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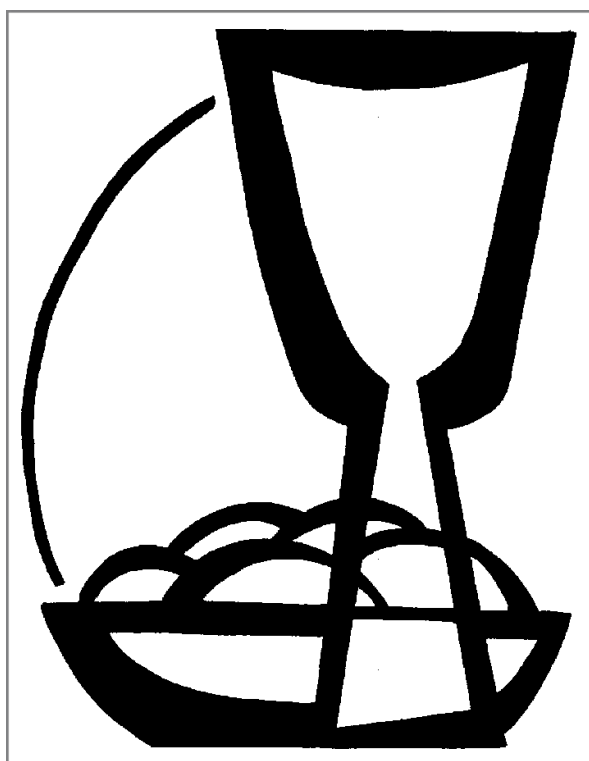
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THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST ('Corpus Christi')



The Redeeming, Healing Blood of Christ

Jesus calls out to us - 'Come eat this Broken Bread that will heal your brokenness; Come drink this overflowing Cup that will be poured into your wounds and make you whole!' Jesus did not say only 'come eat!'

It was an historical accident of disastrous proportions that led (during the medieval times of plague and Black Death) to the people not sharing the Cup of the Lord's Sacrifice and Love. What became a corrupt and anti-biblical tradition remained in force until the Second Vatican Council. The Cup is meant to be drunk by all, for it carries the Sacred Blood of Christ that is the Blood that redeems us, the Blood that is poured into our wounds by Jesus the Good Samaritan that we might be whole and love be set free in us. Do not neglect to Drink from the Cup the Lord shares with us - the Cup He died to give us! In the Roman Catholic Church we DRINK from the Cup, not 'dip' the host: drinking from the same cup expresses our love for one another.

SUNDAY: PARISH MASS with Reception and Confirmation and concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Feast of the Eucharist at 10.00am (*streamed*)

MONDAY: *No Liturgy*

TUESDAY: *Feast of St Charles Lwanga and the 22 Uganda Martyrs (died 1885-1887)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

WEDNESDAY: *Feast of St Boniface, Monk, Martyr and Missionary Bishop (672-754)*
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

THURSDAY: Adoration at 11.30am Mass at 12noon
Area House Mass at the home of Marta Bolgnani at 7.00pm (address on application)

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FRIDAY: **FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**
Adoration at 8.30am **Mass** at 9.00am

SATURDAY: **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Adoration at 11.30am **Mass** at 12.00 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation: after Mass and 4.00-4.30pm

TODAY: [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ ('Corpus Christi')**. Week by week we gather around the Table of the Eucharist at the loving invitation of Jesus our Brother and Lord ... week by week we are fed by the Sacrament of His endless loving, the Bread of Life and the Cup of His Love. This great Sacrament, this sacred encounter with the utter reality of the Risen and Ascended Christ faithfully remaining with us, is food for our journey, medicine for our healing and the bond of love that unites us with God and each other - the leads us into communion with the world around us. How can we not come and eat and drink with Him and of Him? How else will we grow in His Love and Life, and find the nourishment needed to fulfil the Mission he has given us?

[2] Thank you **Epiphania, for 'breaking the Bread of the Word'** for us on this Feast.

[3] We have the joy of **Receiving into Full Communion and Confirming in the Holy Spirit** David Carter. He is new to our community - he experienced the Journey of Faith and the Rite of Election in Portsmouth Diocese, but then moved here to Bristol. As a result we have been able to welcome him among us and complete his initiation into full Communion with the Catholic Church here is our parish. Please welcome David and pray for him.

[4] In honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Mass will conclude with a period of **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a Solemn Benediction.**

NEXT SUNDAY: [1] The **Tenth Sunday of the Year B** celebrates Jesus who at once challenges every form of evil that de-humanises and destroys our innate dignity and goodness; and gathers around Him a new 'family' or community of 'mother, brother and sister'. We are that new family, gathered in the Holy Spirit to continue His mission in the world.

[2] We have the joy of celebrating **First Eucharist** with seven of our children, as meet fully the Risen Jesus in the 'Breaking of Bread and Sharing of the Cup' for the first time. Please pray for them and their families.

[3] **Signed Mass with our Catholic Deaf Community who are also joined this month by the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the wounded-ness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert love-less Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

DIOCESAN PRAYER The Diocese prays today for Parish in Communion for Mission of St John the Evangelist, Bath, served by Canon Christopher Whitehead, Parish Administrator Janet Flinn, Parish Outreach Robert von Hawrylak and all their community. We pray also for the retired priests who live at St John's Flats and help in the Bath parishes - Canon Michael English, Fr Tibor Szende, Fr Joseph Bredin

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PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray today for the work and Mission of our **Borderlands Charity - from exclusion to Belonging**. Since the year 2000 our parish has been involved in serving and accompanying the refugee and asylum community. We set up this Charity about 12 years ago to resource and develop this Mission and over the years many of our community have volunteered with Borderlands. Three of the Trustees of the Charity are parishioners. An independent Charity, Borderlands is a most valued partner organisation as we continue to serve and rejoice in our refugee and asylum community and friends.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

G.A.Env £50.00 + Loose £182.52 + Card Reader £14.76 + S/O £165.88 = £413.16

Caritas: £20.00 - many thanks **Retiring Collection (CAFOD - Sudan):** £466.46

Ethiopian Donation: £200.00 - many thanks

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2024

2nd June	Feast of 'Corpus Christi' - Mass followed with Adoration & Benediction
8th June	Diocesan Day on 'The Eucharist - a Bond of Love' St Bernadette's School, Whitchurch 9.30am to 4.00pm
8th June	'Building a Dementia Friendly Church' at Stockwood Free Church (see below)
9th June	First Eucharist Sunday
3rd July	Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
4th July	Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.30pm (Assisi Centre)
13th July	Prayer Day for Zimbabwean Youth
13th July	Diocesan Day for all Catechists - led by Dominican Sisters of St Joseph
14th July	Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage
17th July	St Nick's School Leavers Mass at 9.30am
6th Aug	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Hiroshima Day of Prayer for Peace
15th Aug	Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady - Holy Day of Obligation
25th Aug	Baptismal Sunday
8th Sept	Patronal Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino - Parish Day of Celebration

DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT THE PARISH MISSION? Arising from the recent Parish Forum on the future of our parish, the Parish Pastoral Council is delighted that many have expressed the wish to offer some time and energy in support of the life and mission of St Nicks. So the PPC is establishing a '**Volunteers Whatsapp**' to let people know the needs and opportunities for volunteering either on a long-term or an occasional basis. Some cannot commit themselves to a regular slot or programme but could volunteer from time to time and for limited periods. ***If you would be willing to join such a team of volunteers on this Whatsapp Group, then please contact the Parish Office or Patience Bird (07411406411) and give your mobile no. Thank you!***

WEEKLY PARISH EMAIL: To improve communications among our diverse parish community, we will begin to send weekly a brief Parish News Email, highlighting key news or issues that we all need to be aware of. Please check your emails for the Parish Update!

DISCERNING 'COMMUNITY STEWARDS' AS PARISH CHANGES All of us have had the opportunity to take part in discerning (or prayerfully selecting) 'Community Stewards' as we transition to increased Lay leadership and ministry with a team of 7 that includes our non-resident parish priest (Fr Richard). 31 sheets with suggested names were submitted by both individuals and couples as well as 4 email contributions - thank you for such significant participation. **To clarify, Richard will remain our parish priest while living outside the parish but in Bristol and will not retire (health permitting) until 2028**, when he will be 80 years young! He will however reduce his workload and share more fully responsibilities

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with the Team of 'Community Stewards' (a provisional name). **Richard moves out of the presbytery September 8th - Feast of St Nicholas of Tolentino. We hope to commission our 'Parish Stewards' at our Patronal Feast**

DIOCESAN GATHERING 'The Eucharist - a bond of love which can never be undone' - a Day for everyone (part of the Year of Prayer) to deepen our understanding and love of the Eucharist led by Fr Michael McAndrew **Saturday 8th June at St Bernadette's School, Whitchurch, 9.30am to 4.00pm.** To register, please click the Eventbrite link on the diocesan website. This day would be particularly helpful to all Lay Ministers of the Eucharist whom I encourage to try to attend.

BUILDING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH This ecumenical Day Conference will share experiences of churches that have developed a safe and welcoming space and ministry for sufferers of dementia. Dementia is a major health and social issue facing our nation and therefore our churches. We all have so much to learn! I hope some of our community will attend this conference on **Saturday 8th June 9.30am to 3.00pm at Stockwood Free Church, Ladman Road, Stockwood, Bristol BS14 8QH.** Please contact Richard if you wish to attend or learn more about this important day for the life and ministry of our parish.

CALLING ALL CATECHISTS **GROWING SEEDS OF HOPE**
The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph will lead this day exploring how we form people in the Faith. Their knowledge and practical experience will help to guide and inspire us in our ministry as catechists. Those who are not catechists but care about the formation of children, young people, and adults, are invited to come to this day. **Do join us on Saturday 13 July at St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge.** Refreshments from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. The day will end at 4pm. Registration is essential for this event, please let us know if you would like to attend by emailing adult.education@cliftondiocese.com *Please let Mary Hopper or Richard know if you are able to attend. It is very important that some from St Nicks take part in this training session. Thank you.*

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Join some of our diocesan family on the Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes shrine in southern France. **Friday 23rd August to Friday 30th August.** Accommodation in 3/4* hotel, full board including transfer from Toulouse Airport to Lourdes. Single rooms from £680 and shared rooms from £510. Pilgrims to arrange own flights (Bristol-Toulouse on EasyJet) and travel insurance - information available from email: lourdes@cliftondiocese.com or Alexander House on 0117 902 5590

HOUSE MASS IN TESCO / IKEA / STAPLETON / MULLER ROAD AREA Our Parish Pastoral Council Co-Chair, Marta Bolognani, is hosting this House Mass in her home. She invites all parishioners who live in her neighbourhood (above) to come and share Eucharist and friendship on **Thursday 6th June gathering at 7.00pm.** Please do come and support this celebration as we seek to build afresh our dispersed parish community. Please contact Marta, Richard or the Parish Office for Marta's address.

DIOCESAN DAY ON THE JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025 All are invited to join in the Annual Diocesan Day on **Saturday 6 July at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol.** The focus of our day will be on Hope – especially in relation to the Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. All are invited to join Bishop Bosco as we explore the theme of Hope together. We will look at where our hope lies, as well as our experiences of pilgrimage and where we might journey as a Diocese in 2025. The Day will start at 9.30am with refreshments and will include Mass as a central part of our day. Please bring a packed lunch. We will finish by 4pm. Everyone is welcome but places are limited, so please book early. To register for the day please click the Eventbrite link: <https://cliftondiocesan-day.eventbrite.co.uk> You will be most welcome.

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