

CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body and Blood of Christ)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST:

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME

Sunday 1st June 2024

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When asked about the upcoming feast, Jesus sends His disciples, with a very detailed set of directions, including who they will meet, what they should say and what they will be shown. Perhaps He is trying to let them see that what is about to unfold has been well prepared for. At the meal, Jesus both takes and gives thanks for the bread and the cup of wine. He acts and then speaks the words of one who is actively engaged in His own destiny. He connects bread and cup with His broken body and His poured out blood. He unites dining with dying, Eucharist with crucifixion. Notice too, that even though there are only a few at the table, He spreads the cloth to include 'many'. This is a meal that strengthens the bonds of love between disciples, the One who will not be held by death, and their Father in Heaven.

When I turned 60, from this place I notice how younger people, the twenty and thirty somethings, struggle with the questions of who to be with and what to do with their lives. They live in a more challenging and complex world than I did at their age. In that world, they journey from mountains to valleys with amazing speed! They are thrown from clarity to confusion in a heartbeat. I marvel at their faith and how resilient they are. I worry too about how vulnerable they are. They return again and again to the challenges of companionship and meaningful work. Just like us 'oldies', they long to find people and places to whom they can give themselves. They want to break their bodies and pour out their life blood. And when this is not happening, they know something is missing.

We might say they are trying, in their own way, to answer the call to sacrifice. Sacrifice is the work of making life better, or holy, by giving something back. Da Free John, in his "Scientific Proof of the Existence of God Will Soon Be Announced by the White House", has written (p.33-34) *'Those who cling to one or other religious or spiritual way must realise that the foundation of all such ways is the disposition of sacrifice - not of self-preservation or of immunity to life.... This must be expressed in a new, free, sober and truly compassionate disposition ... which freely anoints the world with help and intelligent consideration. Therefore ... let us give ourselves up so that each temple ... may become a temporary altar of self-giving into the mystery that pervades us.'*

Catholics, of course, have been promoting this for centuries. Jesus command to 'Do this in memory of Me', is wrapped in a new Wisdom. Every word and every gesture in the last supper are a clarion call to gather up our lives and act with compassion. Our lives are a gift but they are not our own. They are given to us by God moment by moment. Holding fast to this truth increases our gratitude. Gratitude fills us up from the inside. Once filled, we overflow. The life freely given becomes the life we seek to freely give away.

On this great Feast, I encourage a new and deeper consideration of and meditation on the Eucharist. I believe this can make us smarter and more effective at sacrificing, to which we are naturally disposed. The words and the gestures of Jesus invite us to hold together transcendence, gratitude and sacrifice. We need all three for full living. If we cling only to transcendence we run the risk of becoming aloof and uninvolved in the suffering of others. Never truly 'in' the life we are living. If gratitude does not move us to sacrifice, we might count our blessings in a way that separates us from others. If we try to sacrifice without gratitude we might become resentful. We pour ourselves out till we are running in empty. So, we short circuit and stop giving ourselves away. We might tell ourselves that we have finally wised up. But the only Wisdom worth remembering, is the one which invites us to re-enter the company of the One who knows all about breaking and pouring. In gratitude we can return to this place again and again to draw strength for the journey.

**When I Run After What I
Think I Want**

When I run after what I think I want, my days are a furnace of stress and anxiety; if I sit in my own place of patience, what I need flows to me, and without pain. From this I understand that what I want also wants me, is looking for me and attracting me. There is a great secret here for anyone who can grasp it.

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GIVE Campaign Update #026



Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward so far, but we still need more first aiders! If we don't have sufficient numbers we may need to cancel Masses where there isn't a strong enough first aider : parishioner ratio. First Aid training will be held on Saturday 22nd June.

Please contact the office if you think you may be able to help. Thank you.

If you would relish the responsibility of helping to set up for Mass, we need more Sacristans at all Masses and would really appreciate you reaching out. Please contact the office if you think you could help us.

The campaign focus is turning towards the Diocesan plan for the Parish and we will be able to provide more information soon.

First 'Life in the Spirit' Talk

The Life in the Spirit talks will begin this Thursday 6th June until 18th July. From 7.30 - 9.00pm in the Parish Hall. *The first talk is GOD'S LOVE, by Father Paul Leonard.* Everyone is welcome.

If you wish to join in the comfort of your own home, please register at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) to participate. There will also be a live Holy Spirit Day at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June running after the 9.30am Parish Mass until 1pm, when you are invited to stay and share your packed lunch. Please register via the office.

Parish Eucharistic Ministry Training

There will be a training session for Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 15th June 10am - 1pm. The morning will begin with Mass at 10am. The training is for new Ministers (Confirmed Catholics) and for existing Ministers who were unable to attend the recent training in Basingstoke. To reserve your place, please contact the parish office by email: office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org, or by phone: 01344 425729.

SVP and CAFOD working together pre-General Election

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

St. Joseph's Governor Vacancies

There are 3 vacancies on St Joseph's School's Governing Body (Chair of Governors and two Foundation Governors)! They are looking for people who have a willingness to make a positive difference within the school. No previous experience necessary. For more details or the application please contact Stef Baumgart, secretary@stjosephsbracknell.co.uk or via the school office (Tel - 01344 425246).

CAFOD Debt Crisis

Very recently, Pope Francis called for action to address the new debt crisis that's crippling lower income countries. Over three billion people are living in countries where governments are spending more money on debts than on health or education. As record sums of money flow from the poorest nations to line the pockets of the world's biggest banks, a stand needs to be taken. We're calling on political parties to address this by passing a 'Debt Justice Law' if they form the next government.

Please add your name to CAFOD's petition to support this: [Help solve the new global debt crisis \(cafod.org.uk\)](http://Help solve the new global debt crisis (cafod.org.uk))





Couple Counselling

If you are experiencing any difficulties in your relationship with your spouse/partner, we have collaborated with a local relationship counsellor based in the Bracknell area who will be able to assist you. For more information please visit <http://www.marriagecare.org.uk> or call 0800 389 3801. Your call is confidential.

Bickerton House Care Home Events (RG12 2JB):

<p>Canine Café</p> <p>The first Wednesday of each month, 2pm – 4pm</p> 	<p>Friendship Café</p> <p>The second Thursday of each month, 10:30am – 12noon</p> 	<p>Community Cinema</p> <p>The third Thursday of each month, 2:30pm – 4:30pm</p> 
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Parish Events:

<p>Care Home Singing</p> <p>21/06, 1:45-3pm, Bickerton House, RG12 2JB 🎵</p> <p>25/06, 1:45-3pm, Bracknell Care Home, RG12 7DN 🎵</p> <p>28/06, 1:45-3pm Clement House, RG12 2 GH 🎵</p>	<p>Cuppa & Chat, 60+</p> <p>Every Tuesday, 2-3pm</p> 	<p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p>06/06, 23/06 after both Sunday masses</p> 	<p>Soup & Roll</p> <p>07/06 after 12 noon mass</p> 	<p>Life in the Spirit- Church Hall</p> <p>06/06, 7:30pm-9pm 'God's Love' with Fr. Paul Leonard</p> 
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WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, HOUSEBOUND OR IN HOSPITAL AND FOR THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Amanda Killestein	Ann D'Ambrosio	Ann Lynch	Ann O'Sullivan	Anne Hardy
Arthur Hardy	Audrey Lam	Bernard O'Neill	Beryl Pilgrim	Blanche Shap
Brenda Lynch	Bridget Riordan	Charles Hose	Claire Hose	Clarita Kokou-Tchri
Dorcas Innes-Grant	Douglas & Bernadette Hunt	Dymphna Slade	Eddie & Flo Moore	Edmund & Kate Carroll
Ethna Sweeney	Inge Walker	Janet Read	Jerry & Susan Tobin	John Moir
Leonie Macintosh	Louis Burgisser	Lucia Saligo	Margaret Finnieston	Margaret Pearce
Marie Swash	Mary King	Mary Murray	Mary Phelan	Eamon McNeill
Maureen Baxter	Patricia Holmwood	Paula Sandford	Phyllis Lewis	Rico Morales
Sally Torode	Terri Landmann	Terry and Peggy McCullough	Tony Andrews	Ursula Docherty
Vilma Taborda	Vivienne Halfpenny			

To add or remove a name to this list with consent, please contact the Parish Office.

If you or your relative is housebound, or because of illness cannot come to Mass and wish to receive Holy Communion at home, call the office on 01344 425729 or email office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

PARISH OF ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW, BRACKNELL

Parish Priest: Fr. Daniel McAvoy **Deacon:** Rev. Aidan Lynch

Parish Administrators: Francis Barton and Donna Mody

Safeguarding Team: Marion McGuire, Sarah Birch, Paula Read

07712 048695 safeguarding@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

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MASS TIMES

CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ], <i>solemnity</i> [transferred]				
Saturday	1st	6pm	Mass	<i>Jurgens Family (living & deceased)</i>
Sunday	2nd	8:30am	Mass	
		10:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions
ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS, Martyrs, <i>memorial</i>				
Monday	3rd	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4th	10am	Mass	
ST BONIFACE, Religious, Bishop & Martyr, <i>memorial</i>				
Wednesday	5th	10am	Mass	
Thursday	6th	10am	Mass	
THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, <i>solemnity</i>				
	7th	11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
		12 noon	Mass	
THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, <i>memorial</i>				
Saturday	8th	10am	Mass	
		11am	Confessions	
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
Saturday	8th	6pm	Mass	<i>Yvette Bone RIP</i>
Sunday	9th	8:30am	Mass	<i>John Griffin RIP</i>
		10:30am	Mass	Parish Intentions

ALL MASSES ARE LIVESTREAMED <https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/watch-live>

New to our parish or not yet registered?

<https://www.bracknellcatholicchurch.org/parish-life/parish-registration>



PASTORAL CARE

01344 425729

office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

Are you lonely? Are you ill and in need of prayer and/or support? Perhaps you have not had contact with the Catholic Church for a while. Whatever the reason, please do get in touch for a chat.



Bereavement support

07852 497 218 / 07851 200 987

office@bracknellcatholicchurch.org

Are you in the land of loss & would appreciate a chat with someone in our group? If so, do not hesitate to get in touch.



Call **IN CONFIDENCE**

07731 862 349

If you are struggling financially and need practical assistance, the local Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) may be able to help. Do call us in confidence for a chat.

DONATIONS TO PARISH FUNDS Online, Bank Transfer, DD, <https://bracknellcatholicchurch.org/give/>

BANK DETAILS: Account Name: CDP Bracknell St Joseph Sort Code: 30-93-04; Account Number: 00875520

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: **CDP BRACKNELL ST JOSEPH**

JOBS AVAILABLE IN THE DIOCESE: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

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