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Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ) Sunday 11th June 2023

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1) The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual Mother on Good Friday 2) Corpus Christi is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as Emmanuel – God-with-us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. 3) The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate it and better and receive maximum benefit from the Sacrament.

We explain the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: the Aristotelian philosophical term "transubstantiation" which means that the substance of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the substance of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, while its accidents (like colour, shape, taste etc.), remain the same.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, a) the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life and, b) as a meal, it nourishes our souls. As a sacrifice a) the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. b) We offer Jesus' sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

Yours. Fr. Tomv

Mass times	Feast Days
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 10th St Margaret of Scotland Born in 1046 in Hungary to Prince Edward of England and Princess Agatha of Hungary. Her father, heir to the English throne, was in exile after the Danish Conquest. The family went to England in 1057 but her father died. Margaret, her mother, sister and brother entered the Anglo-Saxon court of her great uncle King Edward the Confessor. In 1066 her brother Edgar was heir to the throne but the powerful Harold Godwin was made King Harold II. Family fled to north to Northumbria at the Norman Conquest. Trying to return to the Continent a storm drove their ship to Scotland. They were given protection by King Malcolm III, a widower with two sons. Margaret eventually agreed to be his wife. Brought European and Anglo-Saxon culture to improve the Scottish royal court. Very happy pair who had eight children. She softened Malcolm's fiery nature and helped him become a virtuous King of Scotland. Helped the poor and with her example encouraged people to live a devout life. Had churches built and Iona Abbey restored after Viking raids. With her skills in reading and writing and promotion of the arts and education known as "Pearl of Scotland".
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 11th June Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)
First Communion Training 4.45 to 5.45 6.30pm Mass	Monday 12th St John of Sahagun Born in 1419 in Spain to an influential family which guaranteed a rich secular life which he rejected. He joined the monastery where he was educated in Sahagun, northern Spain. He impressed the Bishop of Burgos who ordained him and made him canon of the Cathedral of Burgos. He gave John several church grants and important positions. Resigned from most of them except ministry to the Chapel of St Agatha in poor area of city. Courageous preacher for social justice and peace. Entered University of Salamanca to study theology. 9 years in parish of St Sebastian in Salamanca, a city known for its crime and immoral behaviour. Preaching denounced the sins of nobles, commoners, property owners who took advantage of their tenants and championed the rights of workers and the common people. Duke sent men to kill him but when assassins met Fr John they asked his forgiveness. In 1463 he joined the Order of Hermits of St Augustine. His sermons upset many of the rich and noble especially when strongly criticising extravagant dress. Drew large crowds and tried to bring peace to conflicting groups. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.
10 am Mass Baby Vengalckal RIP (Bilby's dad) 2 nd anniversary	Tuesday 13th St Antony of Padua Born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal to a noble and wealthy family. Educated at Cathedral school. Aged 15 entered the Augustine community in Lisbon. Due to frequent family visits, asked to be moved to Coimbra. Able scholar who studied theology and Latin. Ordained aged 19 and left the Augustines to be a Franciscan inspired by their missionary work. Sent to Morocco but became sick. Returning home his ship was caught in a storm and he landed in Sicily. Nursed back to health by Franciscans in Messina. Attended "Pentecost Chapter of Mats" in Assisi with 3,000 other friars. Francis of Assisi was impressed by the humility of the young man from "out of town". Sent for a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage in northern Italy. At a special event accepted invitation to give a short sermon after the meal. With his theological education gave an amazing talk. Then sent out on inspirational Franciscan preaching missions which attracted great crowds. He had a powerful voice, spoke without notes, had a charisma similar to modern day revivalists and was life changing for many. Particularly spoke about the destructive results of drinking and gambling and strongly denounced usury, lending money at unreasonable high interest rates. Great friend of Francis of Assisi.

6.30 pm Mass	Wednesday 14th St Methodius of Constantinople Born in 788 in Sicily to wealthy parents. Received an excellent education in his home town. Went to Constantinople to study. Joined a monastery and became abbot. Founded a monastery on island of Chios. Patriarch of Constantinople asked his help to oppose banning by the Emperor of the use of sacred icons. Methodius was in favour of veneration of holy images and was arrested in 821. He suffered terrible conditions for 8 years in an underground prison which damaged his health. He then criticised the new emperor who had him tortured. Managed to escape with the help of friends and went into hiding. When the emperor died, his wife Empress Theodora, regent to her infant son, agreed to the return of icons and images. Methodius was made Patriarch of Constantinople. He triumphantly had icons an images restored to churches and brought back orthodoxy to the Eastern Church. Only survived 4 years as patriarch due to his damaged health from his time in prison.
10 am Mass	Thursday 15th St Vitus Born about 290 in Sicily. At an early age he became a very devout Christian. He travelled around Sicily with his guardian converting others and gained a reputation for performing miracles. The Roman authorities arrested him. They tried to change him back to paganism eventually using torture which he survived. Under the order of Roman Emperor Diocletian he was martyred with St Modestus and St Crescentia in 303. His veneration became popular in the Middle Ages particularly in Germany where they celebrated by dancing in front of his statue. This dancing became known as "Saint Vitus Dance" and the name was given to the neurological disorder <i>Sydenham's chorea</i> . It led to St Vitus being the patron saint of dancers and entertainers.
NO MASS 8 hours from 9pm of Adoration	Friday 16th St Tychon of Amathus Born on Cyprus in the 5 th century. His father was a baker and prayed that his son would become a priest and told him the story of St Barnabus, the apostle who had been born on Cyprus and changed his name from Joseph when he was converted by St Paul who visited Cyprus and converted many. Tychon's favourite story was how St Barnabas sold land he owned in Cyprus before travelling with St Paul to Jerusalem and gave the money to the poor. Eventually St Barnabus returned to Cyprus and became its first bishop. Every day as a boy Tychon went out selling bread for his father through the streets of their town and returned with money to buy more flour. Remembering the story of St Barnabus, one day he gave all the bread to the poor and returned with no money much to his father's rage. He told his father he had "loaned the loaves of bread to God". The next day his father discovered that his store was now bulging with new best quality flour. Tychon became a priest and became Bishop of Amathus, now known as Limassol. He was given land for a small vineyard but had no money to buy vines. He picked up discarded pruned branches from neighbouring vineyards and planted them. The cuttings sprouted and produced fertile and productive vineyard which gave excellent grapes. On 16 th June, the annual celebration of St Tychon, the grapevines in Cyprus are blessed and prayers accompany squeezing juice of immature grapes into an ornate chalice.
6pm: Confessions 6.30pm Vigil Mass	Saturday 17th St Albert Chmielowski Born 1845 in Poland. Joined the uprising against the Russian occupation in 1863 which failed. He was injured and taken prisoner. His left leg was amputated and he was released and returned to Poland. He abandoned his earlier study of agriculture for that of Art. As an artist he enjoyed considerable success. After ten years he entered the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. However, the life did not suit him and within six months he suffered a nervous breakdown and left the Jesuits and re turned to painting. He became a Franciscan tertiary, working first in the countryside and then, in 1884 in Cracow. He cared for the poor, particularly the homeless. Inspired by Rafal Kalinowski, another freedom fighter who had become a Carmelite friar, in 1887 he adopted the name Albert and started wearing a simple habit. He took vows to dedicate himself to the service of the poor before Cardinal Albin Dunajewski, Archbishop of Cracow who had also joined the uprising in 1863.. This was the beginning of the <i>Albertine Brothers</i> , followed three years later by the <i>Albertine Sisters</i> , congregations which opened houses for the poor and homeless, still existing in Poland today. Because of his holiness of life and his friendliness of character, he attracted a great following and support. He died on Christmas Day 1915. His funeral in 1916 was attended by great masses of the ordinary people, including the Mayor and Archbishop of Cracow. In 1938 he was awarded the Grand Ribbon of the Order of Poland Restituta by the country's President, the highest honour that he could bestow.
9.30 am Mass	Sunday 18th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Your prayers are needed for the following people

Sue Chandler	Hazel Sale	Joe Heatley	Kay Duggan		
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NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Friday 16th June: 8 hours of adoration followed by Mass from 9 pm to 5 am

We are having 8 hours of adoration starting at 9 pm and ending with Mass at about 4 am.

Next SVP Social this Wednesday 21st June – 1pm to 3 pm

There will another opportunity to meet for refreshments and a chat. Please come along and bring your friends. No need to stay for the whole time, a few minutes of two hours, whatever suits you.

Thursday 22nd June SVP is being used as a Polling Station. There will be no Mass that day.

Parish collection for last weekend 3rd and 4th June

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Parish Envelopes	Gift Aid	Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Envelopes	Loose plate	TOTAL of all money
£89	£22.25	£157.92	£242.54	£51.98	£563.69	----	----	----	£563.69