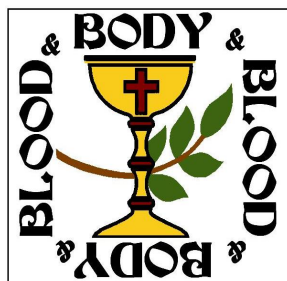


English Martyrs' Newsletter



Corpus Christi 5th / 6th June 2021



This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. It is also known as the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi is a celebration of the faith of the Church honouring Our Lord Jesus Christ, truly and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine. This presence, known as the real presence, happens through the change which the Church calls transubstantiation (change of substance), when at the consecration of the Mass, the priest says the words that Christ himself pronounced over bread and wine, "This is my body," "This is my blood," "Do this in memory of me."

The Eucharist, the Mass, is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium*, no.11). In the Eucharist, Jesus himself re-presents for our benefit his sacrifice on Calvary (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:26-29), gives himself to us in Holy Communion (John 6:1-14, 48-51), and remains with us until the end of the age (Luke 24:13-35; Mt 28:18-21). Jesus comes to us in the humble form of bread and wine, making himself vulnerable, out of love for each of us. As God himself, the Body and Blood of Christ deserves our utmost respect and love, as well as our adoration.

In Holy Communion, by obeying Jesus' command to eat his flesh and drink his blood, we are personally united with Jesus himself. We do not receive a mystical Jesus, a spiritual Jesus, much less a metaphorical or symbolic Jesus. Jesus took our human nature (body and soul) at the Incarnation, he suffered and died, and rose again. He continues to give us salvation and grace, immediately and directly through his sacred Body and Blood.

Corpus Christi invites us to a renewed faith in Jesus, truly and substantially present in the Eucharist. We are called to full, conscious, and active participation at Mass and to a strong faith in the Lord's real presence. Because the Lord Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist, we adore him. Each Friday will be a day of prayer, a day to adore Jesus, the incarnate Son of God, present in the Eucharist.

In preparing to receive Holy Communion we are required to fast for one hour and to be in a state of grace having confessed serious sin in Confession. Having been denied access to Mass and Communion in the first two lockdowns, let this Corpus Christi be truly a feast, a celebration of faith in the Lord's presence in the Eucharist. Let us praise and adore God for the gift of Jesus His Son, present in the Mass.

Fr. Michael

ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, READING

Parish website: www.englishmartyrsrdg.com

Livestream link on You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCulqb5ncxASpguMmd_OMNtA

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Fawley Road, Reading RG30 3EP
Head: Dr Simon Uttley 0118 957 4730

MASS TIMES



Open Masses. No booking required.

- Monday 7th at 09.30am
- Tuesday 8th at 9.30am (NO 7pm Mass)
- Wednesday 9th at 9.30am
- Thursday 10th at 9.30am
- Friday 11th at 9.30am
- Saturday 12th at 10.00am

Saturday 12th (Vigil) at 6.00pm;

Sunday 13th at 7.30am: 9.30am: 11.30am: 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Book your place at <https://englishmartyrsrdg.eventbrite.co.uk> (Bookings open at 8.00pm Monday 7th)



The following Masses will be live-streamed onto our YouTube channel;
Saturday (Vigil) at 6.00pm and Sunday at 09.30 & 11.30am.

With more and more people attending Mass in person, in the coming weeks only one Sunday Mass will be livestreamed. Details to follow.



Confessions will be heard on:

Saturday 12th after 10am Mass and at 5.00pm.

Sunday 13th at 4.00pm



PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open from 10.00am to 6.00pm Monday 7th to Saturday 12th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY

Friday 11th between 1.00pm and 6.00pm



Word on Fire: a special video message from Fr. Robert Baron on the Eucharist:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4KUK_bFITkm

Available on Zoom (our website Calendar page has the links)



Faith Formation:- weekly on a Monday 7.00 to 9.00pm :

Homegroups:- Thursdays 7.30 to 9.00pm :

Emmaus Groups:- various days/times :

Divine Mercy Chaplet:- 3.00pm Daily :

Pray the Rosary:- 4.00pm Daily :

Night Prayer:- 9.00pm Daily



Rest In Peace

*Please pray for the repose
of the soul of
Michael Sarjent.*

Going into Hospital: If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please let the Catholic Chaplaincy know. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you.

Ring the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.



Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Jo Lewry, Community Participation Coordinator, CAFOD Portsmouth

CARING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - FACE MASKS



Every day in the UK, millions of disposable face masks end up in landfill, with others abandoned elsewhere.

Have you considered using reusable, washable masks that can be bought in most stores?

Not only will you save money but you will be helping to show you care for God's Creation.

MASS INTENTIONS: Saturday 5th to Sunday 13th June

Corpus Christi - Year B

Saturday 5 th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass) <i>Live Streamed</i>	Thanksgiving
Sunday 6 th June	7.30am (Public Mass)	People of the Parish
<i>Live Streamed</i>	9.30am (Public Mass)	Eileen and Kathleen Kelly intentions
<i>Live Streamed</i>	11.30am (Public Mass)	Kathleen Gaughan & Kevin Commins RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	Canon Francis O'Sullivan RIP
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	Thanksgiving for retirement Hilary Umeh
Monday 7 th June	09.30am (Open Mass)	Anna Rosario RIP
Tuesday 8 th June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Thanksgiving for CAFOD
Wednesday 9 th June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Eileen Corse RIP
Thursday 10 th June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Hugh McGovern RIP
Friday 11 th June	9.30am (Open Mass)	Nancy Munnelly RIP
	11.30am (Family Invitees Only)	Funeral service of Michael Sarjent RIP
Saturday 12 th June	10.00am (Open Mass)	Patrick Reidy RIP

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 12 th June (Vigil Mass for Sunday)	6.00pm (Public Mass)	Nanda Perera RIP
Sunday 13 th June	7.30am (Public Mass)	Fr. Michael Boland RIP
	9.30am (Public Mass)	Rose Bright RIP
	11.30am (Public Mass)	Brenda Walshe and Paddy Collins RIP
	3.00pm (Public Mass)	In honour of St. Anthony of Padua
	5.00pm (Public Mass)	People of the Parish