

St Peter's Catholic Church

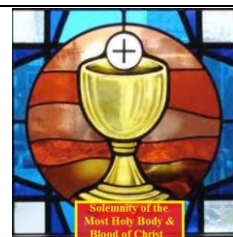
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14th June 2020 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Year A)

Mass Intentions this Week

During this week Fr Liam will say a daily private mass in St Peter's Church for the following intentions:

Sunday: People of the Parish.

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Tuesday: Intentions of Ben Geeson.

Wednesday: Deceased Members of Caldwell Family

Thursday: John Conlon *RIP*.

Friday: Bryan David Williams *RIP*

Saturday: Jane Conway *RIP*

Opening of St Peter's Church for Private Prayer

In accordance with latest Government guidelines and in line with the extensive risk assessment advice issued by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, St Peter's Church will be open for a limited time this coming week for **private prayer ONLY** as follows: **Wednesday 11.00am – 2.00pm; Thursday 3.00pm – 6.00pm; Friday 11.00am – 2.00pm; Saturday 11.00am – 2.00pm; Sunday 2.30pm – 4.30pm.** Those visiting the church in these times will be required to follow strict social distancing guidance and will only be able to sit in pews indicated by a green tick. Hand sanitiser will be available on entering the church, which must be used by all entering the church. Those visiting the church are encouraged, where possible, to bring with them a pack of antibacterial wipes to wipe down the surface of where they were sitting while in church. There will be no holy water available in the church for use while entering the church or for taking away. The touching of statues will not be permitted. Please also be aware that the toilet in the church will remain closed while the church is open. Volunteer stewards are needed, ideally two for each hour the church is open, to guide and assist those visiting the church. Please email Fr Liam on liam.slattery@cliftondiocese.com if you are able to help. Moving forward the church will remain closed on Mondays to enable a weekly deep clean. Volunteers are also required for this. Email Fr Liam if you can help. Please note that while the church may be opening for a number of hours each week the parish office continues to be closed.

This Week:

Week 11 in Ordinary Time, Psalter Week 3 for the Prayer of the Church. Friday is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Saturday is the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Diocesan Prayer Link: Our Lady, St Mary, Glastonbury with St Michel, Shepton Mallet

Daily Live Streaming of Mass from Clifton Cathedral

Continues each day including Sundays at 9.30am and can be accessed through the diocesan website (cliftondiocese.com) or through churchservices.tv.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers: Joy Jones, Andrea Brushneen, Cheryl Loy, Sharon Williams, Michael Hercules, Mary Wood, Leonard Slatter, Sue Hartnett, Phil Gammond, Mandi Stokes, Theo Montague, Margaret Coleman, Vera Watson, Patricia Walsh, Cecilia Edwards, Veronica Burke, Janet Diaco, Linda Northway, Rebecca Northway, Ben Wilkinson, Jackie Hutt, Steve Prosser, Kitty Daly, Peter Hagan, Frank Kelly, Mary Philomena Mayo, Marie O'Connor, Baby Monroe Cserna-Ochai, Jennifer Morrissey, Kathleen Neely, Joan O'Connell, Milvia Sepede, Eileen Mary Parsons, Pat O'Ryan, Fr Liam Slattery, Christopher Browne.

Thank you from Cahill Family

THANK YOU from the Cahill family, for all the support from the parish community and continued prayers for Ian whilst he was in hospital and though his continuing recovery at home. We know all the masses, rosaries to Our Lady, prayers and novenas to the child Jesus, have meant Ian has through the grace of God, made an unusually quick and speedy recovery. Thank you again for being such a wonderful caring and prayerful parish to be part of.

RIP

We ask your prayers for those who have died recently:

Brendan Kiernan, Theresa Dance,

Private funeral will take place this coming week. We extend our sympathy to family and friends.

A reflection for Corpus Christi from Deacon Colm Robinson

Corpus Christi is the feast on which we pay special homage to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It's about the bountiful generosity of God and is also about the fullest description of who we are as the church.

In a sense we are repeating the beautiful Last Supper gathering in the upper room with the celebration it deserves. We also proclaim that same Christ lives within each one of us who are baptised into His Body, the church. This solemnity is a splendid opportunity to reflect on God's most striking gift to us and timely reminder to renew our faith and deepen our appreciation of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we remember in a sacred and profound way the life, death and resurrection of Jesus – the Pascal Mystery. It is not some drama at which we are silent or passive observers. He is the living bread sent down from heaven as food for our souls to satisfy our deepest spiritual hunger.

During our celebration, the most ordinary of things are presented to God – bread and wine – fruit of the earth and work of our hands. God accepts, blesses them and then through the power of the Holy Spirit they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. Then God surprises us even more by returning these new gifts to us out of love. In this celebration we proclaim our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We respond with gratitude, when we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus by prayerfully saying Amen. May we never take this greatest of gifts for granted – we did nothing to earn it, it's not ours by right and we cannot demand it. It is God's gift given freely out of love to each of us.

Pope Francis reminds us; *"The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect – but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak"*.

In celebrating today, we must remember who we are. We are the Church, the Body of Christ. St Augustine exhorts us: "Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are – the Body of Christ".

When you say Amen, you are saying 'Yes I believe that this is the Body and Blood of Jesus and that I will become the Body of Christ to others'. In sharing the Eucharist is to mean more than going to mass and providing nourishment for our own spiritual lives, we must rise above the divisions and injustices of society which keep us apart and prevent us forming a closer bond within the community. We must open the doors of our hearts and of our homes and accept people as they are.

When we share the Eucharist with each other we are called and challenged by Jesus to care for and serve each other. If we celebrate the Body and Blood of Jesus in **memory** of Jesus, we are also to **serve** each other in memory of Jesus. We really can't do one without doing the other.

In our daily round we are asked to forgive, overlook weaknesses and understand the failure of friends especially when they hurt us. For God to love through us we must try to be loving also. At the end of Mass we are 'sent', to go out and touch the lives of others, to be a healing presence, the helping hand the voice of sympathy and words of encouragement when they are needed. In this way we take what we have experienced around the altar out and live it in our ordinary lives with each other. The love of God made visible through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way we will be shaped and formed by what we celebrate.

[**Jesus you're the One I love**](#)

Year of Communion - Sunday 14 June – Corpus Christi – Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Today we are invited to reflect on our understanding of the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species and what it means to our faith. This will not be difficult for us – we have been deprived for many weeks of receiving Christ in Holy Communion. It is possible that our appreciation of what we have currently lost has opened our eyes to how easy it is to take things for granted. Unlike many parts of the world where daily, or even weekly, opportunities to celebrate Mass are few and far between, we are fortunate to be able to receive the precious Body and Blood of our Lord on a regular basis. The Church gives us this feast so that we can reflect on the sacramental life of our faith. We know, more than ever, how important it is for us to be able to participate in the divine life of the Church and, although our reception of Holy Communion offers us a promise of eternal life, it also gives us the nourishment we need to follow and emulate the life of Jesus. In receiving the Body of Christ we are called to be the Body of Christ, to be bread for others and bread for the world, especially those who hunger and thirst not only for food but for justice.

From Pope Francis

During the Angelus in St Peter's Rome last Sunday Pope Francis said the following:

The month of June is dedicated in a special way to the Heart of Christ, a devotion that unites the great spiritual teachers and the simple among the people of God. Indeed, the human and divine Heart of Jesus is the wellspring where we can always draw upon God's mercy, forgiveness and tenderness. We can do so by focusing on a passage from the Gospel, feeling that at the centre of every gesture, of every word of Jesus, at the centre there is love, the love of the Father who sent His Son, the love of the Holy Spirit that is within us. And we can do this by adoring the Eucharist, where this love is present in the Sacrament. Then our heart too, little by little, will become more patient, more generous, more merciful, in imitation of the Heart of Jesus. There is an ancient prayer - I learned it from my grandmother - which said: "Jesus, make my heart resemble yours". It is a beautiful prayer. "Make my heart similar to yours". A beautiful prayer, short, to pray during this month. Shall we say it together now? "Jesus, may my heart resemble yours". Once more: "Jesus, may my heart resemble yours".

Mass on BBC Radio 4

Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be broadcast from Westminster Cathedral today at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4 with Cardinal Vincent Nicholas as the celebrant.