



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH BOSCOMBE
OUTREACH 13: JUNE 14th

“THIS IS MY BODY THAT WILL BE GIVEN FOR YOU.”

The Feast of Corpus Christi is a little “bitter sweet” for us this year. For so long we have been deprived of the Eucharist and we are hungry for Mass and for Holy Communion: for the Body of Christ. Of course, we have been watching Mass online and making spiritual communions but it is “not the same”.

FR. ADRIAN WRITES:

In speaking about our unity in Christ, St Paul writes that we are like the grains of wheat that have been brought together to form one loaf. It is a lovely image for our parish – Body of Christ. The Eucharist celebrates and strengthens our unity in Christ. Our parish dedication reminds us each day that we are part of the Body of Christ. Christ emptied himself and became Man. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. St John was emphasizing God’s loving action; it is not poetic or symbolic language, it is a fact. The truth of the Incarnation. In 1 John 1, John writes, “Something which has existed since the beginning, that we have heard and have seen with our own eyes, that we have watched and touched with our hands, the Word became flesh”. Our Feast Day celebrates God’s great love for us and it is challenging this year as we are unable to celebrate together but we are united, we are the Body of Christ. Christ feeds us, he heals us, he forgives us, and he guides us. Let us pray for each other and, hopefully, we will soon be able to come together to worship, praise and thank God for each other. God bless and my prayers. I do miss you all. Yours, Adrian Howell, SJ.

“Places of worship to re-open for private prayer”



THE CHURCH IS BEING PREPARED FOR OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER. THE HOURS WILL BE RESTRICTED AT FIRST AND THERE WILL BE TWO PEOPLE TO HELP AND GUIDE US. I HAVE A DUTY TO KEEP YOU ALL SAFE, THEREFORE, FURTHER DETAILS WILL COME IN THE FUTURE. Fr. Adrian SJ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH: Barry Henwood, Sally Lees, Carmel Rippington, Joyce Smith, Angela Hagley and Mary Atfield 🙏

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: John Jordon; Robert Barton; Agnes Walsh; Anna May McGargle; Greta Koumides; John Kevin Murray; Paul Richards; Krystyna Gubbin and John Hurley Ellison. 🙏

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI. Corpus Christi, takes up theme not highlighted on Holy Thursday, which is centered upon what the Lord Jesus did on the night before he died. Instead, this feast contemplates his continuing presence among us as food, as bread

and wine transformed through consecration into his most holy body and blood. When Jesus said, “this is my Body” he meant, “ This is me. I am present in this bread, this host.”

Christ’s presence in the Eucharist is real, alive and dynamic. It is a life-giving and



liberating presence. His presence is that of the irresistibly attractive person that he was and is , together with everything he did: his life, passion, death and resurrection.

He is here for us, whenever we enter a Catholic church and want to be with Christ. When we come before a tabernacle, we know that we are in the real presence of Jesus Christ. On Corpus Christi our eucharistic Lord often goes in procession, outside of the church. But, of course, Christ slips out of tabernacles all the time, when he goes to nourish the sick and the dying.

But the Body of Christ is not limited to the presence of the Risen Christ in the bread

broken and the wine poured out, St Augustine broadens our understanding by saying: “We



eat the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ’. The Body of Christ is not something “we get”. When we say “Amen.” We say amen to the call to be what we receive. To be part of the Body of Christ. So today’s feast is a cause for celebration and for giving thanks but above all, for renewed hope and longing that one day soon we will be able to receive

the Body of Christ again and continue to be the Body of Christ in and for our world. The Feast of Corpus Christi this year will only inflame even more our longing to participate in Mass and to receive the Body of Christ. So, as soon as our church is open, we will be back.

A Message From Corpus Christi School

1 Corinthians 12



There is one body, but it has many parts.

But all its many parts make up one body.

It is the same with Christ. We were all baptised by one Holy Spirit. And so we are formed into one body.

Corpus Christi feast day, celebrating the real presence of Christ in the bread and blood of the Eucharist, is a very special day at Corpus Christi School. In the past few years we have celebrated the day with various activities such as Mass, ice-creams, multicultural coffee morning, beach visits and enrichment activities. This year will be different though we will of course celebrate and we know that the real presence of Christ is still very much alive in our school.

All the staff have worked wonders to make the school as safe as possible for the wider opening on June 1st for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Corpus Christi was one of a few schools in the country who were able to open to all the children in all three year groups on this date. It was a delight to see so many smiling children (and parents) come through the gates and I know the teachers were over the moon to welcome back our children. We are proud and blessed to be part of an amazing parish and school and we will continue to let the Spirit of Christ shine through us. As Pope Francis said on Pentecost Sunday, ‘By loving humbly, serving freely and joyfully, we will offer to the world the true image of God.’ Simon Lennon

This week we also celebrate the SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

It is a great opportunity to meditate on one of the most important aspect of Jesus’s life: the way that he loved.

The Sacred Heart is an invitation to ask ourselves, “How did Jesus love?” and “Whom did Jesus love?” He loved abundantly, totally and completely; and everyone, especially those who were poor or marginalized. But there are other questions that Solemnity of the Sacred Heart raises: “How do I love?” and “Whom do I love?” And the most important question of all, “How can I love like Jesus?” Maybe that’s a question we can ask ourselves this week, as we encounter each person with the love of our own hearts, which seek to love as Jesus’s Sacred Heart did.



Our Sisters, the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus celebrate both Corpus Christi and the Feast of the Sacred Heart in a very special way. Every day they pray that God will instill into their hearts the spirit of their Institute: A real and authentic love for Christ in the Eucharist and the passion that consumed his Heart for the salvation of the world. Their cross shows Jesus’s pierced heart from which flowed the Eucharist.



Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
ACI

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR JUNE

“Many people suffer due to the great difficulties they endure. We can help them by accompanying them along their itinerary full of compassion which transforms people’s lives.

It brings them closer to the Heart of Christ which welcomes all of us into the revolution of tenderness.

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.”

MESSAGE FROM Sr. JOANA. FAREWELL, GOODBYE...

Dear Parishioners, I am writing to you to let you know that I will be leaving Boscombe on June 25th. I will be going to Rome for 6 months in order to prepare for my final profession (final vows), hopefully next year. I wanted to share this news with you and ask you to keep me in your prayers, as it will be an important moment in my formation. I would also like to give thanks for the last three years, such a blessed time for me! Thank you for welcoming me from the very beginning and helping me to settle in! I really feel Corpus Christi Parish, as well as Corpus Christi School, is a family and that wouldn't be possible without your kindness. I am sorry not to say a proper "goodbye" but given the actual circumstances it is not possible. I will keep you all in my prayers. God bless.



Joana, aci

NB. CHANGE OF SCHEDULE: THE SISTERS LIVE-STREAMED ADORATION WILL BE ON FRIDAY AT 7:30 pm NOT TUESDAY.