intolerable scale. The likely impact will be devastating.

We are one global family. Please will you sign the CAFOD petition to ask the government to work with other world leaders to help the most vulnerable people in our world cope with this crisis?

To sign the petition visit cafod.org.uk/coronaviruscampaign



Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never loses faith in God. (Source unknown)