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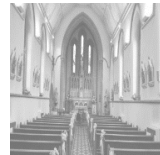
2021 THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH The Beloved Carpenter of Nazareth cared for Christ from His cradle onwards, toddler, school boy, Bar Mitzvah and legal adulthood in the Synagogue. Whilst this may not seem to relate easily to the Feast of Corpus Christi, in fact he looked after the Body of Christ, as He learned to walk and grew to maturity. It is not by accident that the Traditional Latin Mass used the Proper Preface of Christmas for this feast. The Child Jesus in Nazareth is the same Saviour, Who went to the Cross for our salvation. He mounted the Cross after bestowing its sacrificial power at the table of the Last Supper. Jesus Christ, Redeemer on the Cross is the same Jesus Christ, Who reigns on his throne of glory and Who feeds us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. St Joseph served and loved the One Jesus, Whom he first knew in history and then in heaven, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. This same Jesus Christ of history and heaven is with us in the Mass and we are to love Him and serve Him as Joseph did.

UPCOMING DATES

Sun 11th Jul. **We hope to have a SINGLE TEAM MASS at 3.00pm on Sunday 11th July 2021 at the Royal Agricultural University to celebrate Fr. Philip's silver jubilee of the Priesthood, followed by a picnic. This is dependent upon the Government further relaxing public health regulations. Pray for good weather. There will be no morning masses that day.**

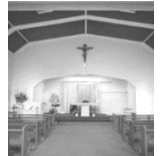
Sat 2nd Oct. Noon, feast of the Guardian Angels. This will be First Holy Communion day for our candidates in Cirencester

ST MICHAEL'S 100 CLUB: Over the past few years, we have lost members from the 100 club for various reasons. Would you like the opportunity to win a few pounds and support the parish too? The draw takes place every two months after Sunday Mass; a yearly cost of £24 for each ticket which you can pay by direct debit, cheque or cash. We would like to increase our numbers again and would love to welcome you, so please contact the parish office or speak to Elaine after Sunday Mass. Thank you.



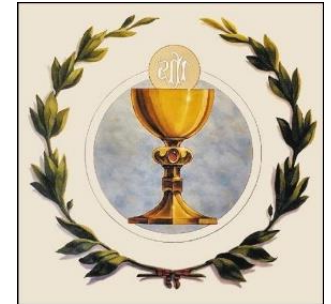
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MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST [Corpus et Sanguis Christi] (Year B)

Sun 6th Jun. 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
**11.00am Mass in St Peter's & Silent
Procession of Eucharistic Witness in
St Peter's Road. (Pro Populis)**
6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's



WORSHIP THIS WEEK - WEEK 10 (Year 1)

Mon 7th Jun. Feria
No Public Mass

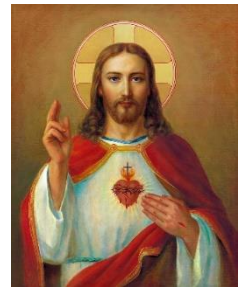
Tue 8th Jun. Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
6.00pm Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Wed 9th Jun. St Columba of Iona
10.00am Mass in St Michael's (Private Intention)

Thu 10th Jun. Feria
9.30am Mass in St Peter's

Fri 11th Jun. SACRED HEART OF O.L.J.C., Solemnity
9.30am Mass in St Peter's
Noon Traditional Latin Mass in St Peter's

Sat 12th Jun. Immaculate Heart of Mary
No Public Mass



ORDINARY SUNDAY XI (Year B)

Sun 13th June 9.00am Mass in St Michael's
11.00am Mass in St Peter's (Pro Populis)
6.30pm Overflow Mass in St Peter's

***PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CONFESSIONS ARE
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, AT THIS TIME
THANK YOU***

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU! With life getting just a little bit easier and safer, it is now possible and desirable for us to return to church as before. Those who have been self-isolating have watched live streaming and recordings of Sunday mass. For this prayerful aid, they have been grateful, participating remotely as best they can in the Mass; this prayerful exercise cannot include either receiving of the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar or yet the offering of the Holy Sacrifice. These things are vital to our lives as Christians, being at the heart of the Faith. As we are celebrating Corpus Christi today, may we remember our own First Holy Communion and what it meant to each of us. Many of us have received the two injections to inoculate us against the COVID Virus and are feeling able to venture out again. We must not go mad, for social distancing is still in place, along with the wearing of masks: but we do need to build our parish life up again; with the numbers of attending mass slowly increasing, we look forward to welcoming parishioners old and new over the next few weeks. We look forward to building our parish family life again, we ask for your support and prayers.



PARISH FINANCES: Nobody likes to talk Finance, but we need to tell you honestly, that our finances are sadly damaged by the Virus Crisis. We have been unable to hire out the Parish halls for fifteen months and hence lost income; however, we are moving forward to ensuring that they are ready and are passed by the Diocese to reopen in the next few weeks. There may be groups that because of the pandemic their business has been affective and will be unable to return in hiring the hall. There have months

where no collections at Sunday Mass during the lockdowns that we have encountered due to no public Masses being allowed. We must also remember those who have been self-shielding during this time and rightly have not attended Mass when the churches have reopened. We have incurred extra costs in order to open and to keep us safe [P.P.E.,]. Our thanks to all who have continued to pay by standing order at this time. And to those who have sent donations in lieu of their normal offertory. If you would like to take out a Standing Order or make a Gift Aid Declaration which will be most appreciated, please contact the relevant Parish office

LITURGY OF THE WORD During the past year when we have been open to celebrate Sunday Mass, we have been fortunate to those volunteers who have proclaimed the Readings for us. To them all, we say thank you. The truth is that, for obvious reasons, we have not had a formal rota. Parishioners old and new, returning now or some time back, who would like to read, please contact the Parish Office; thank you.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROCESSION OF THE HOST AND ACT OF SILENT WITNESS TO OUR EUCHARISTIC FAITH

- After the Post Communion Prayer, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance. Please kneel.
- When invited by the Stewards, please rise and follow the Blessed Sacrament out of church, taking your belongings and this bulletin with you.
- Maintain the necessary 2 metre distancing at all times. You may only stand closer to those in your own household or bubble.
- Maintain silence at all times during the Outdoor Procession, focussing reverently on Christ in our midst. Eucharistic Amazement should be our attitude.
- Benediction will be given outside church on our return. Do not re-enter church.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK The Holy Mass has been part of Christianity ever since it started. The gift of the Mass at the Last Supper is part of the very story of salvation itself. From the days of the Apostles onwards, Christians have recognised that the Mass embodies for succeeding generations the central truths of faith. The Saving Sacrifice of Calvary is the sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated in an unbloody but powerful fashion. The Easter Presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of His people is continued in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. Thus each and every Christian comes to experience for his or her

self the death and resurrection of the Lord. The Mass is the fulfilment of His promise to be with us to the end of time. Thus, any attempt to reduce the Mass from this saving fullness to being merely the manufacture of Holy Communion is both irreverent and erroneous.

Whether in times of joy or of persecution, Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is the centre of our lives. We walk through life with Him and as on the Road to Emmaus, He walks with us. Our procession this Sunday is a tangible reminder of this Eucharistic Faith. We walk with Him through the streets to show that we walk with Him in our lives. The world needs to meet Him, love Him and be transformed by that love. By our works we demonstrate our faith. By our witness we stand up for Jesus as Soldiers of the Cross. By our silence, we allow Christ to speak for Himself.

MASS TEXTS

Entrance Antiphon. He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Kyrie or Lord, have mercy

Gloria Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only-Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most-High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 *This is the Blood of the Covenant*

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 *The blood of Christ purifies self from dead actions*

The Corpus Christi Sequence

1 Laud, O Sion, thy salvation,
Laud with hymns of exultation
Christ, thy King and Shepherd true:
Spend thyself, His honour raising,
Who surpasseth all thy praising;
Never canst thou reach His due.

2 Sing today, the mystery showing
Of the living, life bestowing
Bread from heaven before thee set;
E'en the same of old provided,
Where the Twelve, divinely guided,
At the holy Table met.

3 Full and clear ring out thy chanting,
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting
To thy heart and soul today:
When we gather up the measure
Of that Supper and its treasure,
Keeping feast in glad array.

4 Lo, the new King's Table gracing,
This new Passover of blessing
Hath fulfilled the elder rite:
Now the new the old effaceth,
Truth revealed the shadow chaseth,
Day is breaking on the night

5 What He did at Supper seated,
Christ ordained to be repeated,
His memorial ne'er to cease:
And, His word for guidance taking,
Bread and wine we hallow, making
Thus our Sacrifice of peace.

6 This the truth to Christians given
Bread becomes His Flesh from heaven,
Wine becomes His holy Blood.
Doth it pass thy comprehending?
Yet by faith, thy sight transcending,
Wondrous things are understood.

7 Yea, beneath these signs are hidden
Glorious things to sight forbidden:
Look not on the outward sign.
Wine is poured and Bread is broken,
But in either sacred token
Christ is here by power divine.

8 Who so of this Food partaketh,
Christ divideth not, nor breaketh:
He is whole to all that taste.
Whether one this bread receiveth,
Or a thousand, still he giveth
One same Food that cannot waste.

9 Good and evil men are sharing
One repast, an end preparing
Varied as the heart of man:
Life or death shall be awarded,
As their days have been recorded
Which from their beginning ran.

10 When the Sacrament is broken,
Doubt not in each severed token,
Hallowed by the word once spoken,
Resteth all the true content:
Nought the precious Gift divideth,
Breaking but the sign betideth,
He himself the same abideth,
Nothing of his fullness spent.

11 Lo! the Angel's Food is given
To the pilgrim who hath striven:
See the children's Bread from heaven,
Which to dogs may not be cast:
Truth the ancient types fulfilling,
Isaac bound, a victim willing,
Paschal lamb, its life blood spilling.

12 O true Bread, good Shepherd, tend us
Jesu, of thy love befriend us,
Thou refresh us, thou defend us,
Thine eternal goodness send us
In the land of life to see;
Thou who all things canst and knowest,
Who on earth such Food bestowest,
Grant us with thy Saints, tho' lowest,
Where the heavenly Feast thou showest,
Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen.



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!

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26 *He took, He blessed, He broke, He gave*

The Nicene Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became Man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Bidding Prayers

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Act of Spiritual Communion Lord Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I do not now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul, so that I may unite myself wholly to You, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL Holy Michael Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all wicked spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen



THE DAY OF THE LORD The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a reflection on post-pandemic recovery and the challenges faced by the Church in encouraging people back to the Church and her Sacraments. In their Spring plenary meeting in a reflection titled 'The Day off the Lord', they praised families, parishes, and those who have been working tirelessly in many situations during these challenging times. One of the things that the bishop's highlighted: 'It is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence. (The full document can be found on the 'Catholic bishops Conference of England and Wales).



PAINT THE TOWN GREEN IN JUNE. Inspired by the teachings of Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, we know that responding to Climate Change requires working together, - as families, parishes, communities and countries (See the encyclicals: Laudate Si and Fratelli Tutti). 'Greening Tetbury' is a registered charity and community-based group taking action in response to Climate Crisis. See website: www.greeningtetbury.org During the month of June, we are asking everyone, particularly businesses, to consider what they are doing/planning to do to address the problem of Climate Change. We are inviting shops, cafes, churches and schools to display what they are doing or will commit to do to reimagine Our Common Home. St Michaels will be reviewing the building and displaying on our notice board what we as a Church hope to do. On each Saturday in June there will be a stall behind the Market Place with members of Greening Tetbury. Please come and discuss what we in Tetbury can do to address the problems we face regarding Climate Change. Come and join us! Email: greeningtetbury@gmail.com

"DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME!" Was ever another command so obeyed? For century after century, spreading slowly to every continent and country and among every race on earth, this action has been done, in every conceivable human circumstance, for every conceivable human need from infancy and before it to extreme old age and after it, from the pinnacle of earthly greatness to the refuge of fugitives in the caves and dens of the earth. Men have found no better thing than this to do for kings at their crowning and for criminals going to the scaffold; for armies in triumph or for a bride and bridegroom in a little country church; for the proclamation of a dogma or for a good crop of wheat; for the wisdom of the Parliament of a mighty nation or for a sick old woman afraid to die; for a schoolboy sitting an examination or for Columbus setting out to discover America; for the famine of whole provinces or for the soul of a dead lover; in thankfulness because my father did not die of pneumonia; for a village headman much tempted to return to fetish because the yams had failed; because the Turk was at the gates of Vienna; for the repentance of Margaret; for the settlement of a strike; for a son for a barren woman; for Captain so-and-so wounded and prisoner of war; while the lions roared in the nearby amphitheatre; on the beach at Dunkirk; while the hiss of scythes in the thick June grass came faintly through the windows of the church; tremulously, by an old monk on the fiftieth anniversary of his vows; furtively, by an exiled bishop who had hewn timber all day in a prison camp near Murmansk; gorgeously, for the canonisation of S. Joan of Arc—one could fill many pages with the reasons why men have done this, and not tell a hundredth part of them. And best of all, week by week and month by month, on a hundred thousand successive Sundays, faithfully, unflinching, across all the parishes of Christendom, the pastors have done this just to make the plebs sancta Dei—the holy common people of God.

