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2 nd June 2024 Psalter Week 1		The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Corpus Christi	
First Reading	Exodus 24:3-8 <i>This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	The cup of salvation I will raise, I will call on the Lord's name.		
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:11-15 <i>The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Mark 14:12-16. 22-26 <i>This is my body. This is my blood.</i>		
Saturday 1 st June +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 2 nd June +	10.30am	Mass – (Catherine Bott Ints)	
Monday 3 rd June St Charles Lwanga & Martyrs of Uganda		No Parish Mass today	
Tuesday 4 th June St Maria Elizabeth Hasselblad, Virgin	10.00am	Mass - (Malcolm Saw RIP)	
Wednesday 5 th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr		No Parish Mass today	
Thursday 6 th June St Norbert, Bishop	10.00am	Service of Word & Holy Communion	
Friday – 7 th June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	9.15am 10.00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Mass (Judith & Mark Hedges – Healing)	
Saturday – 8 th June Immaculate Heart of the BVM	10.00am 10.30am 1.00pm	Mass – (Michael Grabowiecki RIP) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Confession Wedding – Laura McManus & Gus Bass	
Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
Saturday – 8 th June +	5.45pm 6.30pm	Confession Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday – 9 th June +	10.30am	Mass – (Family & Friends of the Ayles family)	

Last Sunday's Collection

Offertory: £342.26

DCP – £15.00

Average Standing Orders: £464.00

Total: £821.26



Welcome to the 1st Year Seminarians at Allen Hall

who will be visiting our parish this coming Friday 7th June. They will be here for morning Mass at 10.00am for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. After Mass, there will be some refreshments in the hall – you will be very welcome to come and meet them. This is their first time here and they are very much looking forward to seeing Olney and its people. Afterwards I will take them for a walk to Weston Underwood and a bite of lunch there.



First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Please do keep in your daily prayers all the young people of our parish as they ponder the mysteries of the faith in their lives. Also, for those at University, College or School who are taking examinations at this time and especially for those young people in our parish who will soon be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation.

Parish Forum Meeting – many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Parish Forum meeting held in the Parish Hall last Thursday evening. This was a wonderful opportunity to take stock of where we are a parish community and to share our ideas for future initiatives. If you were not able to attend but have some ideas of your own, please do let us know.

Message from the Social Committee – Please note a change of date from 2nd to 9th June for after Mass tea/ coffee. The 10.30 Mass on **Sunday 9th June** will be a **Children's Mass** and a warm welcome is extended to all families particularly those with children that are making their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 15th June**. After the Children's Mass everyone is invited to a small celebration and to wish the children well for their forthcoming special day.



Gardeners Diary A very big thank you to everyone who supported last week's 'Summer Bedding Plant Sale' – the magnificent total of **£192.20** was raised which along with the **£135.60** raised at the 'Spring Plant Sale' means a grand total of **£327.80** has been raised and will be sent to **Northampton Street Pastors**. Many thanks to Terry & Joan for all their hard work in putting this together and to everyone who supported this.



First Thursday Club – meets this coming Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. We are delighted to welcome **Sally Leatherland** who will share with us her vast knowledge of the Liturgical Vestments. All welcome.



Diocese Vocation Information Morning

For anyone who feels a calling to become a Permanent Deacon in our Diocese. Come along to St Mary's Catholic Church, Dunstable, on **Saturday 8th June from 10am-12noon.**



Catholic Grandparents Association – Many thanks to those who attended our May meeting. Together we enjoyed sharing together the subject of: **'Grandparents' fantastic opportunities when grandchildren demand to hear about 'The olden days.'** *'How much do our grandchildren know about us, and how well do we know our grandchildren.'* As this was our fifth meeting members received a beautiful membership badge – congratulations! Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26th June** – please do join us if you can – everyone welcome.



The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

June is the month specially dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You will find a Litany dedicated to the Sacred Heart on the parish website. This devotion reminds us how in Jesus's Heart, the love of God has been made manifest: a love that atones for our sins, that reaches out with healing, that longs to bring peace to our hearts and to the world, a love that suffers with us in our sufferings, a love that transforms our crosses into offerings of love which save souls and atones for sins and spreads the victory of God's grace throughout the world. Please do think about praying the Litany every day this month.

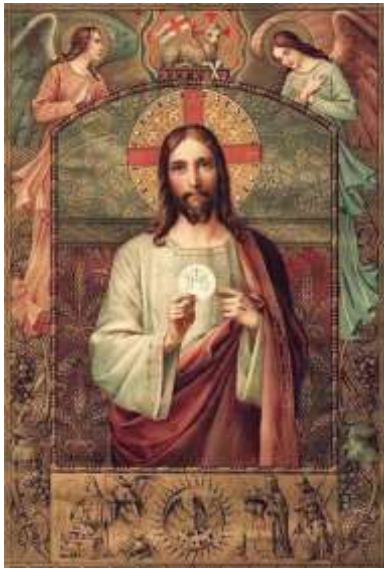


The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The memoria of The Immaculate Heart of Mary always follows the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the liturgical calendar. The heart of Mary and the heart of her Son are united in their love for one another and for the world. These two feasts are related spring celebrations of the overflowing love of God, manifested in the Son, Jesus Christ, and through the very human love of his Blessed Mother.

This devotion to Mary and to Jesus was highlighted in the 19th century by St. Catherine Laboure, following an inspiration from Mary to create the "Miraculous Medal of Our Lady of Graces," known more frequently just as the "Miraculous Medal," and worn by Catholics all over the

world. In the Gospel of the finding of Jesus in the Temple by his parents after three days, when he was missing, the concern of a mother comes through in Mary's question, "Son, why have you done this to us?" Although she did not understand Jesus' response about being about God's work in his Father's house at the time, the Gospel said she "kept these things in her heart." Sometimes we must reflect on an experience to truly understand its meaning for our lives!



Reflection on Corpus Christi

In Mark's Gospel, he tells us that "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 poured out for many.'" This was his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – **the real presence**; and it is ours today and every day. Christ is truly present in the Church and in the Eucharist. As a community, we gather in worship to be nourished by both the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. These are the emphases that form the

heart of the sacrament of the Eucharist for us. The catechism tells us that in the Eucharist we receive the 'food that makes us live forever in Jesus Christ.' Furthermore, the Eucharist is not the end for it must be for us the stimulus to action. It is a great challenge for us not to be just 'Sunday Catholics' but to acknowledge the unbreakable bond that exists between our faith and our daily life, both intertwined.

Here in our church, we can see the Sanctuary lamp gently burning its reassuring light telling us that all is well – Christ is present with us. That Sanctuary lamp is kept burning always as a visible sign of Christ's presence in our lives – not just here in our church and in our convent next door but in Churches and Chapels; Monasteries and Convents all over the world – telling Christians everywhere that **Christ is real; Christ is ever present**. In the Eucharist, at our beckoning, Christ comes into our lives in a very real and positive way - but this is not a mere fleeting visit – a reassuring 'I'm still here' sort of visit – but a desire for us to want Christ in our lives for every minute.

As we gaze at the Sanctuary lamp, we may ponder how wonderful it would be if, wherever we went in our daily lives, we could look up at any time and see that reassuring light flickering away reminding us that Christ is ever present. But surely our faith tells us that we do have such a 'lamp' - it is there if we look hard enough.

God is everywhere and in everything. When we see something beautiful; a sunset; a running stream; the waves of the sea coming ashore; the autumn leaves dropping gently to the ground; the early morning dew; the sharp frosty mornings; the swirling meadows – these are powerful reminders of God's presence. But when we talk about the *real* presence, Christ's sacramental presence, that is a very important concept. Through the actions of the priest in *persona Christi* the bread and wine offered up become the body and blood of Jesus Christ – that same gift given by Him to the apostles is given by Him to us. Each time we receive Christ in the Eucharist we are inviting Him into our lives – we want Him to be with us and He very much wants us to be with Him but Christ will never force Himself upon us – He requires an invitation from us.

The late Bishop Michael Evans of East Anglia once wrote, "If we really understood the Good News of Jesus Christ – the Good News of salvation, and if we were to fully grasp the truth that the Eucharist is the making present here and now of all that Jesus Christ has achieved for us – if that were so – **we would need no urging to come to Mass.**"

Deacon Peter

May Our Lady, Help of Christians, Our Lady of Peace, St John Mary Vianney, St Charles Lwanga & the Martyrs of Uganda, St Maria Elizabeth Hasselblad, St Boniface, St Norbert, pray for us.

With our love and prayers, Fr David, Fr Patrick, and Deacon Peter