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## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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**Confessions;**  
**Friday 6PM-7PM**  
**Saturday after**  
**9:30AM Mass**  
**Adoration;**  
**Monday 9AM-7PM**  
**Friday 6PM-7PM**



### Corpus Christi Procession

As many of you are aware the Feast of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ is traditionally celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, 60 days after Easter. It was very early in the 14th Century that the custom developed of carrying the Blessed Sacrament in a procession through the town on Corpus Christi Day. It was in 2006 that the Holy See gave recognition to transfer to Sundays the Solemnities of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Ascension of the Lord and the Body and Blood of Christ, hence why this Sunday is celebrated as the Solemnity. I am not sure when the last Corpus Christi Procession took place in the town centre of Rugby on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday true to tradition, one of you may be able to recall? However, when I arrived to Rugby I had this desire in my heart to do this with you, and there are many to thank for helping me revive this tradition here in our town. We were supported along the way by Rugby First, Rugby Borough Council, Cllrs Ish and Senthil so we give thanks to them. To the many volunteers on the night, the first aiders, the stewards, especially to those who were in the Clock Towers from 5PM arranging the Altar and cleaning Market Square. To the Altar Servers, in their range of ministry on the night. To Bernadette and Fr Pontius from St. Osburg's Coventry for the loan of the Canopy. To Fr Kevin, Fr Paul, Fr Arul, Fr Liptak and Deacon Lionel for concelebrating and supporting the Mass and Procession. To the generous donation of £500 given towards costs of this event, they wish to remain anonymous, but thank you. To you the parishioners, so many of you came despite the bad weather at the start of Mass, thank you! I sincerely thank you all for your support and will celebrate a thanksgiving mass in the coming weeks to pray for you all.

Sat 1st June 2024	<b>Memorial of St Justin, Martyr</b>	<b>9.30AM 18.00PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners For a sick friend</b>
Sun 2nd June 2024	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>	<b>10:00AM 18.00PM</b>	<b>Una Leach RIP Arthur Hughes RIP</b>
Mon 3rd June 2024	<b>Memorial of Ss Charles Lwanga and Companions</b>	<b>10.00AM 19:00PM</b>	<b>Richard Clarke Patrick O'Connor &amp; Reilly Family</b>
Tue 4th June 2024	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Hargadon Intention Thanksgiving</b>
Wed 5th June 2024	<b>Memorial of St Boniface, Bishop, Martyr</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Peter Bourne Cardinal Ambongo (strength)</b>
Thurs 6th June 2024	<b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Michael Costello RIP (anniversary) 1944 Normandy Landings/For the deceased</b>
Fri 7th June 2024	<b>Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	<b>10.00AM 19.00PM</b>	<b>Daniel Docherty RIP Thanksgiving (prayers answered)</b>
Sat 1st June 2024	<b>Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	<b>09:30AM 18:00PM</b>	<b>All Parishioners Mary Ellen Kells RIP</b>

### **The Life Shop, Rugby**

The Life Shop really need our support. They are in need of volunteers, any time that you can spare would be gratefully received. Volunteers work is always great to see on a CV. The manager Terri is wonderful to work for and she gives excellent training. Just pop along to the shop and speak to her. Have you shopped there lately? Parishioners have been in recently and were surprised with the brands on sale from Wallis, Zara, Next, Super Dry, Monsoon etc. So don't forget the Life Shop when you are looking for something. Please support if you can.

### **UCM New/Nearly New Sale Mon 24th June**

We will be having a New/Nearly New Sale, coffee morning and cake sale. If anyone has donations of good, clean clothes, shoes, handbags etc that you don't need anymore then we will gladly appreciate your donation. The UCM charity this year is for our Church repair and upgrades. Please speak with any member of the UCM if you need items collecting or for more information, thank you.

### **Arranging a Wedding?**

Congratulations on your engagement! To arrange a wedding, an initial meeting with Fr Aji is vital so that the canonical and civil processes can be correctly followed and to be introduced to our wedding coordinator. Please give at least six months' notice.

### **Arranging a Baptism?**

Congratulations on the birth of your baby! First, parents must begin the process by seeing Fr Aji in person at a Sunday Mass. He can then check a few simple facts and give out a baptism application form. We do not deal with initial arrangements by phone, email or through other members of the family, but face to face. Parents need to attend a preparation session before the baptism can take place.

### **Lifting The Cap on Catholic Schools**

The Government has opened a consultation on lifting the cap that for the last 14 years has limited the number of Catholic children that can be admitted into any new Catholic school. Please see the link below and respond to the consultation (only name and email address are required). Responses are crucial if Catholic families throughout the country are not to continue to be deprived of a Catholic education.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faithschools-cap/>

### **Parish Census Forms**

In the forthcoming weeks there will be new census forms in the church to help get an idea of our existing parishioners and new parishioners, and with that form, a section to let us know what you would like to do in the parish. There is plenty of opportunity to get involved and it would be good to see how you can get involved. It is also an opportunity to ensure we have up to date records of contact and home details as many people have moved homes.

### **Maryvale Institute**

Are you looking to study Catholic Theology? Find out more about what's on offer at Maryvale Institute. Recruitment is now open for 2024/25 for those looking to study with the Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS), the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world. Maryvale HIRS operate both BDiv and Licence Programmes. Theology qualifications recognised by the Holy See. BDiv is a five-year, part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology. The Licence Programme Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is a three-year, part-time programme.

If you wish to speak to admissions tutor, Dr Harry Schnitker, about any questions you may have, please email him at; [researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk) or visit [www.maryval.ac.uk/](http://www.maryval.ac.uk/)

### **Readers**

The new readers rota is out for you to collect at the back of Church. By Advent Sunday this year, all parishes must begin using the new translation of the readings at Mass. These are taken from the English Standard Version, Catholic Edition (ESV-CE). The new books are not yet available (the complete ESV-CE Bible is). More information will be provided nearer the time. If anyone would like to consider donating towards one of the four volumes we shall need as they cost £180 each. Your name will be appear in the book as a sponsor if you wish. Thank you

### **Altar Servers**

The new rota is in the Robing Room for you should you need a paper copy or have not received it via email.

### **Receiving Holy Communion**

We have recently noticed at Mass that a very small number of people have been receiving Communion by Intinction (receiving the Sacred Host in one's hand and then taking it and dipping it into the Precious Blood). This practice is discouraged as it obscures the distinct fulfilment of the invitation of the Lord to 'take and eat', to 'take and drink'. It also presents a serious risk to those who live with Coeliac disease, since it inadvertently introduces gluten into the chalice of the Precious Blood. Following the Bishops' lead we would ask you not to practice Intinction when receiving Holy Communion at Mass and to consume the Body of Christ in the front of the Altar and not upon returning to your seat. Thank you.

Welcome if you are visiting our parish and not a Roman Catholic, a member of a church in full communion with it, you are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing at the time of Holy Communion by crossing your arms across your chest.

### **St. Marie's Repository**

This is fully stocked with images, candles, rosaries and icons of the Sacred Heart and with Confirmation and Communion gifts/jewelry so please do have a look.

### **Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at [sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.





We now in the forthcoming weeks turn our attention to First Holy Communion and Confirmation in the parish of our young people. We will then have key dates for you in September, the 8th is our Parish Feast Day, the 21st & 22nd is the Heritage Open Days and on October 6th & 7th we welcome the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the relics of St Francisco & St. Jacinta Marco. Whilst we are planning to take part in the Heritage Open Days again the church will be open on the Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd of September. The theme this year is Connections, Routes and Networks, exploring how we are connected to each both through physical routes and cultural connections. We are planning to have stalls and activities around this theme for all the family. We need more volunteers to help plan and organise this event. Please make yourself known to the parish office if you can offer help.



## This week's Gospel – Matthew 14:12-16, 22-26

### 'This is my body; this is my blood'

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

### Responsorial Psalm

**The cup of salvation I will raise,  
I will call on the Lord's name.**

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion & Confirmation

School Children First Holy Communion Sat 8th June 11AM  
Parish Children First Holy Communion Sat 15th June 9:30AM  
Confirmation Wednesday 19th June 7PM

This Sunday is the magnificent feast of Corpus Christi, God's greatest gift, the Body and Soul, Blood, and Divinity of Christ made present for us in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar, which began officially around the 13th century. Nothing on earth is remotely worthy of reverence, let alone adoration, as what we see and taste as bread but what our faith reveals as the Body of Christ Himself. Holy Scripture, the Church's entire tradition, and the saints all bear witness to this. Jesus declares, "This is My Body," but do we always remember to approach the Blessed Sacrament as a physical experience with the divine? Not only that but this encounter is made possible by the loving sacrificial offering of Jesus Himself? Although it is clearly connected to the Last Supper, Mass is more than that because Christ's Body was broken and given on Calvary as part of His sacrifice. The Crucifixion, which is made present to us at every Mass, is symbolised by the Last Supper. The Mass sacrifice represents Christ's sacrifice, and the Blessed Sacrament is the fruit of that sacrifice, Jesus broken and given. So, just as the centurion witnessed Christ's divinity at the crucifixion, so must we witness Christ's divinity as revealed in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a time to meditate on the great mystery of how bread and wine actually become Jesus Christ's Body and Blood. Although they still resemble bread and wine, the Father transforms them into the Body and Blood of Christ through the Holy Spirit. Because of this, when we receive Holy Communion, we believe that we too are transformed. When receiving Holy Communion, we say one Hebrew word: "Amen!" When the priest holds the Body of Christ in front of us and says, "The Body of Christ," we all answer with a "Amen." This word means "so be it," or "I believe." When we receive communion, or when we wait in the line to receive Jesus, really meditate on this word "Amen" and know that when we say it, we are saying, "I believe this is truly Jesus Christ, transformed from bread and wine and he is going to transform me into him". This is the most precious gift that God the Father has ever bestowed upon us. Let us approach this sacrament with a spirit of reverence and with the word "Amen" on our lips and in our hearts. The Catholic faith in its altars, church buildings and tabernacle bears witness to the true depth of God's love. Let us, His people, remember to bear witness to it as well.

### June is the month of the Sacred Heart

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus falls on Friday 7th June. Great benefits are promised to those who practice this devotion. Also, during this month, we can seek to deepen our devotion to the love of God revealed in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - a devotion encouraged by St Margaret Mary, whose relic rests in the altar at Blessed Robert Grissold Church in Coventry. **If you would like Fr Aji to visit and bless your home during the month of June then please let us know via the parish office.** Please take a prayer booklet from the back of the Church for you to pray at home to the Sacred Heart.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Dennis Deery, Wanda Kobylanksa

### FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Catherine Lynch, Gerald Hoolahan, Robert Dempsey, Richard Reilly, Patrick Reynolds, Christine Wrighton, Mary Moran, Patrick McCardle, Smartryk Kloppe, Patricia Meghan, Robert Taylor, Maria Solowij, Dominic Friel, Kazimierz Misztak

### PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC