

'Behold I will dwell in the midst of you'

WHAT do we celebrate on the feast of Corpus Christi? The fact that Jesus Christ is still on earth. True, He ascended into heaven as the apostles watched. But we also have His words, 'I am with you always, till the end of the world'. He could have fulfilled this promise simply by guiding the Church from heaven: listening to our prayers and interceding for us with His Father. But we believe, as Catholics, that He does something more than that. He remains on earth, really present, in the Blessed Sacrament. Christ is really present, not only at Mass, but wherever the Blessed Sacrament is kept, in all the tabernacles of the world.

This is an astonishing thing: yet we might almost say that nothing could be more natural. Do we not all like to be with those whom we love? Christ loves us, and so He wishes to be with us. And being God, He has found a way in which He can be with us, without leaving heaven. 'I will not leave you orphans,' He told the apostles, 'I will come to you'. And St Paul, in another context, reassures us, 'the Word is very close to you ... in your mouths, and in your heart'.

How cold a place our world would be, if this were not so; if the charity of the Sacred Heart were no longer on earth to warm us! There are few sights sadder than a church which has once been a House of God and has now been turned over to profane use, with its tabernacle empty or destroyed. But the whole world would be such a abandoned church, had our Lord not given us the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Paul VI put it like this: 'As long as the Eucharist is kept in our churches and oratories, Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, "God with us". Day and night He is in our midst, he dwells with us, full of grace and truth. He raises the level of morality, nourishes virtues, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak.'

Corpus Christi, and the closely-related feast of the Sacred Heart, are times for us to ask ourselves, 'Do I appreciate the miracle which is Christ's continual presence on earth? How can I make more return for His love towards me in the Blessed Sacrament? When I come into His presence, do I show Him the reverence which is His due: by prayerfulness, by silence, by the way I receive Holy Communion, even by my manner of dress?'

A serious humorist once asked, 'If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?' Likewise, we can ask ourselves, 'If I were arrested for believing in the real presence; for believing that the Blessed Sacrament is God; would there be enough evidence to convict me?' May we all be found 'guilty' of this charge!

Fr Thomas O.P.

Corpus Christi

Year A

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Entrance Antiphon:	The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and honey; their hunger was satisfied.
At 11am – page nos in Missale:	•Mass Ordinary, p 13; Mass Proper, p 109 •Sung setting: Missa Aeterna Christi munera <i>Palestrina</i> ; Sanctus: Mass VIII <i>de Angelis</i> p 207 ; Credo III, p 216 •Communion motet: Lauda, Sion, Salvatorem
1st Reading:	Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14b-16a
Psalm LXX:	Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. (Ps 147)
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Sequence:	Lauda, Sion, Salvatorem ... Laud, O Zion, your salvation ...
Alleluia:	I am the living bread which comes down from heaven, says the Lord; if anyone eats this bread he will live for ever.
Gospel:	John 6:51-58
Communion Antiphon:	Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood will live in me and I in him, says the Lord.
WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. In addition to the Masses listed in the schedule on p 3, Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	

WEDNESDAY IS THE FEAST OF ST PETER & ST PAUL, and is a Holyday of Obligation.

Masses will be at the usual Holyday times of 6pm (vigil), 8am (Dominican rite), 10am, 12.30pm and 7pm.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr John Shaw, quondam parish priest of St Thomas More's, Knighton. He had a great interest in, and love for, the traditions of the Church, and his funeral will be here, at Holy Cross, on Thursday 30 June at 12.30pm with Bishop Malcolm. The Mass will be sung, and in accordance with the 1962 Roman Missal (extraordinary form of the rite). *Requiescat in pace.*

SEE THE NOTICEBOARDS FOR DETAILS OF:

- A Day with Mary** from 10am on Saturday 9 July at the Birmingham Oratory – see also the website www adaywithmary.org;
- Padley Pilgrimage** (at Grindleford Station, Derbyshire) – interdiocesan pilgrimage in honour of the Padley Martyrs, Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Sunday 10 July at 3pm (more details from celia.white@btconnect.com, 01433 630352, and the Hallam diocese website);
- The National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Saturday 23 July;
- The Association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel's 25th Rosary Rally**, at Grace Dieu Manor (near Coalville) on Sunday 21 August, commencing at 3pm with concelebrated Mass;
- The Dowry of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on Sunday 11 September.

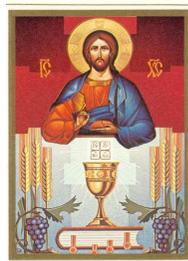
MONEY MATTERS: Last Weekend's collections – Offertory Collection £983.11; SVP £22.26; Friends of Holy Cross £9.66; Holy Souls £41.84; Grenada Church Restoration £4.18. The special collection for Fr Leon came to £452.84.

This week there is a retiring collection for Peter's Pence, 'a practical and symbolic expression of the participation of all the faithful in the charitable initiatives of the Bishop of Rome in favour of the universal Church'.

Very many thanks for your continuing generosity.

Seeing Christ in our midst. This is the theme of the SVP's Annual Art Competition 2011. There are four categories from the Under 11s to the Over 16s, and prizes up to £100. More information from www.svp.org.uk and the noticeboard. Closing date is 31 October.

A Vision for Life: the Spirit of Catholic Theology. There will be a study week from 11 - 15 July led by a team of Dominican friars offering a systematic overview of Catholic Theology, at Buckfast Abbey, Devon. Costs £83 per person. Full details from Br Nicholas Crowe OP at studyweeks@english.op.org.



"Behold the Bread of angels"
(Sequence, St Thomas Aquinas).

Forthcoming parish events for your diary

Sat 1 Oct	Rock n Roll - Absolute Beginners' dance tuition and party
Sat 8 Oct	Blackfriars' Market
Sat 12 Nov	Parish Ceilidh
Sun 27 Nov	Advent Market
Sun 11 Dec	Parish Christmas Lunch

Red Cross Appeal for Refugees & Asylum Seekers. The full list of items needed to support these destitute and vulnerable people is:

- ◆ **Tinned goods:** tomatoes/ kidney beans/ chick peas/ tuna/ mackerel/ corned beef/ tinned fruit/ tinned vegetables/ baked beans/ soup;
- ◆ **Dried foods:** rice/ maize meal/ lentils/ cous cous/ dried fruit/ noodles/ sugar/ porridge/ flour/ pasta;
- ◆ **Long life goods:** cooking oil/ cereal bars/ nuts/ cereal/ crisps/ indian savoury mix/ chocolate/ biscuits;
- ◆ **Drinks:** fruit juice/ tea/ coffee/ drinking chocolate/ dried milk/ long-life milk/ squash/ water
- ◆ **Toiletries:** toothpaste/ toothbrushes/ soap/ toilet paper/ shampoo/ sanitary towels/ face and body creams/ shaving equipment;
- ◆ **Baby items:** nappies/ baby wipes/ oil/ baby milk/ baby food jars/ baby bath liquid;
- ◆ **Also:** tin openers/ cutlery/ crockery/ pans/ towels/ sleeping bags/ t-shirts/ supermarket and other shopping vouchers/ mobile telephone top-up vouchers/ writing paper/ envelopes/ stamps.

Please leave these items after any Mass. Thank you.

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE. We are running many great events in the second half of 2011. See the 'dates for your diary' section for details. We're on Facebook (search Holy Cross Social Group or Holy Cross Gospel Choir). Call Jeff on 0116 243 1289 if you'd like to get involved.

A petition is available at the Wellington Street doors to protest against primary-school children being exposed to indecent, sexually explicit DVDs in the classroom. Please do sign the petition and help stop this outrage. More info from the Leicester SPUC branch on 0775 88 44 918.

Year /	This week's calendar & Mass Intentions	Psalter Week 1
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Duncan, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Fabian	
Sunday	CORPUS CHRISTI	
	Vigil 18.00 ✠ Irene Olszewska	Fr Isidore
	8.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	Fr Isidore
	Family 9.30 Private intention for Chinese petroleum workers	Fr Gregory
	Solemn 11.00 Anne Potterton - sick	Fr Fabian
	OP Rite 12.30 <i>Pro populo</i>	Fr Duncan
Students	17.00 Mass for students: the last this term today	Fr Peter
	19.00 ✠ Holy Souls	Fr Fabian
Monday	Feria	
	10.00 ✠ Paddy Henney	
	12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Tuesday	St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr	
	10.00 ✠ Dead of the Order of Preachers	
	12.30 ✠ Holy Souls	
Wednesday	SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, solemnity - and a Holyday of Obligation	
	Vigil 18.00 ✠ Holy Souls	
	10.00 Thanksgiving to St Peter	
	12.30 Natasha Furey & Chris Tate	
	19.00 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Thursday	Feria	
	10.00 Atonement	
	12.30 ✠ Anne Downey	
Friday	SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity	
	10.00 In atonement	
	12.30 ✠ Con Corcorn	
Saturday	Immaculate Heart of Mary	
	10.00 In atonement	
	12.30 ✠ O'Rawe & Holmes families	
Confessions	10.30 to 11.30 Fr Gregory, and 17.00 to 18.00 Fr Duncan	
	WEEKDAY MASS IN LATIN. Holy Mass will be offered in the Dominican rite from Monday to Saturday at 8am.	
	Next Sunday – 14th Sunday per annum. Today is the Day for Life: prayers are encouraged that the sanctity and dignity of human life may be everywhere respected and promoted. Readings:	
	Zechariah 9:9-10	Romans 8:9. 11-13
	Matthew 11:25-30	

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the 9:30am and 11:00am Sunday Masses for tea, coffee, fruit-juice etc. There is the opportunity for a chat with members of the Dominican Community and parishioners. We particularly welcome newly-arrived students and other visitors.

BLACKFRIARS' MARKET: Thank you to those of you who have already sponsored Blackfriars' Market. The total raised so far is £215. Everyone is welcome to sponsor the event, sponsorship envelopes are available by the doors. All sponsorship needs to be in place by August 31 please.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES
MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.45 Vespers
Old Rite Masses as announced.
WEDNESDAYS
10.30 Exposition until 12.30
11.45 Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary & Benediction
SATURDAYS
9.00 Lauds
10.00 Mass
10.30 Novena to Our Lady
10.30 Confessions until 11.30
12.30 Mass (Rosary at 12.00)
17.00 Confessions until 18.00
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Vigil Mass for Sunday
Old Rite Masses as announced.
HOLIDAYS
18.00 (previous day) Vigil Mass
7.30 Lauds
10.00 Mass
12.30 Mass
17.45 Vespers
19.00 Mass
BANK HOLIDAYS (& MON TO FRI AROUND XTMAS & NEW YEAR)
7.30 Lauds
12.30 Mass, after which the church is closed
SUNDAYS
8.00 Mass
9.00 Lauds
9.30 Mass (Family)
11.00 Mass (Solemn: Latin on 2 nd , 4 th and 5 th Sundays)
12.30 Mass (Old rite in Latin)
17.00 Mass (for Students, term time only)
17.45 Vespers
18.00 Rosary
18.20 Sung Latin Compline
18.40 Benediction
19.00 Mass
Leicester Royal Infirmary Catholic Chaplaincy: For urgent visits, ask ward staff to bleep the Roman Catholic Chaplain. For non-urgent visits leave message at the Priory or the LRI Chaplains' Office. Messages may not be picked up until the end of the day.
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