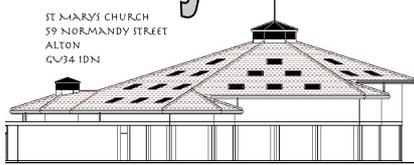


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MASS INTENTIONS w/c Sunday 6th June, 2021 CORPUS CHRISTI Year (B 1) (Office Proper)

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| Saturday 5.30pm | St. Boniface The People of The Parish |
| Sunday 11.00am | CORPUS CHRISTI Norma Wraight, RIP |
| Monday <i>Anstey Convent</i> | Feria <i>Community only</i> Joseph Guest, RIP & the welfare of his family |
| Tuesday <i>Private Mass</i> | Feria The People of The Parish |
| Wednesday 11.00am | Feria Requiem Mass for Paul Daynes, RIP (Family only) |
| Thursday <i>St. Lucy's</i> | Feria <i>Community only</i> John Leonard Hart, RIP (F) |
| Friday 9.30am | THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Edwin Hart, RIP |
| Saturday 5.30pm | The Immaculate Heart of Mary Intentions of Mary Sturgess |
| Sunday 11.00am | 11th Sunday of The Year Maria Vivolo, RIP |
| Confessions: | <i>Please email or call the Parish Office for an appointment</i> |

Please continue to book for the week-end Masses

We begin to understand why the Lord chooses this piece of bread to represent him. Creation, with all of its gifts, aspires above and beyond itself to something even greater. Over and above the synthesis of its own forces, above and beyond the synthesis also of nature and of spirit that, in some way, we detect in the piece of bread, creation is projected towards divinization, toward the holy wedding feast, toward unification with the Creator himself. And still, we have not yet explained in depth the message of this sign of bread. The Lord mentioned its deepest mystery on Palm Sunday when some Greeks asked to see him. In his answer to this question is the phrase: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (Jn12:24). The mystery of the Passion is hidden in the bread made of ground grain. Flour, the ground wheat, presuppose the death and resurrection of the grain. In being ground and baked, it carries in itself once again the same mystery of the Passion. Only through death does resurrection arrive, as does the fruit and new life.
(Pope Benedict XVI)

CORPUS CHRISTI, 6th June, 2021

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock

The Gloria

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Responsorial Psalm

The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call o the Lord's name.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

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

Alleluia !

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

The Creed

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him'

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
Have left us a memorial of your Passion,
Grant us, we pray*

*So to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and
Blood*

*That we may always experience in ourselves
The fruits of your redemption.*

On this feast of Corpus Christi we give thanks for who we are, and all that God has done for us. Today's readings show how God's plan moves towards a new covenant of love through Christ.

In the First Reading we see Moses mediate between God and the people, instructing them about God's rules and commands. For the Israelites, blood is the symbol of life, and Moses sprinkles blood from sacrificed bulls on both the altar and the people to signify their desire to enter into a covenant with God.

St Paul (Second Reading) explains that Jesus himself has now become the mediator of a new covenant. Jesus is both the priest offering the sacrifice and the victim being offered; his own blood replacing that of animals. In doing this, Jesus brings 'the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit', which takes away our sins.

In the Gospel account of the Last Supper, Jesus shares a meal with his dearest friends, giving himself in the bread and wine, a gift of love and friendship. On the following day, Good Friday, Jesus will freely give his own life, a sacrifice made out of his great love for the world. Here begins a new relationship between God and his people.

Today's Psalm is one of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for his goodness and gift. The psalmist asks, 'How can I repay the Lord?'

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us offer to God a promise of undivided love, and an offering of ourselves to the service of others.

The Regina Caeli

Reader: *Queen of Heaven, Rejoice, Alleluia*

All: *For He whom you did merit to bear,
Alleluia - Is risen, as he said, Alleluia
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.*

Reader: *Rejoice, and be glad. O Virgin Mary.
Alleluia.*

All: *For the Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia.*

Reader: *Let us pray.*

All: *O God, you gave joy to the world through
the resurrection of your son, Our Lord
Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech you, that we
may obtain, through His Virgin Mother,
Mary, the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

Friday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time,

11th June,

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

On today's solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Church presents us this mystery for our contemplation: the mystery of the heart of a God who feels compassion and who bestows all his love upon humanity. A mysterious love, which in the texts of the New Testament is revealed to us as God's boundless and passionate love for mankind. God does not lose heart in the face of ingratitude or rejection by the people he has chosen; rather, with infinite mercy he sends his only-begotten Son into the world to take upon himself the fate of a shattered love, so that by defeating the power of evil and death he could restore to human beings enslaved by sin their dignity as sons and daughters (Pope Benedict XVI)

Entrance Antiphon

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and keep them alive in famine.

The Gloria

First Reading *Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9*

My heart recoils from it.

Responsorial Psalm

With joy you will draw water from the wells of the Saviour.

Second Reading *Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19*

The love of Christ is beyond all knowledge

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia !

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,

For I am gentle and humble in heart.

Alleluia !

Gospel *John 19:31-37*

One of the soldiers pierced his side and there came out blood and water.

The Creed

Communion Antiphon

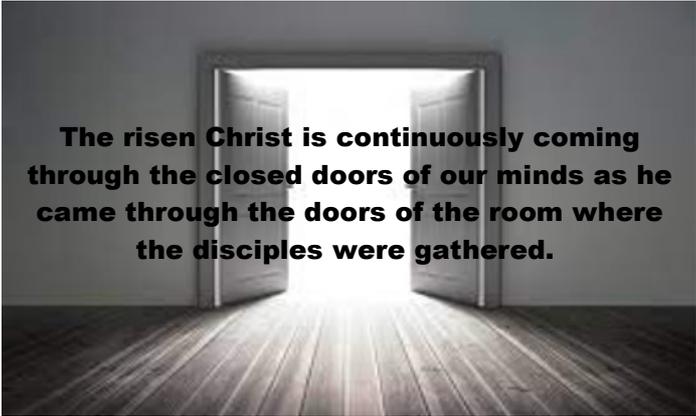
Thus says the Lord:

Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink.

Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude and pierced by my many sins
and yet loving you still,
accept this act of consecration
that I make to you of all that I am and all that I have.
Take every faculty of my soul and body,
draw me day by day
near and nearer to your Sacred Heart,
and there, as I can bear the lesson,
teach me your blessed way.



**The risen Christ is continuously coming
through the closed doors of our minds as he
came through the doors of the room where
the disciples were gathered.**

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning.

June 26th, 10.00-13.00

Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise,
Talk, Prayer and Discussion.

Theme: "Growth in the Holy Spirit" - *Grow your Christian life
in the Spirit through*

Prayer, Scripture, Service and Community.

Speaker: Carol Ann Harnett, Catechist trainer.

Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJUN2021

Pam and Tom Barbour have requested that Mass be offered, In Thanksgiving, for all their special friends who have been their endless support over the past 15 months. They say

'life would really have been very much harder, especially during these last 2 months or so'.

The Mass will be offered on **Friday, 16th July**

SUNDAY MASS—LIVE STREAM

You can now join with the Sunday Mass at
St. Mary's as below.

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQm0AflgS6wBFM4F331oXWA)**

By following this link you will be able to see up-coming streams, past streams and uploaded videos. This can also be done directly through the St. Mary's website.

Please remember in your prayers

Jeanne Abraham, Elizabeth Norris, Elise Hobbs,
Denise Graham, Mary Sturgess, Tom Barbour,
Adi Morando, Brenda Gregory, Alex Smith,
Kate Cradock, Rita Rawling, Lily Jones,
Francesca Adams, , Margaret Collins,
Carol & Margaret Conway, Annie Tomlinson
Theresa Davies, Michael & Jo Rogers



[This Sunday at 12 noon - Rosary Mission](#)

This Sunday, 30th May, is Trinity Sunday. It is also the day designated for our Diocese of Portsmouth to offer up the Rosary as our own contribution to the Rosary Mission for the month of May 2021.

The intention is to pray for the following:
*Protecting our families and the family of nations,
especially in this Year of St Joseph
A deepening of faith, hope and love and
the protection of life
Peace in the world*

Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

On Trinity Sunday throughout the Dioceses of England, Wales and Scotland, a National Rosary Relay Rally is taking place. The organisers have designated the hour from 12 noon until 1 pm for the Diocese of Portsmouth, and so I wish to invite all our parishes and people to unite with me at that time.

We will be praying for the Rosary Mission intentions and for the needs of our Diocese. The need I place before Our Lady is for vocations to all states of life and ministry in the Church here in our Diocese and especially to the priesthood.

This Sunday, I am saying the 12 noon Mass in the Cathedral and at the end of it, I will lead five decades of the rosary for these intentions.

[Life in the Spirit Seminars](#)

As a follow-up to "Responding to the Prompt" held earlier this year, Fr Mark Hogan's team will be leading a Life in the Spirit Seminar course. This will be all online running on Thursday evenings from Thursday 27th May for seven weeks...

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said."

(Jn 14: 26) At Pentecost the disciples experienced the transforming strength of the Holy Spirit in them. They received the gifts enabling them to proclaim Jesus as Lord. The Church today needs to experience this power just as the first disciples did. "I ask each and all of you that you organise seminars of Life in the Spirit in your parishes" - Pope Francis. In response to Pope Francis' appeal, we are running an online Life in the Spirit Seminar course including scripture, reflection, teaching, testimony and prayers so that all who open their heart to the Lord will experience the activation of graces and gifts received at Baptism. See what Sr Veronica says about her experience in this [short video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSYGftqtoAE&t=16s).

This seminar series runs from Pentecost for seven weeks on Thursday evenings. It is online using Zoom; each session is 1½ hrs. For part of the meeting we will be in small groups of 8 people including two group leaders. The groups will be the same week by week and geographically based when possible.

Please register to receive the link
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJcyDtFm70C0JgiHWmXSp7mIF8hJT6hygAM8W0KecnoYv9KQ/viewform>

"I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Paraclete to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth" Jn 14: 16

[Exciting Opportunity in Clergy Support](#)

Canon Paul Townsend, Vicar General and Head of the Department for Clergy is currently recruiting for a key role in Clergy Support. He writes...

Further to Sue Broadbent notifying me of her intended retirement from the Department of Clergy Support I have asked her to put into her own words what the role has meant to her as a way of reaching out for the right person to take up this challenging but rewarding position. I am currently recruiting for her replacement and would welcome applications by way of a CV and covering letter to recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for a copy of the job description please visit https://mcusercontent.com/04bcc8430c87c5529461e65e6/files/c4d6c1b3-97e9-c86a-5b9d-24f8831f6889/head_of_clergy_human_development_job_description_PD_LO06_BH.pdf

Please do circulate this to those in the parish by way of your local newsletters to encourage as much response as possible and I will be happy to discuss this with any genuinely interested applicant. You can telephone me on 01425 480327. Working with recently ordained and recently retired priests has been a joyful as well as a complex and privileged job. Working through transition and change issues (some of them painful some exhilarating), alongside accompaniment in the challenges of pastoral ministry are major parts of the job. Priests are asked to be responders to the complete range of human experience and our team supports them in their personal ongoing formation to help them be as effective in their ministry and as human beings as they can be. Having a solid background as a professional in human development/social care has helped enormously. It's meant being available and approachable, with an absolute commitment to respecting the priest's privacy. Those professional support relationships do take time and effort to develop, and for me the privilege has been to see recently ordained priests flourish in their ministry and become in their words the best priests they can be. At the other end of ministry, helping priests make major life decisions about retirement and then supporting them in the significant changes to their lives and ministry is equally worthwhile and requires additional gifts and expertise.

[Invitation to new CaFE Course](#)

Joan Kent, Chair of Sacred Heart Hook's Parish Pastoral Council invites Catholics from across the diocese, to join the parish for a new CaFE course on Mondays evenings from next week...

On the horizon is a brand-new CaFE course called "Belong and Believe". This is what is being said about it: In our post-pandemic world, the need for vibrant and welcoming Christian communities has never been stronger. This new filmed course is a timely resource drawing on the immense wisdom and inspiration from our Celtic spiritual heritage helping us to find renewed faith and vision together. A five-session course to revitalise communities and their mission that covers the following topics: Building Welcoming Communities; Growing in Faith Together; Renewed in the Holy Spirit; Caring for God's Creation; Evangelising with Love and Action. This is a perfect time for this course as we move out of lockdown and think about a Parish of the future. Once again, we will be working with the other parishes in our Pastoral Area on this initiative. So, if you want to register, please email [Geoff Poulter](mailto:Geoff.Poulter) or [Joan Kent](mailto:Joan.Kent) and we will do the rest. The Zoom based course which is free to all will be on Monday evenings at 7.30pm-9.00pm commencing **Monday 31st May.**

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE BISHOP, 6th JUNE

An invitation

My dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

I am writing to you with an invitation. But let me first wish you today a very happy Feastday, Corpus Christi, when we adore the most precious treasure Christ has given His Church,¹ the Gift that exceeds all praise,² the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood. It is a sublime mystery, before which we can but kneel in silent astonishment - to borrow Charles Wesley's words - "lost in wonder, awe and praise."³ Today we return to Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and the priesthood that perpetuates the Mass until the end of time. My brothers and sisters, on our altars, it is the same Jesus Whom St. Thomas acclaimed "My Lord and my God," and of Whom St. John, the beloved disciple, seeing Him on the beach and hearing His voice, said excitedly: "It is the Lord!"⁴ In every Mass, Jesus actually speaks His Word to us in the Scriptures and then, as the bread and wine is changed into His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity,⁵ He gives us the gift of Himself, the Bread of Life, a love-gift that is stronger even than death.⁶

These last eighteen months, for all of us, have been difficult. The pandemic has brought much suffering, anxiety and disruption. It has also disrupted our spiritual and ecclesial life. We have often been unable to get to Mass or Confession, and the first sacraments for our children have had to be postponed. Yet valiant efforts have been made, with live-streaming and other initiatives, and I thank all of you, clergy and people, for your witness, self-sacrifice and service. The situation is presently looking more hopeful, so let us continue to pray to the Good Lord for a final resolution of this crisis.

With things improving, I come to you with an invitation. I wish to invite you to join me, and everyone across the Diocese, in keeping from today a Year of the Eucharist, supported by our current focus on St. Joseph. I wish this Year of the Eucharist to bring about a deep spiritual renewal, a deeper love for Jesus in the Mass and in the Sacrament of the Altar. I invite you to return physically to Mass, if you haven't already, and to attend Mass more often, keeping the feastdays. I also invite you to pay visits to church - why not go as a family? - to bask in the Real Presence and to receive the peace of heart, liberation and gifts of love He offers.⁷ How you keep this Year is up to you, but I ask that periods of Eucharistic Adoration be organised and for everyone to undertake prayer and lectio divina. I have established five shrine churches: Portsmouth Cathedral, Sacred Heart Bournemouth, St. James's Reading, Jersey St. Thomas and Guernsey St. Joseph, where you can go on pilgrimage and gain an Indulgence. I also hope this Year will help us to link better liturgy and life, so that the more we love Jesus in the Eucharist, the more we will love Him in the needy and in creation. After all, Mary and Joseph cared for Jesus's practical needs every day. Our diocesan patron St. Edmund of Abingdon was noted for his works of charity; he often gave away his fees.⁸ And Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, patron of our youth, who from the age of 13 was a daily communicant, said: "Jesus pays me a visit every morning in Communion and I repay Him, in the little way I can, by going to going to visit His poor."⁹

Let me share with you two major concerns I have, for which I ask you to pray. Nine out of ten Catholics do not attend Sunday Mass: how can we fan their faith into a flame? Ninety-nine per cent of people living in our Diocese do not know about the 'Bread of angels':¹⁰ how can we reach out to make them more welcome? Remember: when we kneel before the Lord in the Eucharist, we adore not only a Sacred Object but a Sacred Person, Jesus Himself.¹¹ More, Jesus is not just present: He is active. From the altar, He wants to fill us with His Holy Spirit.¹² He wants our hearts to burn within us. He wants to set us on fire with love, enthusiasm and passion. So when you adore Him, ask Him for the Holy Spirit; ask Him for the gifts of the Spirit; ask Him for the Holy Spirit to send you out to help transform the world with justice, love and peace.¹³

Another point. The Mass primarily is not about us; it's about God. It's not about what we do, but about what God does. It's not about worship or warm feelings; it's the work of the Blessed Trinity.¹⁴ When we come to Mass, the Holy Spirit unites us with Jesus in His self-offering to the Father, and just as, out of love for us, He lays down His life on the altar, so He sends us out to do the same for others.¹⁵ People often have vague, even wrong ideas about the Mass. The Mass is the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary in which He is the Victim.¹⁶ Jesus invites us to join ourselves to His sacrifice and to offer up to the Father our own lives, our thoughts, words and deeds, our sufferings, joys, hopes and fears.¹⁷ This is why the Mass is the source and centre of our Christian life.¹⁸ I hope that during the Year of the Eucharist, there will be many opportunities, online and in your parish, for catechesis and for sharing personal testimonies.

Let me end with a story. My parents died a little while ago: please pray for them. But occasionally during Eucharistic adoration I have had from the Lord a holy intuition that they are now with Him in that state of "refreshment, light and peace" the First Eucharistic Prayer speaks of. We are never closer to our departed loved ones than when we are with Jesus in the Eucharist: they are with Him and He is with us.¹⁹ Indeed, the Eucharist creates the Church across space and time; it makes us one body, one spirit in Christ;²⁰ it generates our parish communities, the Lord uniting us with Himself and with one another in the bond of charity. It is sad that often in the Catholic Church, that within our Diocese, parishes, schools and families, there is a lack of love, a failure to practice the Lord's command: "Love one another as I have loved you."²¹ This leads to a culture of disunity, disaffection and fault-finding.²² Let us earnestly pray that this Year of the Eucharist will cause a new cascade of love across the Church, uniting us all in common purpose: Bishop, clergy and laity, husbands, wives and children. In this way, the Church in our Diocese will be more like what she is meant to be: a light, a lumen gentium, a light to everyone around.

Thank you for listening. I know I have said a lot here, so please do take a copy away with you to read at home. Meanwhile, let us pray for one another. And today, have a happy Feastday!

In Corde Iesu,

+Philip