

FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity and reflected that we are called not only to know about God but to know him. Our most privileged moment for this is the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist: Our Mass. We listen to the Word of God then he comes down on our Altar, we adore and give thanks to God and then we receive him in Holy Communion.

The Mass is our most privileged encounter with the living and risen Lord. For Christianity is not a philosophy, ideology, or religious program; it is a real friendship with the Son of God, risen from the dead, as we said last week a family relationship of life with our heavenly father as brothers and sisters of Jesus in the Holy Spirit. There is simply no more intense union with Jesus than the Mass. No better way of Knowing God. Everything culminates in our Mass. It is the summit.

If we consider our Mass, we have the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist. When we meet with another person, a friend or family in a formal, we typically do two things. We get together and talk, and then we eat and drink. It is something we have all missed over this year and have come to appreciate so much and look forward to again.

We can think of the first part of Mass as an exchange, a conversation, with Our Lord. In the prayers and interventions of the priest, and especially in the words of the Scriptures, Jesus speaks to us, and in the songs, responses, and psalms, we talk back. There is, if you will, a lovely call and response between the Lord and we his brother and sisters or friends. During this conversation in the Holy Spirit, we grow closer, preparing to sit down together not an ordinary meal, but the banquet of the Lord's Body and Blood, hosted by Jesus himself. The communion that commenced with the call and response during the first part of Mass is now brought to a point of unsurpassed intensity (at least this side of heaven), as we come to eat the body and drink the lifeblood of Jesus, our Lord and God. We now know him as we receive him into our souls and he pours forth his Holy Spirit to us.

How extraordinary that God should use something so natural and ordinary for something so divine and transcendent and intimate: But that is God's way; he comes to us so naturally and easily. And this happens at every mass whether it is in a great cathedral or at a gathering in a hidden house in persecuted China or in Our Lady of Victories. Christ in his divine mercy makes himself readily and freely available. "God and Man at table are sat down" as the hymn says.

In our Gospel Christ asks his disciples to prepare the Passover. The majority of the Preparations he arranged but the disciples had their part. We too have our preparations. We can prepare by reading the Scripture for Mass to better know him and also with our prayers before Holy Communion such as we have learnt. I still love the prayers of the Simple Prayer book which have served us for nearly 150 years. And also, I recommend dropping in to visit Jesus in Church which cannot fail to nurture our eucharistic hunger for Jesus. It is an extension of that Conversation with Jesus before we sit down together which makes the banquet ever more special.

Some words of Mgr. Ronald Knox: God forgive us, we despise his graces because he has made them so cheap for us; the heavenly bread which is offered us without money and without price we put down, for that reason, as not worth having! That is not the law of the divine economy. All the graces bestowed on our blessed Lady and the saints, all the visions and ecstasies and the power of working miracles, are not to be compared in value with what he gives us in holy communion; for that is himself. This gift, which is himself, is not for the few, but for everybody. O res mirabilis, manducat Dominum pauper, servus et humilis: we are all paupers in his sight, all slaves, all creatures of earth, and he will make no distinction between us. He only asks that we should purge our consciences of mortal sin, and so come to him, asking him to bring just what he wants to give us, just what he knows that we need. "I am he who bade this be done; I will supply what is lacking to thee; come, and receive me.



Our Lady of Victories

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6th June 2021
10th of Ordinary Time
Psalter Week 2

Times of Services

Sunday: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - CORPUS CHRISTI

Sat. 6.00pm: November Dead List

9.00am: Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am: Mass: Jim McCann RIP Month

Monday: Feria

Private Mass: Peter Gabriel Carter RIP

Tuesday: Feria

10.00am Mass: George Bojko RIP(Elizabeth)

Wednesday: Feria

Private Mass: November Dead List

Thursday: Feria

10.00am: Neil Regan RIP (Sisters)

Friday: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

10.00am Mass: Michael Lowe RIP (Joan)

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

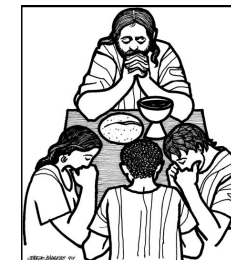
11.00am - Sacrament of Reconciliation - CONFESSION

6.00pm: First Mass of Sunday 13th June - Fr Owen O'Neill RIP (Vanessa & Molly)

Sunday: 11th of Ordinary Time

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Antonio & Caterina Sellecchia RIP



*This is my body,
This is my blood.*

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST PRE BOOK FOR OUR WEEKEND MASSES:

Also it would be helpful to book for weekdays too, though not necessary at the moment as we are not full.

Booking is now online: www.Massbooking.uk You can sign up there and then book. If you do not have the internet you can ask someone else to book for you, a child or grandchild or ring or email Fr. Chris on 01858 462359 giving your name and phone number. Please see instructions on our website: www.olvic.com/news.htm

FR CHRIS WRITES: I would like to wish everyone a happy feast of Corpus Christi. This Feast Day honours the inestimable gift of Holy Communion and the real Presence of the Blessed Sacrament in our Churches. Due to Covid restrictions it is difficult to do due honour. However, I encourage people to make a Private visit to the church during the day and adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and give thanks.. One of Fr Owen's favourite prayers was *O Sacrament Most Holy O Sacrament divine, All praise and all thanksgiving, Be every moment thine.*

Also Friday is the feast day of the Sacred heart and is a special day of prayer for the sanctification of priests. I would be grateful for your prayers.



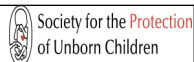
The Church is open for Private prayer each day
Enter through Fairfield Rd
Sanitize your hands on Entry & Exit
Please sign in on the list or use the Covid NHS App Q code displayed

OUR CONDOLENCES to the Garfield Family who lost their son **Joe** recently. Also to the presentation sister on the loss of Sister Mary O'Riordan who died on Sunday after 77 years of Religious life. On Thursday Marjorie Bennett died. May they all rest in peace.

THIRD WORLD GROUP REGULAR GIVING (The Green Envelopes) Last year, when the green envelopes were being distributed, a number of people asked us if they could set up a bank transfer, but, at the time, we thought this was not possible because our funds are held in Market Harborough Building Society. However, we have now been told that payments can be made via the same account into which we make our regular donations to the parish, provided the donor puts THIRD WORLD GROUP in the reference box. This is a Standing Order, NOT a Direct Debit, so you would have full control over the amount and payment dates and intervals.

As you all probably realise, our income has drastically reduced during the past 15 months, just when our beneficiaries need help the most - they have suffered because of Covid19 too, and are situated in countries where vaccinations are scarce if available at all - so, if you are not a member of this scheme yet, please consider joining. Existing members can also change their payment method if they wish. You can set up a donation online or, if you prefer to take instructions to your bank, we can provide a form for this. We just need some very basic details so, anyone considering taking this step, please contact Margaret Atkins: margaretatkins52@gmail.com or 01858 446369.

SPUC MIDLANDS REGIONAL CONFERENCE SATURDAY 3RD JULY 2021, 10.30am-3.30pm THE BECKET SCHOOL, NOTTINGHAM NG2 7QY Tickets: adult - £5 student/unwaged - £3 family (2 adults and children) - £10. *Payment for places and refreshments will be taken on the day (no card payments, so please pay by cash or cheque). Refreshments and lunch available (for a donation). To reserve a place/s at the conference, please register online at <https://forms.gle/uBovKqo2YLX5uoX6> (If you are unable to use the link, email: johnvedwards56@gmail.com or Tel 07757815625) Please see poster for further info. Fr Chris can give you a copy.*



THE CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE CHARITY (Stonyhurst): Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration: Residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, as well as anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. The summer course will Run from 5th - 8th August. For more info and to register please follow the link: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason>

CARITAS DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM – environment workshop: At Pentecost, we heard the Pastoral Letter of the CBCEW, about the urgent need for us all to protect and care for God's gift of Creation. Our new diocesan Caritas network, also launched this weekend, is hosting a workshop '**Renewing the face of the Earth**'. It is online and will help us explore the many ways in which we can respond, as individuals, as parishes and as a diocese: **Tuesday 8 June, 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.** Please Register at: dioceseofnottingham.uk/environment.

THE WORD AND THE COMMON GOOD: You are invited to join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings in June and July. As life starts afresh after lockdown, it's a rare opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel. Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom. Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter' Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission.

The sessions begin on Monday 7 June at 7.00 p.m. for six weeks. To find out more: Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us Join an [Open Evening on Monday 17 May](#), Or [book your place today](#).

COMPLETE THE SURVEY: HOW HAS COVID-19 AFFECTED YOU AND YOUR FAITH?

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.**



ADVENT - SPORTS COACH: St Joseph's Catholic Academy are seeking to appoint an inspirational and enthusiastic person to join their staffing team from August 2021. The successful candidate will actively promote the development of sport within our school, delivering the PE curriculum both within lessons, and during lunchtime and after school clubs. The post holder will also be responsible for coordinating sports fixtures and tournaments with other schools throughout the year. This post is being offered initially on a fixed-term one year contract, with the possibility of being made permanent after a year. **Hours of work:** 20 hours per week, 39 weeks per year (term-time only, plus 5 INSET days) (12.30 - 4.30 Monday - Friday) *Some flexibility may be required for school trips / sporting fixtures FTE £20,660.00 paid pro rata. Local Government Terms and Conditions apply. Cf www.stjosephs.leics.sch.uk **Closing date for applications: Sunday 13th June 2021. Interviews will be held: week commencing 21st of June 2021**

DO YOU HAVE ANY WREN'S IN YOUR FAMILY? I'm not referring to the tiny, feathered variety in the garden but the indomitable ladies who joined the Women's Royal Naval Service. Specifically, ladies who joined up between 1946 and 1981 and did their basic training at Training Depot Burghfield/HMTE Burghfield/HMTE Dauntless/HMS Dauntless/Reading. Dauntless Divisional Photos is a worldwide project, in collaboration with the Association of Wrens, to gather divisional photographs and memories from those training days but also to reunite ladies with old friends, share anecdotes and relive exciting moments. So if you, your mum, granny, aunt, godmother or even next door neighbour donned a blue suit and aimed for a life on the ocean wave, please get in touch on either ddpwrens@gmail.com or telephone 07765 435295/0771 990 9844. Mandy Powell & Janette Crisp