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### Solemnity of Corpus Christi – year cycle B – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Entrance:** *He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock*

**Responsorial psalm:** *The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lords's name*

**Gospel: Alleluia, alleluia:** *I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia*

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

"Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death."

We are often told, "You are what you eat." I doubt that those who say this realise the theological implications when speaking to a Catholic. "You are what you eat." It was St Basil who wrote, "Through the Holy Spirit we acquire a likeness to God; indeed, we attain what is beyond our most sublime aspirations – we become God." In the Creed we proclaim, "Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine et homo factus est." Through the Holy Spirit God becomes man and through the Holy Spirit we become God. St Paul really says the same thing when he writes to the Corinthians: "The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf."

Through our communion with the Body and Blood of Christ we become one with him and, together, in him we become one. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I in him," are the words of Jesus in John's Gospel. Through the power of the Holy Spirit God became incarnate and through the power of the Holy Spirit bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats me draws life from me. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever."

Today we thank God for his infinite love and mercy and we give thanks for the particular way in which he chose to save us and share his life with us. God's way is that of total self-giving, the way of the Incarnation, the way of the Cross. Jesus invites us to enter into communion with his death and resurrection by dying to ourselves and to all that separates us from God and our neighbour. We are not merely passive recipients of the sacraments but are called by God to cooperate actively, fully in Christ's redemptive sacrifice. This is our Christian vocation. We too give our lives for the salvation of the world. "This is my body. This is my blood." Total configuration to Christ, this is the meaning of the Mass, of Holy Communion and of Eucharistic Adoration. It is a two-way process: we are what we eat. May our adoration and praise today lead us to a total commitment to live our lives in Christ, so that Christ can live his life in us. His words, "Do this in memory of me," take us beyond the Eucharistic celebration to a life lived as Eucharist, a life of sacrifice and self-giving, a life of praise and thanksgiving, a life centred on Christ, a life in Christ, until God's glory, love and mercy are fully manifested in each one of us and God is all in all.

## Dates for Your Diary

Please come along and enjoy tea and coffee in the parish room after the Sunday morning Masses

**The numbers drawn week 36 were 7, 39, 44 & 20**

**No winner**

**Prize money for week 36 is £350.00, and four numbers to be drawn**

**Second Collection** for church and hall redecoration

**Tuesday devotions:** Divine Mercy chaplet and Novena before Mass and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary afterward.

A big thank you to everyone who handed in their Red Missio boxes. The total raised for the first half of the year was £573.24. The Summer issue of the Mission Today magazine has just arrived. It is in the porch for anyone who would like to take a copy. Best wishes Mary, Peter and Alice Leach

**Holy Communion** The children of Our Lady's school will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Mass will be celebrated at 9.30 am, please keep them and their parents in your prayers.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be between 11am and 11.30am

**First Holy Communion** 18 children will be receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion next Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at the 11.30 Mass. These are children who are not attending a Catholic primary school. They come from a variety of countries: England; Poland; Romania and Portugal and will have many family members visiting.

We would like to celebrate with them in the hall, after Mass, and hope that parishioners will be able to contribute some food. If you could bring some finger food for the celebration, please sign the list at the back of church or speak to Lynn. Help to set up and to serve drinks on the day would also be very welcome.

**The Piety shop** has many beautiful gifts and cards for those receiving Holy Communion, ie Missals, Rosaries, and many other religious items, at very reasonable prices. Please take a look.

**Please note** Thanks to Arthur's efforts we now have a recycling bin

**Belmont Fete** takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, Many stalls and activities including Body Zorbs, Steve Esby woodcutter extraordinaire, Classic Car display, Face painting, Ju jitsu display, climbing wall and many other attractions, and of course Strawberry Cream Teas.

**Calling all Golfers Men & Women** The Knights of St Columba will be holding their annual golf tournament on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, supporting the Priest's training fund of the Archdiocese see notice on the notice board.

**Many Thanks** to Fathers Paul and Andrew, for the Mass on Thursday for the re-commissioning of Special Ministers of the Eucharist. We are all grateful for the privilege of being Special Ministers

**Wales and the Marches Catholic History Society.** Annual History day will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at St David's 6<sup>th</sup> Form College Cardiff. Cost for the day. Members £12 non members £15, includes lunch, teas, coffees and a glass of wine.

**Our Lady's Parish BBQ - Sunday 28th June,** from 12.30pm (after the 11.30am Mass). Good food, bar, beverages & a bouncy castle. Tickets must be purchased or ordered in advance. They will be on sale after Sunday Masses, or to reserve tickets please contact Fran Keogh on 01432 840847 - Adults & children over 12yrs - £5, Concessionary & children 5-11 years - £3, Children under 5 - free. If the weather is inclement, we will be in the Parish Hall. If you can make a salad see Fran or Annie, or just sign the list at the back of church.

**Advance Notice** Holy Mass will be celebrated at Longworth pre-reformation chapel on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00am

### **Message for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi**

Today, my dear friends in Christ, the Church in England and Wales is keeping the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the day on which we give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist, the Mass and the Blessed Sacrament. It's a day with many happy memories for the older members of the parish, who will remember the great processions of the Blessed Sacrament that were held through the streets of our towns and cities in times past. It's also around this time that children make their First Communion. Next weekend we will all share the joy of our young parishioners as they make their First Communion, one group on Saturday morning at 9.30, the second group on Sunday morning at 11.30. Our prayers and congratulations go out to all these young people and their parents and families and many thanks to their catechists. What a joy and a privilege it is to come to Mass each Sunday and to receive Holy Communion. As always, these few words come with every prayer and blessing, Abbot Paul

# Feast of Corpus Christi

## Psalter week II

<p><i>Today:</i></p> <p>9:30 am Ellen Willis &amp; Enid Udin 11:30 am James &amp; Sarah Jane Preedy (Married yesterday)</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>Monday 8 June 10.00 am Mass – feria</p> <p>Tuesday 9 June 7.00pm Mass – feria</p> <p>Wednesday 10 June 10.00am Mass – feria</p> <p>Thursday, 11 June 10.00pm Mass – Stt Barnabas</p> <p>Friday 12 June 7.00pm Mass – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</p> <p>Saturday, 13 June 9.30 am Mass First Communion St Anthony of Padua 11.00am - 11.30 Confessions</p> <p>Sunday 14 June 9:30 am 11:30 am 6.30pm Father Michael</p>	<p><b>Rota Schedule for 8 June – 14 June 2015</b></p> <p><b>Flower Arrangers:</b> L Brazewell</p> <p><b>Cleaners:</b> Annie Zacharia Friday please</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> 9:30am Mr &amp; Mrs Scanlon 11:30am Mr &amp; Mrs Cotterell 6:30pm M Netting &amp; C Milsom</p> <p><b>Readers:</b> 9:30am P Roberts 11:30am S West 6.30pm R Maloney</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b> 9.30am C Sharland, T Bray, D Lissaman 11.30am F Davies A Staton J Meenaghan 6.30pm J Winter</p> <p><b>Altar Linen:</b> J Callingham J Counting Janet Richard</p> <p><b>Polish Information:</b> Następna Msza Św w języku polskim odbędzie się w niedzielę, 28 Czerwca godz 16:00</p> <p><b>Finance:</b> Collection on Sunday 24 £389.64 Thank you</p>
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**Please pray for:** The sick, especially Ann Morris, Brian Morris, Alice Jones, Sue Watkins, Shelaigh Fawcett, Dymphna and John O’Neil, Andrew Walker, Sylvia Jones, Sylvia Aiello, Chris Turville, Eva Zakrzewska, Pat Franklyn, Anna Foggo, Katie Richardson, Agnes McGowan, Michael Morris Rita O’Leary Pat Spence, Joshua Isada and all in our prayer book

The recently dead, especially, Pat Cotterell

Those whose anniversary falls in the month of June, including: Russell Sabel, William Collins, Enid Uden, William Lynes, Robert Derbyshire, Irene Gecks, Evelyn Lavell, Iris Croke, Alexa Laszowskyz, Gerald O’Hagan, Esther Scott, Dermot Kelleher, Lewis Murgatroyd, Zbigniew Pawlowicz, Albert LeSurf, John Donelon, Teresa Scraba, Tony Pye, Rose Rattle and Dorothy Rohde, Ceri Strong, Jan Prosniewski, Romanita Penālosa and Henry Matty

A recent convert to Catholicism, made it a point of regularly go to confession. “I stole some wood again father” he said “How much did you steal this time?” the priest asked “Father I built my dog a nice new doghouse” The priest replied “ well that’s not so bad,,,” “ but the man interrupted him adding “Well father, I also built myself a four can garage” Now that’s a little more serious” said the priest. But the man wasn’t done yet. “Father, I’ve got to get is all off my chest, I built a doghouse, a four car garage, and a four bedroom, five bathroom home!” Shocked the priest replied, “well that is most serious, I’m afraid that I’m going to have to give you an entire novena as your penance.” The man looked perplexed for a bit and said “Father, I don’t know what a novena is, but if you’ve got the blue prints, I’ve got the wood.

The secret of a good homily is to have a good beginning and a good ending as close together as possible