

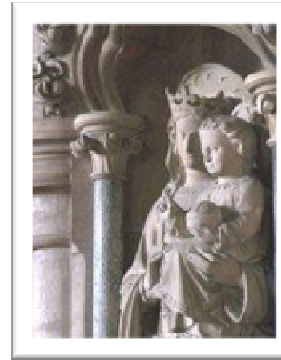
CORPUS CHRISTI

ON THE NIGHT before he died, Jesus had supper with his disciples. They were showing signs of bewilderment and stress, though they did not know exactly what was to happen. Later, Jesus would be betrayed, handed over for trial, kept overnight, mocked and tortured. In the morning he was led out to be crucified, and his disciples fled in terror. Only the women stayed by to watch. His crucifixion was not the end, however. He was laid in a tomb but on the third day – the first Easter Day – once the Sabbath was over, his followers came to embalm the body only to discover that the tomb was empty. As he had promised, he had risen from the dead. He appeared to over 500 of his followers (1 Cor. 15) and fifty days later, following the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, 3,000 were converted in one day (Acts 2). Thereafter, the Faith spread like wildfire.

Before he died, Jesus took the bread and wine used for the *Kiddush* and said ‘This is my Body...This is my Blood...Do this in memory of me’. Ever since, the Church has gathered, Sunday by Sunday, and day by day, to repeat this act. We don’t have another supper – in fact it is usually in the morning that we meet – because we are remembering the whole mystery: Maundy Thursday (Last Supper), Good Friday (Passion and Death), Easter Sunday (Resurrection). Catholics believe – because this is what Jesus said – that the bread and wine we take and bless becomes the Body and Blood of Christ, the food of eternal life for us.

Why have this celebration today, *Corpus Christi*? *Corpus Christi* goes back to the thirteenth century and arose from the realisation that the dark shadow over Maundy Thursday, and the incompleteness of that occasion, means that we should really set aside a special day to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of the Mass and of Holy Communion. Such a special day had to be after Easter – to include Easter – and, once Pentecost and Trinity were out of the way, we are free to focus very closely on the gift of the Blessed Sacrament. .

Holy Communion is the beginning of a regular relationship with Jesus Christ, present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Few can manage to receive Holy Communion as their ‘daily bread’. Most can manage to celebrate Sunday, the day of the Lord’s Resurrection, by attending Mass faithfully and receiving Holy Communion devoutly and frequently.



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Sunday 27 th May	TRINITY SUNDAY Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s	Year B: Psalter Week 4 [WHITE] RIP Anne McCarthy Pro populo
Monday 28 th May	<i>Of Week 8</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green] FM Albert Austin Dearlove 1942
Tuesday 29 th May	<i>Of Week 8</i> Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[green] FM Col. S V Daughlish 1925
Wednesday 30 th May	<i>Of Week 8</i> Adoration: 11.45am St Mary’s Mass: 12.15pm St Mary’s	[green]
Thursday 31 st May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass: 9.15am St Mary’s	[white]
Friday 1 st June	St Justin, Martyr, Bishop Mass: 8.30am Hendred House Adoration: 3pm Hendred House	[red] Holy Souls
Saturday 2 nd June	<i>Our Lady St Mary on Saturday</i> Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s (Latin)	[white] FM Marguerite Raab 1943
Sunday 3 rd June	CORPUS CHRISTI Sung Mass: 9.30am St Mary’s Mass: 11.15am St Patrick’s Mass: 6pm Milton Manor	Year B: Psalter Week 1 [WHITE] Pro populo Pro populo
Confessions: Sundays at 8.45am or by appointment www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk		

LOOKING AHEAD

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our next two meetings will be on Tuesdays, **June 5th** and July 3rd. At the June 5th meeting we shall be reading chapters 4 and 5 of Paul's letter to the Romans to help us pray. Parish rooms, 7.30 pm; coffee and biscuits beforehand; finish 8.30 – 9.00.

ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

On Friday **8th June**, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there will be adoration from about 9am to 12noon. Following the 8.30am Mass at Hendred House, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at St Mary's and there will be silent prayer until 11.30am. At 11.30am, children from St Amand's will join us. Please do come and join us for the final half an hour. Volunteers are asked to sign up (with a X) on the board to keep watch. There will be Benediction at 11.55am.

RETREAT DAY

This year's Retreat Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist will be on **Saturday 16th June**, 10am-4pm at Stonehill Barn. It will be led by Fr Rob Stewart. Please bring a packed lunch and enjoy the lovely grounds.

DAY FOR READERS

On **Saturday 16th June** at St Bede's Catholic Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire. RG24 9DX. The Day will start with Mass at 9.30 am, and will end at 3.00 pm. It is offered for everyone who is involved in reading at Mass, as an opportunity to meet, share, be formed, and pray together. A buffet Lunch will be provided, thanks to the generous support of the Bible Society.

ST JOHN'S SEMINARY WONERSH NEED YOUR HELP

St John's Seminary which has been involved in the formation of priests for England and Wales for over 125 years is in need of help to refurbish and redecorate 30 of its bedrooms which have little or no upgrading in over 40 years. The Seminary operates on a very tight budget and has no available funds to finance this much needed work which will cost about £2000 per room. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to St John's Seminary to: Mgr Gerry Ewing (Vice-Rector), St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX. Many thanks for your prayers and your help.

PARISH COLLECTION

Last Sundays collections were £1013.93 and £907.77 of which 83% and 82% was Gift Aided. We collected £116.95 for World Communications.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Day for Life: 16th June

Find us on  

NEWSLETTER | Please send all notices for next week's Newsletter to Maria at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by **Wednesday 10 am**

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

BAPTISM AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Those whose anniversaries fall at this time.



THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Sr Catherine, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Alfie Bartlam, Jadyga Adasko, Angus Clark and Eithne Naughton. Names remain for four weeks.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Those who have died recently and those with anniversaries at this time: *Diana Tuson, Charles John Mulford, Elizabeth Wilkinson, Edward Murphy, Thomas More Eyston, Margaret Rose Raab and David Rogers.*

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION - Universal: *Social Networks.* That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018

One-day pilgrimage to Liverpool Saturday 8th September. **Bishop Philip invites you** to join him in Liverpool at the National Eucharistic Congress. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, & Bishop Robert Barron. Deadline for booking your tickets **29th May**. Please see poster/brochures in church or email congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING

There will be a safeguarding training session for all those working with children at Holy Rood Church in Oxford on **Saturday 8 September** from 10-12.30pm. If you need a refresher (every 5 years) or have never attended one, please email the office to book a place.

CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Have you ever visited the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham? Thousands of pilgrims visit the Shrine every year. There is pilgrim accommodation at Elmham House for 120 in shared and single rooms, standard and en-suite. Also accommodation for retreat at Dowry House. If you would like to visit the Shrine and stay there for the weekend please visit our website for more information at www.DowryHouse.org.uk or see leaflets in church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT ST MARY'S

If you would like your children to join the First Holy Communion classes, please email Maria at hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. A meeting with parents will take place in September after the 9.30am Sunday Mass (date to be confirmed). Classes will start in October 2018.

COFFEE AFTER MASS

Please join us for a cup of coffee at St Mary's Parish rooms after Mass. All donations go to a very good charity - eye camps.