

OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

STEWARDS The government has given permission for churches to open for private prayer from this Monday. There are stringent rules for this to happen, the most onerous being that there have to be two stewards on duty throughout the times of opening. This means that we need a rota with quite a large number of people who will give a set time, on a set day each week. As you will see from the front page, so far we have just enough people to cover only one hour per day. If you are not considered 'vulnerable' and could volunteer, that would be a great help. Half an hour, an hour – whatever time you could set aside. Give us a call at Church House (749050).

VISITING THE CHURCH A few rules have to be followed to limit the possibility of infection: hands should be sanitised (gel is available at the entrance); social distancing (keep 2 metres from anyone you do not live with); sit, kneel or stand at appropriate places (some pews are taped off); maintain religious hygiene (by not touching or kissing statues, images, icons, objects).
If 9.00 – 10.00 am is not convenient, it may be possible to open the church for you at another time of day – please 'phone Father Philip to see if this can be arranged.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP : PRAY FOR US

◀ Throughout these weeks of 'lockdown', when it is not possible to visit the church to pray and light a candle, the votive light at the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help is burning night and day for us all - for our cares, prayers and intentions.

Please remember in your prayers

Those who are ill . . .

Neil Abrahams, Isabella Ayres, Mary Brennan, Lesley Carroll, Tom Coddington, Pat and Janet Defreitas, Brenda Duke, Compton Glasgow, Father Tom Jordan, Eddie Margot, Gary Martindill, Maureen Mongan, Helen Murray, Sue Read, Stephen Smithers, Sue Spelling and Mary Treston.

Those whose anniversaries are recalled at this time . . .

13-19 June: Paul Carroll, Gwenda McKernan, Dick Whitehouse, Nora Brown, Nora Appleby, Peter Denton, Mary Long, Father Gerard Hughes (former assistant priest at Corpus Christi), Gordon Campbell, Tom Conway, Thomas McNamara, Rita Collins, Tom Kennedy and Nora Edwards.

PARISH OFFERINGS

During the past month, standing order contributions came to £2007.75 – thank you for your continuing financial support.

SAINT PAUL IN ACTS

During the Easter period we have been hearing excerpts from the Acts of the Apostles at the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. It is from Scriptures such as these, which point to the priorities of Christian faith lived in the world, that we can reinvigorate our faith as we go forward from Pentecost to face new problems for the world and for the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and parish priest of Gidea Park, has prepared a new talk 'Paul in Acts' which can be accessed by going to: www.whatgoodnews.org/faith-talks

THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK . . .

Tuesday is the **Memorial of St Richard of Chichester** – a holy bishop who was born in 1197 and died in 1253. Before becoming Bishop of Chichester he was Chancellor of Oxford University and a legal adviser to two Archbishops of Canterbury. He is said to have written the prayer in which we ask the Lord: 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day'.

Friday is the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** – symbol of Christ's love for all.

CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week, the light in honour of Our Lady is in memory of Anne Scullion.



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Solemnity of Corpus Christi *Prayers and Readings*

13-14 June 2020

*Today is a special day for our parish -
Happy Feastday!*

*Due to the Coronavirus pandemic,
all public acts of worship are suspended.*

From Monday 15 June the church will be

**open each day
from 9.00 am to 10.00 am only.**

See note on the back page of this sheet.

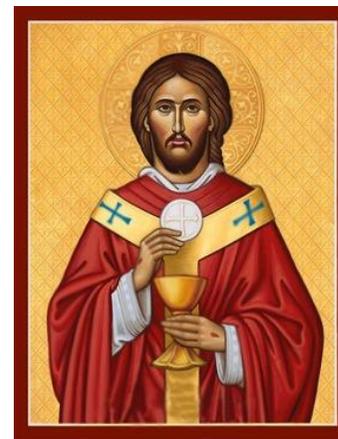
*This newsletter includes readings from Sunday's Mass,
which you might like to use as an aid to prayer and reflection.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

available at any time on request

PARISH WEBSITE

www.corpuschristicollierrow.org



(for use at home)

Sign of the Cross

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. "Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who

in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.”

Psalm

Psalm 147

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you.
He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command.
He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations; He has not taught them his decrees.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 10: 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul 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.

Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to the Jews: "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world." Then the Jews started arguing with one another. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they said. Jesus replied: "I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever."

Reflection

Pope Francis, *Angelus Address*, St Peter's Square, Sunday 18 June 2017

Today's Gospel passage, taken from Saint John, is part of the sermon on the "bread of life" (cf. 6:51-58). Jesus states: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread...; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh" (v. 51). He means to say that the Father has sent him into the world as the food of eternal life, and for this reason he will sacrifice himself, his flesh. Indeed, on the Cross, Jesus gave his body and shed his blood. The Son of Man crucified is the true Paschal Lamb, who delivers us from the slavery of sin and sustains us on the journey to the promised land. The Eucharist is the sacrament of his flesh given so as to give life to the world; those who are nourished by this food abide in Jesus and live through him. To assimilate Jesus means to abide in him, to become children in the Son.

In the Eucharist Jesus, as he did with the disciples at Emmaus, draws alongside us, pilgrims in history, to nourish the faith, hope and charity within us; to comfort us in trials; to sustain us in the commitment to justice and peace. This supportive presence of the Son of God is everywhere: in cities and the countryside, in the North and South of the world, in countries with a Christian tradition and in those newly evangelized. In the Eucharist he offers himself as spiritual strength so as to help us put into practice his commandment — to love one another as he loved us — building

communities that are welcoming and open to the needs of all, especially the most frail, poor and needy people.

Nourishing ourselves of the Eucharistic Jesus also means abandoning ourselves trustingly to him and allowing ourselves to be guided by him. It means welcoming Jesus in place of one's own "me". In this way the love freely received from Jesus in the Eucharistic Communion, by the work of the Holy Spirit, nourishes our love for God and for the brothers and sisters we meet along the daily journey. Nourished by the Body of Christ, we become ever more concretely the mystical Body of Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (1 Cor 10:16-17).

Prayers of Intercession

That the Church, mindful of the Lord's care and generosity,
may gratefully receive and generously share the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

That the peoples of the earth, facing common dangers and sharing a common destiny,
may learn to share justly the world's limited resources.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

For those who hunger for their daily bread and who thirst for human dignity
may find us to be generous stewards of God's bountiful gifts.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

That our faithful departed, nourished on earth with the living bread that is Christ's Body,
may be raised up on the last day.
Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Our Father . . .

Spiritual Communion

written by St Alphonsus Ligouri

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer

God our Father,
in all the churches scattered throughout the world
you show forth the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
Through the Gospel and the Eucharist
bring your people together in the Holy Spirit and guide us in your love.
Make us a sign of your love for all people,
and help us to show forth the living presence of Christ in the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.