

CORPUS CHRISTI

This is My Body, Given Up for you. The priest holds the host aloft. The Consecrated Host looks no different after the consecration than before. It looks, smells, feels, and tastes like bread. But faith takes us beyond the veil of appearances. And Christians are used to looking beyond appearances.

The baby in the manger does not look like God nor does the man on the cross. It is by faith we know He is no mere man. The Bible does not stand out from other books on a shelf, but faith allows us to recognize it is uniquely the Word of God.



The Eucharist seems to be bread and wine, and yet by faith we say, **My Lord and My God!** as we kneel in adoration. Christ, the Son of God, takes on the form of a small piece of bread and cup of wine. However, we know that after the consecration there is no more bread or wine on the altar.



Now it is Christ who is present, in His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

If we can see Christ in the Host, then we can also begin to see Him in the poor, the weak, the terminally ill, and in the baby in the womb. This child is hidden behind the *veil* of the womb, much as Christ is hidden behind the *veil* of the Eucharist.

Faith takes us beyond appearances, and we can say, - There is my brother, my sister, for whom Christ died! This sacrament gives us sustenance in that it literally keeps us alive in Christ. Death is conquered and life is victorious. It is up to us to spread this victory of life throughout our world. We do so by living out the Eucharist, namely, by giving our own lives that others may live.

(Fr Frank Pavone)



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6TH JUNE 2021

PSALM RESPONSE

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

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, alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
Remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Prayer before Communion: Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfil this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family. By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory for ever and ever. Amen.



| Ordinary (B1) | Psalter week 2 | Intention/Info |
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| Sunday 5th/6th Corpus Christi | Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH | Patrick & Kathleen Madigan People of the Parish Joseph Dao |
| Monday 7th | | |
| Tuesday 8th | NO MASS | |
| Wednesday 9th | 10am Mass BH 10.30am - 11am BH 4pm BH | Family Safety Adoration Reception of Coffin |
| Thursday 10th | 9.40am Funeral BH 1pm School | Maureen Welsh First Confession |
| Friday 11th Sacred Heart | 9am Mass 10.30am-11am KF 11am Mass KF | School Adoration Sutton Family |
| Saturday 12th Immaculate Heart of Mary | 10am Mass BH | First Holy Communion Children |
| Sunday 12th/13th 11th Sunday of the Year | Sat 5pm Mass KF 9.45am Mass BH 11.30am Mass OH | Bernadette Beardsmore People of the Parish Mary Edwards |

Please pray for all those who have died especially Maureen Welsh, those on our June deceased lists and for all those whose anniversaries occur this month. May they all rest in peace.

Collections: BH GA £231.40 Loose £367.40, Catholic communications £33.00, Sisters £97.60, First Communion £93.50, Hall hire £75.00. OH GA £175.00 Loose £105.20 Catholic Communications £17.25, Sisters £19.00.

Please pray for all those who are sick including Dorothy West, Margaret Gilroy, Jess Shaw, Eva McCall, Harold Shackley, Michael Rose, Jill Rowe, James Kearney, Barbara Masterman, Margaret Shipley, Tess Barnsley, Steve Dunn, Lynsey Cooper, Alec Huffer, Kath Emery, Patricia Smith, Roy Davies, Chris Rylands, Tony Rylands, Margaret List, Ken Lowe, Peggy Tromans, Rob Bryan, Ilona Bryan, Betty Storey, Lily Petford, Connie Birch, Stella Jones, Margaret Marlowe, Don Neale, Anne Peters, Jackie Spittle, David Barnsley and Dawn Russon. May the Lord grant them hope and healing.

FOODBANKS - both our foodbanks have now reopened to help those in need. If you are able to donate to them they will be happy to accept your donations - the need is growing and donations are much needed at this difficult time for so many people

Sacramental Preparation - If there are any children who are due to make their First Confession and/or First Holy Communion who do not attend a Catholic school, please let Fr Shanju know as soon as possible. Preparation can then be organised if there is a need.

Singing at Mass - Liz at Old Hill has been singing on her own since we have been able to have a small choir. She would love some company! If any one would like to sing at Mass please let her know on 07730 560806. A few extra voices would be welcome at all three Churches. All that's needed is a willing heart - everyone can sing!

Mass changes - As we are now able to receive Communion at the normal time instead of the end Mass we have another change to get used to! Please feel free to leave Mass after the final blessing when you wish just making sure you allow space between each other. You do not need to wait to be dismissed formally.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service – 2021 Kingswinford

Owing to lockdown etc, the service this year in Kingswinford has been rescheduled to take place at **St Mary's Church, the Village, Kingswinford on Friday 25th June at 2pm.**

The Service has been prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu .

Please do come and join us for this annual ecumenical service – men and women are invited.

Please pray for our Children who are making their First Confession on Thursday and then receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday. We pray God will bless them and their families on these special days.

Bishop Stephen Wright will be visiting the Parish on Thursday 17th June to Confirm the Children in year 6. Please remember them in your prayers also.

Pope's prayer intention for June:

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, generosity, faithfulness and patience. Amen.