



## St. Patrick's R.C. Church

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### **The Eucharist - *The Body and Blood of Christ***

Each time we come to Mass, we take part in a real way in the death and resurrection of the Lord, The sacrifice of Christ on the cross and his resurrection is made present among us. It is a place and time of grace. The Eucharist is not just to commemorate something that happened many years ago. It is our commitment to Christ in his people, and our faith in his real presence among us in the Eucharist and in each other. Jesus asks us to share the bread and cup, to proclaim this 'mystery of faith' for all time, We proclaim today that the Jesus of the tabernacle is the Jesus within all of us. St. Augustine, said, '*Become what you receive.*' If we celebrate the Eucharist with each other and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, then we are called to be the Body of Christ, the Church today. And we are asked to be a missionary church. At the end of every celebration of the Eucharist we are sent out with this prayer of mission, *let us go now to love and serve the Lord.* If we share in the gift of Jesus' Body and Blood, then we are also asked to share this with others when we leave church.

#### **What the Saints say about Spiritual Communion:**

**St. Thomas Aquinas** ~ "an ardent desire to see Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him"

**St. Jean -Marie Vianney** ~ "There are some who make a spiritual communion every day with blessed bread. If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by spiritual communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again. After the reception of the Sacraments, when we feel ourselves slacken in the love of God, let us have recourse at once to spiritual communion. When we cannot go to the church, let us turn towards the tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God"



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS . . .** Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, Bless all our priests. Help them to be conscious of the full meaning of their priesthood: to believe profoundly, to profess their faith with courage, to pray fervently, to teach with deep conviction, to serve, to put into practice in their own lives the programme of the Beatitudes. To know how to love disinterestedly, to be close to everyone and especially to those who are most in need. Amen. (From the words of Saint John Paul II)

<i>Masses with no Congregation</i>			
<b>THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>			
14	Sunday		People of our Parish
15	Monday		Joan Kent (Birthday)
16	Tuesday		
17	Wednesday		
18	Thursday		
19	Friday <i>The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>		
20	Saturday <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>		Alan Smith
<b>12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>			
21	Sunday		People of our Parish
<b>Anniversaries:</b>		Thomas Ansbro, Alan Smith, John Whitehead, Mary Wynn, John Harper, Maureen Lucey	
		Riska Okninski, Monica McShane, Billy McGuinness, Pat Jackson, Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Mary Talbot, Veronica Connors, Betty Griffiths, Sadie Todd, Audrey Bentley	



**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June**

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS . . .**

- **First Reading ~ Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16**
- **Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20**
- **Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**
- **Gospel ~ John 6:51-58**



**BROADCAST OF MASS BY THE BBC . . .** BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship will broadcast Mass, celebrated by the Cardinal in Westminster Cathedral, **THIS SUNDAY at 8.10am.** As an accessible radio broadcast, this is good news for the Catholic community. Please share news of this broadcast with any isolated parishioners who may not have access to the internet and therefore have been unable to attend online Mass services.

**At Mass this weekend Eucharistic Ministers would have been asked to renew their commitment to serve the parish.** Just as Christ gave himself on the cross to save humanity from sin, Eucharistic Ministers give generously of themselves to serve all those who come to the table of God's love. The Eucharistic Minister is both a servant to individuals and to the community. These ministers also take the Eucharist to the sick and the housebound. This is, too, an extension of the community celebration of the Eucharist. Our sick brothers and sisters cannot come personally to the community celebration but they are reminded of their membership when they share the same Body of Christ, which binds all together. In communion, not just Jesus but the whole parish comes to them.



*Heavenly Father may our love and joy be evident as we proclaim the Word of God and share your Son's Body and Blood with our brothers and sisters. May we truly be ministers, as Jesus was while he was on earth. Bless us and bless all those we serve. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son and our brother, in union with Your Spirit of Love. Amen.*

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS . . .** The Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions in the Roman Catholic Church. It takes the physical heart of Jesus as representation of His Divine love for humanity. The Feast of the Sacred Heart has been in the Roman Catholic Liturgical calendar since 1856, and is always celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost Sunday. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.



*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus thank you for your unconditional love, compassion, endless forgiveness and unmeasurable grace that you pour down upon us. Through your Mother, Immaculate Heart of Mary, please stay with me always. Most Sacred heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you. Amen.*

**NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART . . .** There has long been a tradition in the Church of dedicating nine days of prayer to the Heart of Christ, **concluding on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on 19<sup>th</sup> June.** This year, we present a version composed by the Pope's Prayer Network Director in London, which will be available online at [www.popesglobalprayer.net](http://www.popesglobalprayer.net) Each day of the Novena is presented in an Ignatian way, suggesting a Spiritual Exercise each day. Here is the Novena Prayer which you can pray every day, even when you can't pray the rest of the meditation:

Lord Jesus, you have said, 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you'. I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me and Your care of me and for all who are dear to me. Hear my prayer (mention your intention); grant what I ask, and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

Pray with the Pope, especially on the First Friday of the month, at the popevideo.org. It's the Pope's own personal prayer group and the largest prayer group in the Church Diocesan website.

**The new Pope Video is a call to compassion to draw us closer to the Heart of Jesus** In June, the message of "The Pope Video" shares an intention full of compassion and tenderness: it asks us to pray for all those who are suffering, that they may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus. <https://thepopevideo.org/>



**A DAY OF SCRIPTURE ~ 19th JUNE . . .** After the success of the Diocesan Day of Prayer, we want to offer another day of Diocesan reflection focusing on the Year of the Word. This day of Scripture will feature a wide variety of opportunities catering for all levels of understanding of Scripture. **All of the aspects of the day can be accessed via our diocesan website** and social media account. It is a great opportunity for people to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of Scripture in this Year of the Word.

### Timetable for the Scripture Day:

10am	Welcome and Introduction	Canon Chris Jackson
10:10	Office of Readings	Sophie Taylor & Margaret Taylor
11:00	Lectio Divina	Bishop Robert Byrne CO
11:30	Scripture for Children	Dr. Medi Volpe-Ayres
13:30	Visio Divina	Sister M. Michael RSM
14:30	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	Mr. Nick McTernan
15:30	The Scriptural Rosary	Young People of our Diocese
16:30	The Lindisfarne Gospels	Mr. Emmet O'Leary
17:30	Promoting a Pilgrimage to Holy Land	
18:00	Bible, Belief and Belonging	Professor Karen Kilby
19:00	Closing Prayer – Imaginative Contemplation	Fr Mark Millward



**UNITE AGAINST CORONAVIRUS . . .** We are living through the biggest public health crisis in a century. Right across the UK, coronavirus is having a devastating impact on all of our daily lives, and many people have lost precious loved ones. But in many developing countries where poverty is widespread and healthcare systems are much more fragile, the effects are likely to be disastrous. We must never forget that we are one global family, united in this struggle. Now is not the time to build barriers, but for the world to unite in love and compassion.

**Out of love for our sisters and brothers overseas, sign our petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home. Sign the petition here:**

<https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>

**This is what we are asking:** Our sisters and brothers overseas do not have access to healthcare systems as brilliant as the NHS. I urge you to work together with other world leaders to:

- Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live.
- Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.
- Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 and 2021 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments
- Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.

**OPENING OF CHURCHES PREPARATION . . .** As the Diocese prepares to open churches again starting with the five pilot churches, we look forward to when St. Patrick's Church can open for private prayer. **To prepare for this to happen, our parish will need volunteers on a rota basis to help in various ways.** Volunteers will need to meet the Government and Diocesan guidelines for Covid 19.

If you have time to volunteer and are not in a risk group, please can you email, in the first instance, the parish address at [stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com](mailto:stpatricks.fairfield@btinternet.com) with your availability, dates, times and contact details, to allow a timetable for opening to be prepared. **Thank you, Deacon Mick Wood**

**CELEBRATE CONFERENCE . . .** Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate together 27/28th June 2020. This is a conference for all the family. Celebrate runs Catholic Charismatic, faith-filled, fun events for all ages, combining good Christian teaching, inspirational speakers and celebration of the liturgy, all in the power of the Holy Spirit. Young and old alike join together in a vibrant atmosphere to celebrate the love of God. Catch up with us at our Online Conference - Celebrate Together 27/28th June 2020. We hope and pray to see you all 'in reality' again soon. [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

**ST. PATRICK'S 200 CLUB DRAW . . .** The delayed 200 Club Draw for April took place in the School on 5th June. The results were as follows:

**1st Prize:** £1000 Rebecca Bousfield,  
**2nd Prize:** £250 Mrs P Elliott

**3rd Prize:** £100 R J Nelson  
**4th Prize:** £50 Rosalie Arenga

**Carer's Week is an annual awareness campaign to celebrate and recognise the vital contribution made by the UK's 6.5 million carers.** It highlights the challenges carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. Carer's Week 2020 finishes on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

*When day breaks and once more I pray for strength to face whatever comes, remind me I am not alone for I know in my heart there is nothing that will happen today that you and I cannot tackle together. I think on these words and they comfort me: 'And he said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in your weakness.' (2 Corinthians 12:9) So, at the end of this day, into your hands I commit our lives anew. Amen.*



**THANK YOU** to all St. Patrick's parishioners who are delivering bulletins, providing treats and for all other acts of kindness during these difficult times.

Please forward any prayers, thoughts, poems, news, anniversaries or any item that you would like to share and I will include them on the bulletin. Thank you.

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