



Our Lady Help of Christians

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

6th June, 2021

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Sunday, 6 th June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>The People of the Parish</i> <i>Chintzia Mills (Birthday)</i>
Monday, 7 th June	<i>(9.15am at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Fr. Bill Carroll SDB (Anniversary)</i>
Tuesday, 8 th June	9.15 am Mass	<i>Kathryn Allsworth (Intentions)</i>
Wednesday, 9 th June <i>Op. Mems. of St. Columba, Abbot or St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church</i>	No Mass Today	
Thursday, 10 th June	<i>(7.00 pm at Sacred Heart)</i>	<i>Crispin, Claudia, Bendita, Deonigio, Carolina & Guido Gomes - RIP</i>
Friday, 11 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	<i>6.00 pm Exposition & Benediction</i> <i>7.00 pm Mass</i>	<i>Tommy Gildea (Birthday)</i>
Saturday, 12 th June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	Saturday Evening Vigil: 5.30pm	<i>Sarah Mist (Get Well)</i>
Sunday, 13 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sunday Morning: 11.00 am	<i>The People of the Parish</i>
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Friday, 6.00 – 6.45 pm		

Welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians.

Today we are celebrating the solemnity of Corpus Christi – “The Body of Christ”. In Holy Communion Jesus feeds us with His Body and Blood and so shares with us His own life.

If you have recently moved into Our Lady’s parish, or if you are returning after lockdown, please say hello to me.

If you wish to join us for Mass from your home, we are now live and can be viewed at

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/our-lady-help-of-christians>

Here is a prayer, **an Act of Spiritual Communion**, which you can say as you watch a Livestream Mass:

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

Collections during April: 11th April, £483.39; Gift Aid: £134.60

18th April, £345.09; Gift Aid £144.00

25th April, £264.17; Gift Aid £124.00

Direct Debit Donations (April): £1,617.00. Thank you.

Please pray for those we know who are sick, including Kate Kavanagh, Domenico Mirto and Regina Soares. If you or any family members are ill and you would like to ask for prayers on this newsletter, let me know (in writing, please). Thank you.

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week for Tommy Gildea (Birthday).

The Sacred Heart Candles are burning this week for Kathryn Allsworth (Birthday) and for Mark.

Our Lady's Candles are burning this week for Chintzia Mills (Birthday) and for Sr. Agnes' Intentions.

St. Joseph's Candles are burning this week for Tara Murray's Intentions and for Matthew.

St. Don Bosco's Candle is burning this week for Ann and John Kennedy (In Remembrance).

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Bruna, Patrick Griffiths, Ivor Bridgewater, Joe McLoughlin and for the souls of all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bishop James Dey, Mgr. Bernard Robinson, Frs. Peter Gallagher, Denis Shiel CO, Thomas Hampton, John Arthur McIver, John P. Lane, Timothy Cronin, William Quinn, Gerard McArdle, Cyril Adams and Deacon Peter Phelan and also Kathleen O'Malley, Simon Boyd, Patrick McLoughlin, Sr. Agnes Collett FMA, Charles (Chas) McHugh and Orlando Abrunho. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Confirmations. Bishop Emeritus William will come to Our Lady's for the evening Mass on Friday, 18th June, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to those children who have been waiting for the past year. Because of the pandemic the Mass will be for the candidates and their families only, and we cannot have a party afterwards, but the Mass will be livestreamed and I ask you to join in and pray for all those involved.

Our Lady's Roof and Drains Appeal. We have recently had expenses for the roof and in the near future we shall have major expenses for the drains. To try to balance the books, during June and July there will be a special collection box at the back of the church for both of these expenses. If you can make an offering whenever you come to church it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



A Thank-you Message from CAFOD: Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic.

In Zambia for instance, in the past year 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 our brothers and sisters in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.

Community Sponsorship Event. The government has just announced a long-term future for Community Sponsorship of refugees – a national scheme co-designed and piloted by Catholic parishes. All are invited to join a national Catholic celebration of the scheme via Zoom on 14th June at 6.00 pm co-hosted by Caritas Social Action (CSAN) and Reset. CSAN is the official agency for Catholic social action in England and Wales. Reset is the scheme's national training provider. Find out how you can get involved and hear from refugees and parishes about its transformative impact. To register visit: www.communitysponsorship.org.uk/events

"Putting *Laudato Si* Into Practice". There will be a talk by Dr. Sam Ewell, author and *Laudato Si* activist, on Zoom on Monday, June 14th, 7.00-8.30 pm. In Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter, "Caring for our Common Home" or *Laudato Si*, we are called to care for our common home. What determines the impact of our discipleship is our capacity to trust and to show fidelity to the promise of abundant life together (John 10:10) and the duty to care. This is an opportunity to reflect on how our following of Christ engages us with the current climate change crisis. Please email actabhm@gmail.com to register your interest.

Pastoral Letter. Next weekend a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read out at all Masses. The Pastoral Letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years. As we make a fresh beginning after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions, our aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour. The Letter will be accompanied by a prayer card and will also be available in audio and video format via the diocesan website, for which details will be given next week.



Missio Red Box Appeal. If you have a Red Box, thank you for supporting this cause. If you have not done so yet, please bring it in to be emptied today. If you have already brought in your box, please collect it from the back of church. Thank you.

Tailpiece: A priest was preaching enthusiastically about the dangers of alcohol and the need for moderation and temperance. He announced, 'If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' With even greater emphasis he added, 'And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' Finally, he intoned, 'And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river.' He then sat down and the choirmaster announced the final hymn: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

May God bless you and all those you love.
Fr. Harry