

Our Lady Help of Christians

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The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something much older – the institution of the Blessed Eucharist at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. It is a celebration of the mystery of Jesus remaining with us in the form of bread and wine.

The emphasis on Holy Thursday was the impending death of Jesus next day, so, in a sense, it was not the occasion for celebrating such a great event. Consequently the Church instituted another Feast to celebrate the mystery of God's presence in our midst.

Thus, in 1246 Bishop Robert de Thorete of the diocese of Liege in Belgium, at the suggestion of St Juliana of Mont Cornillon, convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. From Liege the celebration began to spread, and in 1264, Pope Urban IV established the feast as a universal feast of the Church to be celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. At the request of Pope Urban IV, St Thomas Aquinas composed the office for the feast.

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried in a monstrance throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The people would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church.

Recently the Feast has been moved to the Sunday after the Feast of the Blessed Trinity.

Mass Intentions for the Week Beginning Sunday 6 June 2010

Saturday	6.00pm	Mike Humphreys RIP
Sunday	8.30am	Don & Jean Middleton (Golden Anniv.)
	10.30am	Parishioners
Monday	9.30am	Philip Akass RIP.
Tuesday	9.30am	Michael Searson (Birthday)
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Souls
Friday	9.30am	Dorothy Martin RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Marie Owen RIP.
	6.00	Vigil Mass The Parishioners
Sunday	8.30am	Sheila Nelligan (Birthday)
	10.30am	Mark & Leslie Atherton, Family and Friends of Christine Wilson.

Masses not celebrated in the Parish Church.

Aileen McGovern RIP, Members of the Fowler and Leakey families, Anne Simm RIP, Lorna Young (very ill).

Confirmation Celebration

We all enjoyed the "Go Forth" Mass for those newly Confirmed and the lovely celebration in the Hall afterwards. A special word of thanks to Cecilia, Noreen, Kate, Claire and Peter for organising the event and to all those who brought food and drink to make it a very special occasion.

Week 10 of Ordinary Time
 Prayer of the Church - Psalms Week 2

Monday	7	Mass of the 10 th Week of Ordinary Time. School re-opens.
Tuesday	8	Mass of the 10 th Week of Ordinary Time. Clergy - Two-day Meeting with Bishop Crispian in Bournemouth.
Wed'day	9	Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Service. 8.00 pm Meeting of Parents of First Communion Children.
Thursday	10	Mass of the 10 th Week of Ordinary Time. 2.30 Mass for the Senior Parishioners. Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Friday	11	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Saturday	12	10am – 12 noon ISA Roadshow (Independent Safeguarding Authority) at Our Lady and St Dominic, Cove with Mrs Angela McGrory. 11am Special Mass at St Bede's, Basingstoke with Bishop Crispian for Wedding Jubilarians. Canon David Mahy is celebrating his Golden Jubilee of Ordination this weekend. Survive Miva make an Appeal at all Masses this weekend. 10.00am – 4.00pm Gregorian Chant Workshop at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.
Sunday	13	Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

CHURCH GROUNDS

Many thanks to **George and Angela Cato** for doing such a wonderful 'tidying up' job on the grounds – uprooting weeds, sweeping the pathways and shaping the hedges and shrubs. Thank you for giving your time to beautify the church grounds.

A special word of thanks to **Christine Wilson** for preparing the flower baskets for the front of the Church. They will give joy and welcome to those who enter or pass the Church. Thank, too, to **John Loader** who supplies the mechanism to water the flower.

Services on Saturday Morning

9.15	Morning Prayer of the Church
9.30	Holy Mass
10 – 11.00	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10 – 10.45	Confessions/Reconciliation

GREGORIAN CHANT WORKSHOP

St John's Cathedral Portsmouth – 12 June from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
 For further information please read the Notice in the Narthex

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

12/13: Appeal and Collection on behalf of **Survive Miva.**
13: Pilgrimage to Aylesford. [See list on table in the Narthex].
17: 8.00pm Pastoral Area House Groups Mass at St Swithun's.
7.00pm St Patrick's **Summer Music Evening.**
20: First Holy Communion. Two sessions - 10.30 and 2.30pm.

July

20: End of Term Leavers Mass in the Church.
24/25: Annual Mission Appeal for the Sacred Heart Fathers.

November

27: The Parish Bazaar.

Let us pray for the Sick

Sid Wilson, Lorna Young, Kate Boardman, Maria Fraser (very ill), Nick Mills, Muriel Carver, Catherine McGrath, Debbie de Bono, Dominic Clark, Elizabeth Pearce, Joan Schieder, Claire Hilder, Anthony Leakey, Julie Hall, Ellen Hack, Ruth Taylor, Grace Bilyard, Nora O'Connor, Bernard Shiels, Grace May, Mary O'Connor, Delphine Lannon, Jack Pollicutt, Ann Croombs and all the names in the **Petition Book.**

We pray for our deceased parishioners

John Sullivan, Bernard Reilly, Rosa Lambert, Henry Samuel Hickling, Bernard McDonnell, Anne Adams, Miss Crowley.
May they Rest in Peace.