

## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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**Sunday 2 June 2024 – Corpus Christi**

**Readings: Year B**

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### Dear Parishioners

This Sunday is Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Originally on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, it was moved to the Sunday by the Bishops of England and Wales in 2006. It still remains on the Thursday for many countries, for example Spain where it is also a public holiday in some provinces.

St Thomas Aquinas suggested this feast to Pope Urban IV and he wrote the beautiful hymns Salutaris Hostia and Tantum Ergo which we sing at Benediction. In the Middle Ages the Mystery plays were performed at this time in England but with the abolishment of the feast by the Protestant powers in 1548, they too lapsed. In Rome Pope Francis will lead a Corpus Christi procession from St John Lateran to St Mary Maggiore and in Oxford the Oratorians will be doing the same, as a Catholic presence in the city.

So what is it all about? The "bells and the smells", the Monstrance raised in blessing, the veneration of the Sacred Host...It is our response to the simple words of Jesus: "I am the Living Bread...Whoever eats this Bread will live for ever. This Bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

These words are clear, plain and convincing. At the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, the self-giving of His Body and Blood. On Corpus Christi we celebrate that gift. As the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity are lifted up before our eyes, let us adore Him who came to save and cleanse us from our sins, Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

**God bless everyone      Father Clive**

## Parish Notices

**Masses as usual next week – 9:15am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:15am Friday Rosary for Peace.**

**Next Sunday (9th June) it is First Communions for our primary school children.** Please support them in your prayers.

**As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee. CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope**, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well known and much loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author **David Wells**. The event will be held on **Saturday 8 June 2024** at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00am – 4.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

**In June we pray with Pope Francis** *For migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries*

**Holy Trinity Parish Wine Tasting evening, Friday 21st June 7pm at James and Juliet Byrne's Home, Hawkyard House, 66 New Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5LJ.** Tickets at £20 each to include the wine and food, are now for sale after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. It's easier for us if you pay by cash, however, if you find that impossible, email me - [johnnyhulme@me.com](mailto:johnnyhulme@me.com) and I will send you bank details. Entry is by ticket only and due to space, numbers are limited, all proceeds will go to CAFOD. The evening will take the form of a fun Wine challenge, for expert and novice alike, 6 rounds starting with a Champagne, each from 2 different producers using the same grape, one inexpensive and one expensive. Daniel will describe one wine, and Kathy will describe the other, your task is then to decide which is which, it's much harder than you might think! There is no parking so I suggest you leave your Car in the New street Car Park.

**Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes:** Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

**In addition to your own daily prayers please remember:** All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

**The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times.** Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

