

CORPUS CHRISTI

ON THE NIGHT before he died, Jesus had supper with his disciples. They were showing signs of bewilderment and stress, though they did not know exactly what was to happen. Later, Jesus would be betrayed, handed over for trial, kept overnight, mocked and tortured. In the morning he was led out to be crucified, and his disciples fled in terror. Only the women stayed by to watch. His crucifixion was not the end, however. He was laid in a tomb but on the third day – the first Easter Day – once the Sabbath was over, his followers came to embalm the body only to discover that the tomb was empty. As he had promised, he had risen from the dead. He appeared to over 500 of his followers (1 Cor. 15) and fifty days later, following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, 3,000 were converted in one day (Acts 2). Thereafter, the Faith spread like wildfire.

Before he died, Jesus took the bread and wine used for the *Kiddush* and said ‘This is my Body...This is my Blood...Do this in memory of me’. Ever since, the Church has gathered, Sunday by Sunday, and day by day, to repeat this act. We don’t have another supper – in fact it is usually in the morning that we meet – because we are remembering the whole mystery: Maundy Thursday (Last Supper), Good Friday (Passion and Death), Easter Sunday (Resurrection). Catholics believe – because this is what Jesus said – that the bread and wine we take and bless becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, the food of eternal life for us.

Why have this celebration today, *Corpus Christi*? *Corpus Christi* goes back to the thirteenth century and arose from the realisation that the dark shadow over Maundy Thursday, and the incompleteness of that occasion, means that we should really set aside a special day to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of the Mass and of Holy Communion. Such a special day had to be after Easter – to include Easter – and, once Pentecost and Trinity were out of the way, we are free to focus very closely on the gift of the Blessed Sacrament. This is the gift that sixteen young children are receiving today for the very first time and it is the greatest, and most permanent gift they will ever receive.

Holy Communion is the beginning of a regular relationship with Jesus Christ, present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Few can manage to receive Holy Communion as their ‘daily bread’. Most can manage to celebrate Sunday, the day of the Lord’s Resurrection, by attending Mass faithfully and receiving Holy Communion devoutly and frequently.



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Sunday 11th June	TRINITY SUNDAY Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	Year A: Week 2 [WHITE] Pro populo Pro populo
Monday 12th June	<i>Of Week 10</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Tuesday 13th June	<i>St Anthony of Padua, Religious, Doctor</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
Wednesday 14th June	<i>Of Week 10</i> CLERICAL CONVENTION: NO MASS IN THE PARISH	[green]
Thursday 15th June	<i>Of Week 10</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green]
Friday 16th June	<i>St Richard of Chichester, Bishop</i> Mass: 8.30am Hendred House <i>Adoration: 3pm Hendred House</i>	[white]
Saturday 17th June	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> No Mass at St Mary’s. Mass 9.30am at English Martyrs, Didcot	[white]
Sunday 18th June	CORPUS CHRISTI Mass (said): 9.30am St Mary’s Mass with First Communions: 11am St Mary’s Mass 11.15am St Patrick’s	Year A: Week 2 [WHITE] Pro populo Pro populo
	Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

REBUILDING MARRIAGE, EMBRACING THE DIVORCED. BEHIND POPE'S FRANCIS AMORIS LAETITIA

Talk and Q&A with Austin Ivereigh on **16th June at 7.30pm** at the Church of Our Lady & St Edmund, Abingdon. Pope Francis' groundbreaking apostolic exhortation. 'The Joy of Love' was released last year following a two-part bishops' synod in 2014 and 2015 that sought a new pastoral response to the collapse of lifelong marriage across the western world. The document is a bold attempt by Pope Francis to put the Church at the forefront of the renewal of marriage.

DAY FOR LIFE

Day for Life is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated on **Sunday, 18th June**.

FUNERAL MASS

The funeral Mass for Dinah Tuson will be on **Monday 19th June**, 11am at St Patrick's.

MUMS ON THE RUN

The next meeting is on **Monday 19th June at 8.00pm** in the Holy Family Room. If you are a mum raising children, who would like a bit of time to chat and reflect with other mothers, please come along to these meetings. Contact Gillian Groeger for more information gillian-groeger@hotmail.com

ST MARY'S LENDING LIBRARY

There are a variety of books for spiritual reading available to borrow at the back of the church. Please feel free to browse them and if you would like to take one with you just put your name and the title of the book you are taking the sheet provided. No urgent returns. Enjoy them!

SUMMER EVENTS IN THE PARISH - KEEP THESE DATES!

13th August St Mary's BBQ and **17th September** St Patrick's BBQ.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO THE PARISH

With the end of the tax year we can report that the Gift Aid total was £44,725 which means that we collected over £11,000 in tax refunds.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sunday's collection raised a total of £827.39 of which 83% was Gift Aided.

FUTURE COLLECTIONS

Day for Life: 18th June

Peter's Pence: 25th June



NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**



BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries fall at this time.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

We remember in our prayers *Kathleen Doyle, Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, and Jadryga Adasko*. Names remain for four weeks. Please request further inclusion.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We remember in our prayers those who have died recently especially *Dinah Tuson* and *Jenny Ayres* and those with anniversaries at this time: *George Edward Eyston, Mary Moore, Edwin Bernard Castle, Barbara Reeley, Mary Isherwood, Evelyn Tomlin, Noreen Little and Cuthbert Wheeler*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

We remember in our prayers *James Fisher, Luke Hayward, Isabella James, Aidan Jensen, Roseanna McCarthy, Matthew Porter, Ella-Maria Rennie, Alexandra Stankiewicz, Harriet Swanzy, Andres Upfold, Sebastian von Wenden, Matthew von Wenden and Ethan Williams*.

HOLY FATHER'S MAY INTENTION - NATIONAL LEADERS

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arm trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

PRAY FOR PEACE!

Pope St John XXIII's Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all peoples of the earth become as brothers and sisters. May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

SUMMER IN THE FOREST

A remarkable new film about the inspirational Catholic philosopher Jean Varnier and the L'Arche communities he founded. It will be shown at **6.30pm on Monday 26th June** at the Oxford Phoenix picture. The film tells the story of the search for love and friendship by the intellectually disabled members of the L'Arche communities in France and Bethlehem. Booking is advised from www.summerintheforest.com. See poster in church for more details.

PRAYERS OF ALWAYS

Leaflets are available at the back of the church with our most used Catholic prayers. Donations are welcomed.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham needs your help in order to have their first convent. Until now they have survived thanks to the kindness of diocesan and shrine bodies who have provided them with temporary accommodation; the Community needs their own space where to grow and flourish in its work for the Church and God's Kingdom. Can you become a founding benefactor? For further information please call 01328 801013