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**June 14th 2020 Issue 121**

**The Solemnity of Corpus Christi**

### **On Line Masses & Services**

#### **Corpus Christi**

**9:00am** Said Mass **10.30am** Sung Mass

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

#### **Monday 15th June**

**9.30am** Holy Mass

*Weekday*

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

#### **Tuesday 16th June**

**9.30am** Holy Mass

*St. Richard of Chichester, Bishop*

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

#### **Wednesday 17th June**

**9.30am** Holy Mass

*Weekday*

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

#### **Thursday 18th June**

**9.30am** Holy Mass

*Weekday*

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

#### **Friday 19th June**

**9.30am** Holy Mass

*The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

#### **Saturday 20th**

**11am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

**12noon** Holy Mass - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**7.00pm** Evening Devotions

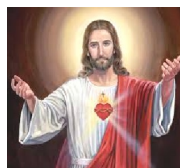
**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### **Corpus Christi**

**The Most Holy Body and  
Blood of Christ**



This weekend's Solemnity recalls many, many happy memories for Catholic people. In past days, when the Holy Day was celebrated on a Thursday, Catholic schools had a holiday. Very often First Holy Communion was held on the Feast of Corpus Christi.



### **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Friday 19th June**

On Friday, in Sacred Heart Church, the four Consecration Crosses dedicated to the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John will be lit.

## Please pray for the following

**Lately Dead:** Shirley Keefe, Theresa Maddox, Norman Irvine, Dylan Dey, Marian Tomaszewski, Danny Heap, Janusz Sobków, Albi Max, Sarah Max, Ellen Blair, Kevin Bruce, Catherine Rogers, Margaret Riley, David Kelly, Margaret Rigby, Fr. Peter Gooden.

**Anniversaries and B'days:** Gerard Molloy, Anthony Hardman, Daniel Swaby, Catherine Brogan, Thomas Brogan, Roseline Martlew, Denis Stephenson, Ernest Gough, Thomas Devine, Gerard Reeves, Reeves Family, Fr Maurice Murphy, Fr Richard O'Connor.

**Other intentions:** Special Intentions., Veronica Dunn, John Welsh (*recovering from an operation*), Andzia Nowak, Fr. Arthur Nearey, Jim and Helen Hyndman, Philomena Hill, Patrick Cahill. Margaret (Meg) Wood, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy, Alexander Shorrocks, Diane Leach, Deborah Rickman, Mary Grenier, Ann Welsh, Paul Joyce, Kathleen Ferguson., Margaret Isherwood, Brian Lynam, Pat Gale, Cindy Nuttall, Maureen Sharrocks, Christine Rostron, Lyn O' Keefe, Gemma Beeney, Margaret Walker, Paul Richardson

**All affected by the coronavirus and those worried about loved ones.**



## Welcome to our Universal Internet Church

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streaming

**To log on:** on the front page of our parish website click **Live Church Cam.**

## Newsletter by Email

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email:  
[parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk](mailto:parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk)

## Shirley Keefe RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Shirley who died last Sunday aged 92.

Deepest sympathy to her large family and to her friends and fellow parishioners. Shirley was very well known by so many people. Firstly, as a popular teacher for many years at Rochdale Girls' Grammar School and then Bishop Henshaw High School. Along with her husband Peter, who died in 2018, she was very involved in parish life at Holy Family for many years. Peter looked after the money and Shirley was a reader and did the flowers with Katie Sharrocks. Even before the amalgamation Shirley and Peter divided their time between Holy Family and Sacred Heart. Shirley read regularly at the weekday Mass at Sacred Heart and at the weekend at Holy Family. Shirley was a lovely person, such a beautiful reader - she will be greatly missed. Her Funeral will take place at Rochdale Crematorium on Thursday June 18th at 1.40 pm. Her family have requested that on Friday morning the 9.30am streamed Mass from Sacred Heart will be offered for her.

## Norman Irvine RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Norman whose funeral takes place at Blackley Crematorium on Mon 15th June. You will remember Norman was brought to Mass at Sacred Heart by his carers and sat in his wheelchair at the front on the left hand side. Norman was a lovely friendly person - although he couldn't speak he still understood what was going on. He was so generous too. At Christmas he provided two beautiful hampers to be raffled. His carers were always so kind and thoughtful too.

## Theresa Maddox RIP

We also remember in our prayers the late Theresa Maddox whose funeral will take place on 19th June at Rochdale Crematorium. Our condolences go to her family who mourn her passing.

## CORPUS ET SANGUINIS CHRISTI



This weekend we celebrate the transferred Solemnity of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) was promoted by the Augustinian nun Juliana of Liège in the thirteenth century and thereafter spread throughout the whole Church. It is, of course, a Feast in honour of the Blessed Sacrament, and is marked by processions of Our Lord.

These Feasts, which focus on certain aspects of our faith, come about in the Church by the providence and guidance of God. If there is a need, then God provides us with the answer. So it was that belief in the Real Presence had begun to be questioned and the people no longer treated the Blessed Sacrament with the respect that was Its due. This Solemnity of Corpus Christi promoted a love for the Blessed Sacrament, and a devotion to Our Lord, truly present in the Sacred Host.

Corpus Christi celebrates the continuing presence of Christ in His Church. It celebrates the adoration that we show to God, but adoration in a physical way. We need something to focus on, and God gave us the Blessed Sacrament.

We should receive Christ with as much preparation as our children do for their First Holy Communion; through frequent prayers, regular confession, an eager joy and an innocent faith. We should be filled with wonder and praise at the God who made us, and died for us. We should, in silence, thank Him for the wonders of all creation.

It is a great shame that this year we are not able to hold a Corpus Christi Procession. We will need to plan for one next year. Let Corpus Christi be a celebration for us all. Let us fix our minds again on this great mystery of the Church, and give thanks to God for our children and their faith.

### NEW PARISH WEBISTE

Our new website went 'live' during the early hours of last Monday morning. It can be accessed by logging into:

[stmargaretlitherowrochdale.org.uk](http://stmargaretlitherowrochdale.org.uk)

I am grateful to those who have made this possible. I'm sure you will agree that it is a step in the right direction. Lots of positive comments have been made thus far. The website is not fully complete at the moment and more info will be added in the coming weeks.

### SVP FOOD COLLECTION

Members of the SVP will be in the car park from 2pm to 4pm this Sunday to receive any donations of food that you wish to give for the needy. Many thanks to those who have donated not only food but financially too. All donations go towards helping those in need in our parish.



## CHURCH RE-OPENING

**Thanks be to God the government has announced that churches may open for private prayer from 15th June.** However this can only be done providing strict regulations are observed. Below are the steps that we must take.

1. Assembling a team of stewards to ensure that the guidance in this document can safely be put into effect. The number of volunteers required will vary depending on the size of churches, but priests will not be able to manage the re-opening of churches on their own. **VOLUNTEERS NEED TO BE UNDER 70 YEARS OLD, HAVE AN UPTO DATE DBS AND BE IN GOOD HEALTH.**

2. Securing sufficient supplies of alcohol hand gel, cleaning materials (including gloves for cleaners) and tape to mark appropriate distances on floors and to block off areas of seating. The Government advises that normal household disinfectant and detergents are suitable for cleaning.

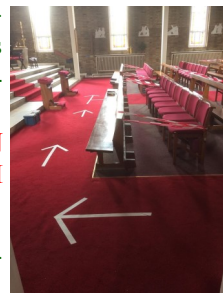
**THEO AND I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN ACQUIRING WHAT IS NEEDED AND THE MARKING OUT OF THE CHURCH.**



3. Mark distances on the floor and block off pews/chairs to ensure adequate social distancing (2 metres/6 feet between each person) is maintained throughout the church. The maximum person capacity at any one time under the social distancing regime must be determined and this made clear to those entering the church, preferably by way of clear signage.



**AGAIN THEO AND I HAVE BEEN BUSY MARKING OUT THE CHURCH TO HELP WITH THIS.**



4. Removing from the church all printed materials that are not designed for a single use. This would include books, hymn books, CTS pamphlets etc.

5. Preparing appropriate signage, e.g. asking people to sanitise their hands, on entry and exit, not to touch or physically venerate statues or relics, clear entrance and exit signs, maximum safe capacity etc.

6. Maintaining as much ventilation within the church space as possible; keeping doors open decreases transmission risk through touching but also allows a flow of fresh air into the church space. If the church has windows that can be opened, these should be.

With all that needs to be done to permit our churches to be re-opened it is unlikely that we will be able to open both churches at the beginning. We are due to be inspected towards the end of this week to make sure we meet all the regulations. It is hoped we will be able to open Sacred Heart Church for private prayer next week.

## VOLUNTEERS

If you are able to help with the opening of our churches then **please let me know as soon as possible. Persons aged over 18 and under 70 are eligible.** If you have a current DBS then please let me know when you volunteer as volunteers will work in pairs and only one of the pair needs a DBS. Depending on how many volunteers we get will determine when and how often we can open the church.

## PAYING YOUR COLLECTION DURING LOCKDOWN

I do not like to mention the subject of money but sometimes there is a need to do so. During this time of lockdown the parish funds have been severely depleted as we have not been able to hold our usual collections which is the main source of parish income. Our usual regular outgoings have unfortunately remained the same. As we do not know how long this time of lockdown will continue you might consider paying your offertory collection by standing order or bank transfer. A copy of the parish standing order form is included in this newsletter.

If you complete this in paper, **please send it direct to your bank.** If you can't print it out, please let me know and I will put a copy of the form in the post but I will need your address details.

If you do this **online**, i.e, bank transfer or setting up a new payment destination **and you have a gift aid box,** it would be really helpful if you would put your current envelope number in the 'reference' box. You are still welcome to put your collections through the presbytery door too.

## CONFESSIONS

I am available for anyone who wishes to go to confession. Confessions will be heard observing social distancing regulations in the area in front of the church at Sacred Heart. Please phone to arrange a time to do this and I will be waiting.

## THE COLLECTION ENVELOPES

Are now available for collection from the presbytery at Sacred Heart. Please do try and collect them if you are able. If you have arranged standing orders to contribute to the collection then there is no urgency to collect your envelopes. Many thanks for all who contribute financially to the parish via gift aid, standing orders and envelopes.



The next paper for reflection has been sent electronically by the diocese. I have tried (and failed) to reproduce the document in the newsletter. The document can be found by using the following link:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/HITF-3-Sheet-3.pdf>

As we can't meet as a full parish community at the moment it is difficult to see how we might use this leaflet. Initially you could use it for your own thoughts and prayers at home. If anyone has any ideas they would like to share then feel free to make contact with the parish office.

## **Rochdale Food Bank**

Please take non perishable food to the back door of the Foodbank at No1 Riverside - opposite Mecca Bingo. They would be extremely grateful for anything you can give. The Food Bank is open **9.00am - 5.00 pm Mon to Friday** and

## **Prayer for the Sick & Housebound**

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son in this Eucharist.  
We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish  
As they share in his Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, peace and healing of your presence, through Christ your Son, Our Lord.

## **Hospital Chaplains**

**Springhill Hospice:** 649230  
**Royal Oldham :** 0161 - 627 - 8796  
**Fairfield Fr. Starkie** 07979351744  
**North M/c Hospital** 0161 720 2293  
**The Christie** 0161 446 3097

## **Help with your computer**

Ring Steve Raines 07775 598 661  
For Printers, Repairs, Toner & Office Stationery ring Kleen Strike:



## **Diocesan Prayer**

**Stay with us Lord  
on our Journey**

## **PEOPLE IN CHURCH**

In keeping with the government and church guidelines, there are no visitors present in church when Masses and services take place. However seminarian Theo Sharrock who is resident here with Fr Francis is allowed to be present and to act as reader and server. We are observing social distancing whilst together in the church.

## **PRAYER FOR THOSE TAKING EXAMS**

Please remember in your prayers all those who are taking exams at this time. We remember all our seminarians from diocese up and down the country and of course in a special way our own dear Theo.

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O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord.

St. Joseph of Cupertino,  
Pray for us. Amen.  
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom,  
Pray for us

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*Follow the Mass or visit the Church from the link on the Margaret Clitherow Website*

**Salford Diocese:-** [www.salforddiocese.org.uk](http://www.salforddiocese.org.uk)



## VIRTUAL BINGO

So far Rachael Reader has raised £200 for CAFOD with Virtual Bingo via the parish Facebook page. There will be an opportunity for you to play Bingo via Zoom at 8:00pm on 26th June. For further details and to get the links to zoom please contact Rachael on her email:

rachael.reader@hotmail.co.uk.

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		28	34		52	66	77
6	11				59	69	82



‘One cannot think of the Eucharist without thinking of the Blessed Virgin Mary, because if she had not pronounced her fiat, we would not have the holy Eucharist. It is because she gave her fiat that we have the joy and the happiness of possessing Our Lord Jesus Christ in our tabernacles and on our altars. So let us ask the Most Blessed Virgin Mary to give us this love that she so admired in Her Son Jesus.’ Archbishop Lefebvre on the Joy Mysteries of the Rosary

### THE LILIES IN CHURCH

blessed in honour of St Anthony are a thanksgiving offering from Fr Francis

## Unite against Coronavirus.

### Did you sign the Petition?



Out of love for our sisters and brothers overseas, sign Cafod's petition asking the Prime Minister to ensure that the most vulnerable people are the priority in the UK's international efforts as well as at home. You can also make a donation if you wish.

**Please visit [CAFOD org.uk/coronavirus](https://www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus)**

**There is a lot of interesting information about the wonderful work being done by Cafod on this website - please pay it a visit. It is so interesting to know where your donations go.**

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe  
that you are present  
in the most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love You above all things  
and I desire  
to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot now  
receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually  
into my heart.  
I embrace You  
as if You were already there,  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me  
to be separated from You. Amen.**

**June is the Month Dedicated  
to the  
Most Sacred Heart  
of Jesus**





## Calling all Knitters

I have been asked by some parishioners who support Team Hill, who do such a lot of work for charity, if anyone can help with their latest appeal - knitting tiny blankets for premature babies. They say:- *'NICU at Royal Oldham Hospital are in desperate need of small blankets - approxi 50cm x 50cm for the premature babies - large blankets are not practical or safe and tiny blankets are quite difficult to find!! We're appealing to all our wonderful Team Hill Charitable Trust supporters who are knitters and who would like a little Challenge to consider making some blankets for the babies in NICU!! Thankyou as always for your amazing support!!*

TeamHill #MakingADifference Northern Care Alliance NHS Group Royal Oldham Childrens ward

**If you can help please let me know - many thanks, Jeanette 07717222830**

## C DAY (Cycle Day)



Our Cycle on Sat 6 June was very successful. 7 people took part including 2 of our youth, Jack & Philip.

The route took us to Holy Family Church where we sat for a quiet moment by the Grotto and heard about the great priest who built it - Fr Billy O'Connor; then over the lanes and cycle ways back onto Kingsway.

This was a first step in reclaiming our streets for cyclists in the Spirit of Laudato Si and Pope Francis. Our next trip will be on **Saturday 20 June at 1pm** from Sacred Heart car park. Further information from Pat Shine 07717226758.

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Has been designated as a world day of prayer for the Sanctification of Priests. Let us remember in a special way all those priests who have helped us along our path in life. The priest who baptised us, gave us our First Holy Communion, has heard our confessions, married us, anointed us and been there to help the souls of families and friends to meet the Lord.

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; For your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially Father.....). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

## PASTORAL LETTER

The Bishop has written a Pastoral Letter for this weekend that once again focuses on the environment and related issues. It can be found on the diocesan website.



## STANDING ORDER FORM

**Bank Name:**

**Address:**

Please make the payments detailed below and debit our account

Name of account to be debited \_\_\_\_\_ A/c No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Sort Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Payee:**                      **Sacred Heart Rochdale**                      **A/c No: 60965308**

**Bank to which payment**  
**is to be made**                      **Barclays Bank**                      **Sort Code: 20-55-34**

Amount (in words) \_\_\_\_\_ £ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of payments \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first payment \_\_\_\_\_

Special instructions (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Payments are to continue until \_\_\_\_\_  
(including date of last payment)

\*Payments are to continue until you receive further notice in writing

**THIS INSTRUCTION CANCELS ANY PREVIOUS ORDER IN FAVOUR OF  
THE PAYEE NAMED ABOVE**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Delete as applicable



# Sacred Heart Nursery

Applications now being taken  
for **SEPTEMBER 2020**

More information available from the school office.  
Contact: 01706 649981 [www.sacred-heart-school.org.uk](http://www.sacred-heart-school.org.uk)





# YOU SAVE ME CAN

## KNOW

During lockdown, some children and young people may be being abused and exploited at home. They can be made to believe that they should never tell anyone and that the abuse is their fault. Shut in with their abusers, they have little chance to escape or to tell anyone.

These children need your help! As a neighbour or key worker visiting homes for any reason, you may be the only person able to spot abuse and report it.

## LOOK

- Guarded behaviour of a child around particular individuals
- Sudden changes in behaviour
- Children with bruises, burns, bite marks or fractures
- Children appearing withdrawn, anxious or frightened
- Hearing or seeing shouting and violence towards a child
- Children seen carrying or using drugs
- Children being late or arriving home late in different cars
- Unaccompanied children visiting a house where only adults live

## ACT

- Stay curious and look beyond the obvious
- If something doesn't feel right, it might not be
- Even if you're unsure, it's better to report your concerns
- Do not attempt to intervene yourself
- If you have a safeguarding manager / lead within your organisation, notify them immediately
- Call the police on **101** or **999** in an emergency
- Call the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**