

## **Corpus Christi**

Monday 12 June

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of 'Corpus Christi', which means 'The Body of Christ'. We remember the words of Jesus at the Last Supper:-

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

Each time we go to Mass, we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and his instruction 'Do this in memory of me'. We receive Communion, 'the Body of Christ', to strengthen us and bring us closer to Jesus Christ, and to his Church on earth.

Lord,  
we thank you for the gift of the Eucharist.  
We pray that we may grow to understand more fully  
the sacrifice you made for us.  
Amen.

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Amen.

## **We become what we receive**

Tuesday 13 June

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Our scripture for the week: Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

*John 6:51*

On Sunday we celebrated the feast of 'Corpus Christi', which means 'The Body of Christ'. Saint Augustine wrote that when we receive Holy Communion we become what we receive. We receive the Body of Christ so that we can become the Body of Christ in our world.

Today, we pray that we may be more like Jesus in the way we treat the people we meet and the people we live with – all of whom make up the body of Christ here on earth.

May we be slow to suspect and quick to trust;  
slow to condemn, quick to justify,  
slow to offend, quick to defend,  
slow to expose, quick to shield,  
slow to reprimand, quick to be patient,  
slow to belittle, quick to appreciate,  
slow to demand, quick to serve,  
slow to provoke, quick to reconcile,  
slow to hinder, quick to help,  
slow to resent, quick to forgive.  
Amen.

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Amen.

## **For Ukraine**

Wednesday 14 June

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Our scripture for the week: Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

*John 6:51*

We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, particularly for those in the many towns that were flooded when the dam was destroyed last week. Thousands of people have had to leave their homes and hundreds of thousands do not have access to clean drinking water.

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine  
for all those suffering or afraid  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.  
Amen.

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Amen.

## **Fathers' Day**

Thursday 15 June

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Our scripture for the week: Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

*John 6:51*

Sunday is Fathers' Day. For some this is a great occasion, for others it can be a difficult time. Whatever our relationship, let us take a few moments to pray for all fathers this morning. Scripture tells us that we are children of God, who is our Father. In the gospels we hear that Jesus took himself away to a quiet place to pray to his Father. In a few moments of silence, let us bring before God the prayers of our hearts this day.

*Silence*

We entrust all our prayers to our loving Father in heaven, in the words Jesus taught us:-

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.

thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

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Amen.

## **Sacred Heart**

Friday 16 June

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Our scripture for the week: Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

*John 6:51*

The tradition of the Sacred Heart is one that began about a thousand years ago. It is a devotion which developed over time, particularly due to the vision of a saint in the 17<sup>th</sup> century who saw visions of Jesus with his wounded heart and light shining from it.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents his physical heart, which is represented in pictures and statues, but also the love that Jesus had for all people which led him to die on the cross. Because today is a Feast Day in the Church, we do not fast from meat today. We pray for Sacred Heart school and parish who are celebrating their feast day today.

Lord, you deserve all honour and praise,  
because your love is perfect and your heart sublime.  
My heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude  
for the many blessings and graces  
you have bestowed upon me and those whom I love.  
Forever undeserving, may I always be attentive  
and never take for granted the gifts of mercy and love  
that flow so freely and generously  
from your Sacred Heart.  
Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.