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THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Mass Times, Intentions and Services		
Sunday 14 th June	09:30 18:00	Mass in private for Theresa (RIP) Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated
Monday 15 th June	09:00	Mass in private for Dimble (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday 16 th June	10:00	Mass in private for the sick and the housebound
Wednesday 17 th June	09:00	Mass in private for those suffering economic hardships
Thursday 18 th June	19:00	Mass in private for all health and care workers
Friday 19 th June	09:00	Mass in private for the wellbeing of our parish
Saturday 20 th June	10:00	Mass in private for all who died from COVID 19
Sunday 21 st June	09:30 18:00	Mass in private for Joseph (RIP) Mass in Private for all lonely or isolated

Offertory (collections): Normal weekend collections cannot be taken under current circumstances. While recognising that this is a very difficult time financially for many people, others may still wish to continue their regular Sunday donations, if they are not already using the envelopes or standing order facilities. Donations may be sent to the Parish even through standing order. We do not receive any financial support from the Diocese, and other sources of income like hall rental.

Mass Suspension Information

COVID 19: If you or someone you know in the parish is self-isolating and is in need of any support, such as help with shopping or a chat on the phone, please get in touch with the Parish Office: Email: sacredheartchurch.oxford@gmail.com Phone: 01865 776903 or 01865 762964. **Live streaming of Mass from St Anthony of Padua church at 10.00 am every day.** Please visit: <http://www.stanthonyofpadua.org.uk/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Saop-Oxford-974143142974717/>

Live streaming of the Mass also available at:

<https://corpuschristiheadington.co.uk>

<https://greyfriarsoxford.weebly.com>

Sunday Reflection from Fr. Pius Duke

The Church commemorates the solemnity of Corpus Christi, a Latin term that expresses the Body of Christ. Today's celebration invites us to ponder on the gift of Christ's body and blood to us in the Eucharist under the species of bread and wine. The first reading from the book of Deuteronomy alludes to Yahweh feeding his people with manna as they made their way through the desert to the Promise Land. The manna is only a foreshadowing or prefiguration of the Eucharistic meal. In the second reading St Paul speaks of the cup of blessing, which we bless and the bread we break as communion with the blood and body of Christ. By sharing in this one bread and drinking from one cup, we, though many, form one body. We participate in the life of Jesus who is the living bread which has come down from heaven. The Holy Eucharist guarantees God's care and kindness towards us. It is God himself sharing and giving his life to and for us. It is a sacrament, a sacrifice and a thanksgiving. In fact, it is the synopsis and central point of our liturgical celebration (Canon 246).

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist for many reasons, among which are: as food for our souls and nourishment for our bodies, "I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall not thirst" (John 6:56); as a sharing in his divine life of grace; as a remission of sins (Mark 14:24). Sadly, many Christians continue to struggle over the meaning and significance of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council, in The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium 7), clearly and emphatically reminds us of the many presences of Christ in the Eucharistic gathering. Christ is present in others and in the Word in modes analogous to the way he is present in the Eucharist sacramentally, in the elements of bread and wine. We are thus challenged to revere and tend to others in the same way we revere and tend to the Eucharistic Christ. May the true and active presence of Christ move us all to become the healing, reconciling and unifying community that is the Mystical Body of Christ

Parish Pastoral Council: Today, Sunday 14 June at 8pm, using zoom. Please help us by getting those on pastoral council to send Chris (breward@maths.ox.ac.uk) their email addresses.

Online Parish Tea Party: Next gathering on Sunday 21st June at 3.00 pm using Zoom. Please contact Chris Breward (breward@maths.ox.ac.uk).

Masses will be celebrated each day privately by the parish clergy for your intentions. New Mass intention should be sent to sacredheartchurchoxford@gmail.com.

As the Body of Christ, let us pray...

Leader: This weekend we celebrate on Saturday the feast of our patron saint, St Anthony of Padua, and on Sunday our sister parish, Corpus Christi, celebrates its special day when we thank Our Lord for the priceless gift of His body and blood in the Eucharist.

As we all come together in spirit to give thanks for the life of St Anthony and his loving care of our parish we ask the Lord to strengthen our unity and to deepen our commitment to one another in this difficult time.

We pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer.

We remember our fellow parishioners and friends at Corpus Christi and we pray that they too will draw strength from the Lord's eternal gift of Himself in the Eucharist as they celebrate in spirit their parish's special feast day. **We pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer**

As we remember Jesus' words, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him," we pray that the day will soon come when we can all unite in celebrating Mass and receiving Holy Communion in our parish churches. As we wait for that day we ask the Lord to come to us in spirit and renew His life within us. **We pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer**

As we take the first tentative steps towards the return to normal life we pray for all leaders across the world that the Holy Spirit will give them the wisdom and compassion to take the right decisions for all in their care. **We pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer**

We pray especially for all those involved in every level of education that they will do all in their power to enable the young people in their care to return safely to the stimulation of their studies and the friendships that they are missing. **We pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer**

We continue to pray for all those affected by the Corona virus: those who have lost their lives and those who mourn them; health care workers who continue to care selflessly for those who are ill in hospital or the community; and those who continue to work tirelessly to maintain services for us all. **We pray to the Lord...Lord hear our prayer**

Leader: We ask Mary our Mother, St Anthony and all the saints to watch over us wherever we may be and to join their prayers to ours as we give thanks to God our Father for the priceless gift of His son and His promise that all who eat His flesh and drink His blood will have eternal life. **Amen.**