

Parish of St. Vincent de Paul

Newsletter

14th June 2020

Corpus Christi

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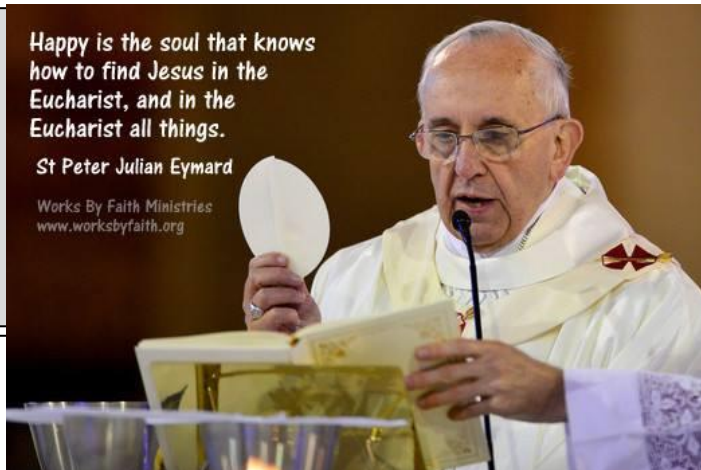
Mass Times

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| Sunday | 09.00 |
| Monday | 07:30 |
| Tuesday | 07:30 |
| Wednesday | 07.30 |
| Thursday | 07:30 |
| Friday | 07.30 |
| Saturday | 07.30 |

*Happy is the soul that knows
how to find Jesus in the
Eucharist, and in the
Eucharist all things.*

St Peter Julian Eymard

Works By Faith Ministries
www.worksbyfaith.org



Mass Intentions

- Sun 14: Sr. Una Bridget RIP
- Mon 15 : Catherine Flannery
- Tues 16: Barney Halligan
- Wed 17: Kitty Fleming RIP
- Thu 18: Mina Fennelly RIP
- Fri 19: Madelene McCann/Family
- Sat 20: Parishioners

Homily Notes

Here we are at Corpus Christi, the joyful

celebration of the presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and the wine of the Eucharist and we are still deprived of his presence. We are still isolated at home.

Yet there are signs that this painful experience might also be an opportunity to embrace a new way of living the presence of God in our community.

Yes, Jesus Christ is truly present in the Host which we place on the altar and kneel before in adoration. And yes, Jesus Christ is present in the community which gathers to make that adoration, whether its members gather physically together or are united by their attitudes of heart and mind. Jesus tells us that where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there with them. St Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians that in order to participate fully in eating of the Body and Blood of Christ, we must be united, we must be forgiving and merciful, we must honour the poorest and the most deprived among us, we must be kind and gentle and loving. If the community is divided, then so is the body of Christ divided. For we are the Body of Christ.

The way we care for each other in the community and outside of the community are the signs that we are united and remain in the Body of Christ. It is when we begin to recognise the Holy Spirit of God living in the other that we will recognise The Other present in the consecrated host.

Though the church can be a quiet and peaceful place for contemplation, the true presence of God is in the heart of each and every one of us. God is firstly to be found in the heart and can then be adored in the Blessed Sacrament.

Terry

Corona Thoughts

Public Action and Contemplation

From Richard Rohr's daily

contemplation: 12th June 2020

"Today Dr. Barbara Holmes describes the contemplative dimension present in the marching feet of civil rights activists.

The civil rights marches of the 1960s were contemplative—sometimes silent, sometimes drenched with song, but always contemplative. This may mean within the context of a desperate quest for justice that while weary feet traversed well-worn streets, hearts leaped into the lap of God. While children were escorted into schools by national guardsmen, the song "Jesus Loves Me" became an anthem of faith in the face of contradictory evidence. You cannot face German shepherds and fire hoses with your own resources; there must be God and stillness at the very centre of your being. . . .

Like a spiritual earthquake, the resolve of the marchers affirmed the faith of foremothers and forefathers. Each step was a reclamation of the hope unborn. Each marcher embodied the communal affirmation of already/not yet sacred spaces. . . . The sacred act of walking together toward justice was usually preceded by a pre-march meeting that began with a prayer service, where preaching, singing, and exhortation prepared the people to move toward the hope they all held. This hope was carefully explicated by the leadership as a fulfilment of God's promises. As a consequence, the movement that spilled from the churches to the streets was a ritual enactment of a communal faith journey toward the *basileia* [realm] of God. . . .

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Parish Notice Board

Lottery Results
01 07 09 12 13 14
Drawn 8th June 2020

Don't Forget
6.30pm, every evening
Parish Evening Prayer
at home
*Leaflets available at the Parish House and
on Facebook*

Reopening the Places of Worship

Starting Monday June 15th, a number of churches will be reopened for private prayer across the country. The Archbishop has given permission for the reopening of two churches within our Pastoral Area at this time.

These are: **St Francis (Garston)**, Mon-Fri 09.00-10.30; Tue & Thu 16.30-18.00; Sun 09.00-12.00

and **Mount Carmel**: 10.00-13.00 daily.

These churches have been chosen because they were open daily already, before the corona crisis, and because of their geographical position in the Pastoral Area. It is a step which shows that we are slowly moving out of the corona pandemic. We are looking forward to the day when we will be able to open St Vincent's for private prayer and for community worship!

Ferdinand

But any kind of social or cultural discrimination in basic personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, colour, social conditions, language or religion, must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design.

"The Church in the Modern World", Vatican II, 1965, #29

Pastoral Associate Update:

Pastoral Associate Update: Corpus Christi is always a great time of joy especially as it marks the point at which most of our children preparing for the sacraments have received their First Holy Communion, and for some parishes it's a day of the Corpus Christi procession. To encourage this year's cohort, the Archbishop has recorded a message (link on the website).

Materials are available on the Archdiocesan website to support all our families.

Activities online: Do check the online parish newsletters for virtual faith sharing opportunities: St Anne & St Bernard's and St Vincent's have regular virtual events. On Facebook, if you follow *FCJ Centre St Hugh's* there are also regular virtual activities many geared towards young adults.

Do register for the **J&P Annual Assembly** if you wish to take part in the interactive Zoom sessions – places are filling up fast so don't delay – further details on their website.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference" from Niebuhr 's Serenity Prayer.

God Bless and stay safe, Helen

Parish Finances

Thank you all for your gifts!

During the month of **May** we received, through the letterbox and through the bank, the following amounts for the running of the Parish:
Envelopes (Gift Aid): £ 436.

Gifts/ Plate: £2,017.

Candles: £ 34.

Masses: £ 120.

And a big thank you for all your gifts for us.... Food, drink and your kindness!

May God bless you all.

Corona Thoughts (cont)

The end result was that a purportedly Christian nation was forced to view its black citizens as a prototype of the suffering God, absorbing violence into their own bodies without retaliation. By contrast, stalwart defenders of the old order found themselves before God . . . with fire hoses, whips, and ropes in their hands. The crisis created by contemplative justice-seeking guaranteed the eventual end of overt practices of domination, for domination could not withstand the steady gaze of the inner eye of thousands of awakened people."

Prayer Intentions

Our Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Les BURNS, May MURRAY, Joe PERRY, Dominic REID, Peter SPENCER, Jane TETIK, May THOMAS

Also for the intentions of: Baby KERWIN, Denise EDWARDS, Lilly FLANNERY, Joan HART, Theresa HASTIE, Lindsey MAHER, Bernadette MALLON, The McCANN Family, May McCARTHY, Kathleen McGOVERN, The MIDGHALL Family, Henry MIDSATER, Joey MORGAN, Edna RENSHAW, Carole and Billie RUDKIN, SCOTT Family, Daniel and Elsie SMITH, Teresa SWIFT, The THOMAS Family, Terri VALIANT, Pauline WALSH, The WILLIAMS Family, Pray for those who are suffering with this disease across the world, ALL NHS staff and ALL Frontline Workers.

And for those who have died: Hilda RUDKIN (funeral on 16/06/20), Barney Halligan (anniversary)