

The Parish of
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CORPUS CHRISTI: YEAR A
11th June 2023

CHRIST LONGS TO STAY WITH US

Today, in thousands of cities, towns, and villages, on every continent, our brothers and sisters in Christ are walking the streets of the world in the solemn processions of Corpus Christi - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

This is the great mystery we celebrate today, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the greatest of Sacraments.

The Eucharist is not just a symbol of Christ's spiritual presence.

It is not just a reminder of Christ's self-offering in the past.

No, Jesus Christ is truly present in this Sacrament.

As the Catechism says: "In the most blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist the Body and Blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (CCC.1374).

This is why St Paul, in today's Second Reading, calls Holy Communion a "participation" in the Body and Blood of Christ.

And this is why Jesus himself, in today's Gospel Reading, repeats six times - SIX times - that his flesh is real food and his blood is real drink.

This wonderful, mind-boggling mystery reveals how much Jesus loves us.

He loves us so much that he wants his own life to flow through our veins;

he wants to accompany us always and everywhere,

until he leads us home to be with him forever in heaven.

Jesus in the Eucharist is the everlasting fulfilment of the ancient prophecy that our Saviour will be "Emmanuel" - God with us.

Though we have sinned, Christ loves us too much to abandon us.

He longs to stay with us, to walk with us, to share, redeem and give meaning to every detail, to every encounter, to every nook and cranny of our lives."

RIP FR JOE RODRIGUES

We pray for the soul of Fr Joe Rodrigues died peacefully this last week in Goa. Many will remember Fr Joe who spent some time at the Annunciation Church and we ask you to pray for the repose of his soul.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is *this* Tuesday 13th June. We meet at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. See you there.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023

Dates for those enrolled on this year's First Holy Communion course are:

June: 17th & 24th & July: 1st & 8th

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15th July.

PADLEY INTER-DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 9th July

The procession from Grindleford Train Station takes place at 3.00pm and Holy Mass commences at 3.30pm.

Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham will preach and pilgrims are invited to arrive early if they wish to picnic in the chapel grounds.

WATCH AND PRAY

Watch and Pray is a collection of prayers, hymns and readings collated by the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ for use by students of Mount St Mary's College.

The published book is now available to buy both from the college website: www.msmcollege.com/shop or by placing an order through the Parish Office.

Copies of *Watch and Pray* are priced at £10 each

Please note: If purchasing through the parish, payment must be made in advance.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

14th – 21st September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:

07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16 to 23 October.

For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at joegmcnally@gmail.com or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

PARISH CENTRE KEYHOLDERS

Parishioners with access to the parish centre are reminded that this privilege allows them to gain entry to the church only and that the Parish Centre is still an active building site with a great number of hazards.

Besides the obvious health and safety risks, over the next two weeks the floors will be sanded, waxed and sealed, and therefore the hall is strictly out-of-bounds to all.

SUMMER 2023 IS FINALLY COMING!

Although this last week has been unseasonably cold I am reliably told I this week things will begin to get much warmer. This is therefore an appropriate and neutral time to ask everyone to consider their attire when attending Holy Mass:

Modern culture has done a lot to erode away many of our traditions as well as decency and reverence. Although the Catholic Church has no real dress code for proper attire when attending Mass, there is an unwritten dress code that demands we are properly dressed out of Respect, Honour, and Reverence for the Real Presence of Our Blessed Lord.

There are TWO main reasons one should dress modestly and decently for Mass:
Out of respect for God.

In Order not to be a distraction or stumbling block to our fellow parishioners.
It is also a wonderful way to teach our children respect, honour and reverence.

Here is what the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***
has to say about dressing properly for Mass:

“To prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.”
– CCC 1387

Generally, we should be guided by the principle that what we may be suitable for a summer party may not be suitable for the sacred worship of God.

RED MISSIO MISSIONARY BOXES

These boxes now need emptying. Can all parishioners who hold these boxes, please return them to their respective church.

A box has recently been handed in without a name on it, this is now ready for collection. So please everyone make sure your name is on the label when handing in your box.
Many thanks. Richard & Geraldine and Mike O'Sullivan

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses *this* weekend for
The Bishops' Conference Day for Life.

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The focus this year is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

Each year a message is released, usually by a bishop, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. Hopefully, this will help encourage further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

The message can be found at: www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/
For those parishioners who prefer to donate using the contactless terminals an option for **Day for Life** is available.

RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

17th June: 9.30am – 4.00pm at St Joseph's Convent – *Daughters of Divine Charity*
42 Newbold Road, Chesterfield, S41 7PL

Lunch will be provided and there is opportunity for overnight stay on the Friday night.

For enquiries/booking please contact the convent: 01246 230321 or
goncag@hotmail.co.uk

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 12th June	<i>No Public Mass</i>	
Tuesday 13th June St Anthony of Padua Priest & Doctor of the Church	9.30am Holy Spirit	Private Intention
Wednesday 14th June	12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished Annunciation</i>	Maria Conti-Manfredi <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 15th June	9.30am Holy Family	Kitty Connor
Friday 16th June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Solemnity	12.00noon Annunciation	Mother Aleyama Mathew
Saturday 17th June The Immaculate Heart of Mary VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Intentions of Joan Hargan <i>Holy Hour</i> Kath Lowry
Sunday 18th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish John Scott Yorkshire Brethren

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Thursday, 29 June: the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, a Holyday of Obligation.