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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intention
Sunday 11th June The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Annie Stott, RIP Anniv (S & F F) William Lamond, RIP Anniversary (N & I L)
Monday 12 th	10.00am	Mass in Townhill
Tuesday 13 th <i>St Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>	9.30am	Russell Scozzi, RIP (T O'D)
Wednesday 14 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00 am	Claire Clancy, RIP (M M) Coffee Morning
Thursday 15 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Claire Clancy, RIP (E W)
Friday 16 th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)	9.30am	Nigel Scozzi, Private Intention (T O'D)
Saturday 17 th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.00am	Maggie Morris, Private Intention (F F)
Sunday 18th June 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time	6.30pm (Vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Claire Clancy, RIP (P F) Claire Clancy, RIP (G & B C) Parish Community

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Heidi Rees, Pat Joyce, Bill Kenney.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion classes have commenced. If you need more information, please get in touch with Father Michael or Fr Matthew. Thank you.

GIFT AID: The parish will shortly be submitting a claim for its Gift Aid refund from HMRC. Many of our parishioners who signed up for Gift Aid on their donations did so in 2014 and we would just remind them and others to inform us if they were no longer eligible to give Gift Aid for the tax year ended 5/4/23. For more information, please get in touch with Peter Andrewes (01792 204701). Thank you.

SVP: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are very welcome.

PARISH LADIES' GUILD: Next meeting on Wednesday 21st June at 2pm in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS: More volunteers are needed to serve the drinks and cake at this popular parish event, on a monthly basis. Please contact Anne Meredith (07447 422397) if you think you can help or for further information. Many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection next weekend for 'Day for Life'.

BIBLE ALIVE: A limited number of copies of **Bible Alive** June 2023 are available in the Porch at £3 each.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week on Zoom. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 13th June** at 7pm. Zoom meeting ID: 585 166 8513. All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: Monday, 19th June at 7pm. Text: Matthew 26. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOOR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by Fr Matthew Achunine OP, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 14th June**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOOR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC FAITH ROUNDTABLE: The next meeting **Thursday 15th June**, 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall. **Theme: The Pope**

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Isabelle Gilfedder, Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Michael Guerin, Theresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Mary Brearley, Audrey Robinson, Angela Matthews, Millie Richards, Janet Blackburn, Yvonne Richards, Peter McPherson, Heather Ellis, Bill Gill, Jim Sander, Jimmy Taylor, Tristan Carroll, Janice Jones, Maurice Rees, Joy Stafford, Wendy Graham, Tony Lane.

RECENTLY DECEASED (Vincent McCarry, RIP): Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vincent McCarry. Funeral Mass on Monday 26th June at 10.15am at Our Lady Star of the Church. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and reward. Amen.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE: That the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time - Summer we are asked to pray for these intentions: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers

SUNDAY OFFERING: £929. Thanks for your generosity.

EVANGELISATION (DOMSEC) DONATIONS:

Thanks to all who donate to support the work of evangelisation.

Recent Appointments by the Archbishop (Diocese of Menevia)

- 1. Canon Paul Watson:** Vicar General
- 2. Fr Robert Davies:** Moderator of the Curia and Clergy Representative on the Education Commission
- 3. Fr Michael Akpoghiran, OP:** Vicar for Religious*

*Religious men and women are members of religious orders or congregations (e.g., the Dominicans, the Ursuline nuns, etc.). The Vicar for Religious supports and facilitates the Religious men and women's engagement in the Diocese.

“On the Feast of Corpus Christi” By St Thomas Aquinas

O Precious and Wonderful Banquet!

Since it was the will of God's only-begotten Son that men should share in his divinity, he assumed our nature in order that by becoming man he might make men gods. Moreover, when he took our flesh he dedicated the whole of its substance to our salvation. He offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation. He shed his blood for our ransom and purification, so that we might be redeemed from our wretched state of bondage and cleansed from all sin. But to ensure that the memory of so great a gift would abide with us for ever, he left his body as food and his blood as drink for the faithful to consume in the form of bread and wine.

O precious and wonderful banquet, that brings us salvation and contains all sweetness! Could anything be of more intrinsic value? Under the old law it was the flesh of calves and goats that was offered, but here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as our food. What could be more wonderful than this? No other sacrament has greater healing power; through it sins are purged away, virtues are increased, and the soul is enriched with an abundance of every spiritual gift. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that what was instituted for the salvation of all may be for the benefit of all. Yet, in the end, no one can fully express the sweetness of this sacrament, in which spiritual delight is tasted at its very source, and in which we renew the memory of that surpassing love for us which Christ revealed in his passion.

It was to impress the vastness of this love more firmly upon the hearts of the faithful that our Lord instituted this sacrament at the Last Supper. As he was on the point of leaving the world to go to the Father, after celebrating the Passover with his disciples, he left it as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It was the fulfilment of ancient figures and the greatest of all his miracles, while for those who were to experience the sorrow of his departure, it was destined to be a unique and abiding consolation.

(See Office of Readings, Corpus Christi)