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## THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for "Body of Christ") is the liturgical solemnity celebrating the **reality of the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist**, known as **Transubstantiation**. It is celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, or the Sunday immediately following this.

### A Short History of Corpus Christi

Every Mass is a Feast of the Eucharist because, by participating in the Mass, and in receiving Communion, we are honouring and celebrating the Eucharist. At the turn of the 11th Century, the first heresies about the Real Presence of Christ's body in the Eucharist emerged in continental Europe. Great saints like St Norbert and St Anthony and others defended the belief in the Real Presence. The desire for a *specific* Feast began with St Juliana (1192-1258), a nun of Liège, Belgium, who had a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, and who longed for a Feast in honour of the Eucharist. She was led to petition for this and in AD 1264, a bull of Pope Urban IV commanded universal observance of the Feast. Subsequently, at the Council of Vienne in 1311, Pope Clement V made Corpus Christi an obligatory Feast for Roman Catholics. By the 14th century, the Feast was universally celebrated in the West.

St Thomas Aquinas is given credit for many of the customs and hymns associated with Corpus Christi, including Tantum Ergo, sung at Adoration or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Why we have a Corpus Christi Procession** (*sadly this cannot happen this year due to Coronavirus restrictions*)

During the later Middle Ages Processions developed, and were splendid pageants of devotion and honour to the Blessed Sacrament. Processions of great splendour are still held in some countries. When Pope John Paul II declared the "Year of the Eucharist" (October 2004 through October 2005) he urged all Catholics to participate in a procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi. Here are some points about the meaning and purpose of the Procession:

- It is a **Profession of Faith**, a public statement of belief that **Christ is truly present in the Eucharist** (Transubstantiation)
- It demonstrates our belief in the **power** of the Blessed Sacrament and its **centrality to our Faith**
- Through it we **pay homage** to Our Lord
- It goes above and beyond the walls of the Church. Christ is taken out into the streets of our town: it is a **public witness**.
- It is a symbol of the truth that Christ became flesh and **accompanies us** on the journey of life. *Walk with me O my Lord ...through the darkest night and brightest day*

### The Teaching on Transubstantiation

The belief that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist goes back to the earliest Church. Medieval Christians, feeling the need for a clear explanation of this belief, turned to the philosophical language of Aristotle to help explain how the **bread and wine** of the Eucharist were not just *symbols* of Jesus presence but were the **real presence of His body and blood**. They combined two Latin words, "trans" meaning "across" and "substantia" meaning substance or essence. Thus, the characteristics/form (taste, texture, shape etc.) of the bread and wine remain, but the substance - the underlying matter of the bread and wine - is transformed into Christ's body and blood.

This belief in the true presence of Christ comes directly from the unequivocal teaching of Jesus that we must eat His body and blood: *'I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life ... For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him ... so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.'*

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church** tells us that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life... The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch" (1324)

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you*

**ALL CHURCHES ARE CLOSED - MASSES & DEVOTIONS ARE LIVE STREAM ONLY FROM ST PETER'S**

SATURDAY VIGIL	13	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	FEAST OF	For Mass intentions see printed copy
SUNDAY	14	11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	CORPUS CHRISTI	
Monday	15	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)		
Tuesday	16	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	St Richard of Chichester	
Wednesday	17	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)		
Thursday	18	9am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)		
Friday	19	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	SACRED HEART OF JESUS	
Saturday	20	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	Immaculate Heart of Mary	

**STREAMED MASSES IN OUR DIOCESE:** <https://middlesbrough-diocese.org.uk/streamed-masses-in-our-diocese-2/>  
**MASS BY TELEPHONE** Fr Cunnah: **Sundays & Holy Days at noon.** Phone 01642 130120 (Remains available after)  
**SIGNED MASS for the deaf: 10.30am Sundays** - St Philip Evans Church, Cardiff [www.sphilipevans.co.uk/signed-mass](http://www.sphilipevans.co.uk/signed-mass)  
**and 6pm Saturday Vigil** - from Our Lady & St Vincent, Potters Bar: [churchservices.tv/pottersbar](http://churchservices.tv/pottersbar)  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)** It is not currently possible to receive this Sacrament. Make a personal Confession, Perfect Act of Contrition and attend the Sacrament as soon as it becomes possible.  
**ADORATION 11.15am-12.15pm Mon to Fri (not Thurs)** Also **Sunday 14 June 12.30-5pm** for Corpus Christi  
**HOLY ROSARY 2pm Monday to Friday (Note: no Adoration or Rosary this Thursday 18 June)**  
**POPE'S JUNE PRAYER INTENTION:** *We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus*  
**SANCTUARY LIGHT DEDICATION:** Sandra Taylor

† **ANNIVERSARIES** Irene Carver, Jim McEvey, Bill Cranston, Jack Ellard, Anne Potter  
**MASSES RECEIVED FROM** see printed copy  
**NEWSLETTER** available outside our churches - take a copy (*with due care*) to those who are isolated  
**PLANNED GIVING** to sign up for envelope or Standing Order giving, contact the parish office  
**NOTE:** If you have issued a cheque recently, especially if it was for a recent second collection, be aware when checking your bank statements that delays in processing are occurring due to Coronavirus issues.

**CHURCH RE-OPENING (ESSENTIAL GUIDELINES)**

According to the Government, churches can open very soon. **BEFORE WE ARE PERMITTED** to reopen, we **MUST** have an **APPROVED RISK ASSESSMENT** and **SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERS** to ensure the "rules" are followed. Volunteers will act as marshals to direct people and sanitise the area before and after open times. **Please consider helping** (no vulnerable or over 70s). Unless we can comply, we will not be permitted to reopen. Contact Fr Gubbins on 01723 360358.

When we reopen, the following rules will apply to all visitors:

- **ST PETER'S CHURCH ONLY** will be reopened initially
- Churches will reopen at a slow pace - they will open first for **private prayer only** (not public celebration of Mass)
- Visits to the church **MUST** be **supervised** at all times - we will have a team of volunteers to act as marshals for this purpose
- **Use only designated areas** - all other areas will be roped off
- **Social distance** **MUST** be maintained
- Only **Families** & people from the same household can sit together
- **Wearing of face masks** is encouraged but not compulsory
- **Clean hands** frequently with **Sanitizers provided** in porch area, especially when entering and leaving the church
- **Avoid touching objects** in the church as much as is possible - especially **door handles** and **statues**
- **Prayer books:** you must bring your own, if needed
- **Lighting of candles** will not be permitted
- **Use sensitive washing up liquid**, because our church is a Historic Listed Building

It is intended for the Blessed Sacrament to be exposed on the altar in the Monstrance during open times.

**ADORATION FOR CORPUS CHRISTI** after Mass from **12.30pm to 5pm on Sunday 14 June** (Live Stream only)

**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
**Friday 19 June: Prayer of Consecration** of Parish family homes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the **end of Mass** followed by **Litany of the Sacred Heart**.

**SANCTUARY 7 DAY CANDLE** can be dedicated to a loved one each week. Suggested donation £3.

**GARDEN BENCH FOR REMEMBRANCE GARDEN** at St Peter's Church: Donations needed towards the cost. Cheque payable to St Peter's church. Cost £300 approx.

**COVID MEMORIES COMPETITION** In order to capture the spirit of these Covid-19 days we are asking for photos you have taken. These can be of people, animals, scenery (max 3 photos per person). Please include a caption with your photo or a Limerick or poem. We will include them on our parish Facebook page (so please seek permission from those pictured). We hope to produce a 2021 calendar using some of the photos.

**A BIG THANK YOU** from our parishioners who their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 6 June to Fr Gubbins for a lovely Mass offered, and also to their friends and parishioners who sent messages, cards and gifts, and to the UCM for the Mass bouquet.

**SUNDAY SMILE:** *What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The wurst-käse scenario.*