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Today Sunday 14th June

Mass Sheets for those following Masses on Live Stream will be on our Website

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Please see attached reflection from Brother Robert

Bro. Robert and myself shall continue to celebrate a daily Mass and will remember you all as we always do. If you have any specific intentions then please let me know by writing to me here at St. Teresa's House, Harris Street, DL1 4NL. Don't forget to include a preferred date if you have one. Let us keep praying for one another. Love and God bless. Fr. Greg.
June 14th (St T) 50th Anniversary of ordination of Fr Flann Lynch OFM Cap.

June 15th Carole Vincent (St W)

June 16th, Maria Miles RIP

June 17th, Ursula True RIP

June 18th, Cissie Green R I P

June 19th Special Intention.

June 20th A.I.D.

June 21st Peter Henderson (St W)



Dear Fathers and Deacons, **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

I emailed recently mentioning that we were looking to have 'pilot churches' in the diocese that would be ready to be open for private prayer when the Government restrictions are lifted.

The plan is that the five churches listed below, one from each Vicariate, would open as soon as is practicable following all necessary risk assessment and health and safety considerations. Then, hopefully, after a short trial period others would follow.

- **St Aidan's, Ashington**
- **St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle**
- **St Patrick's, Consett**
- **St Mary's, Sunderland**
- **St Joseph's, Hartlepool**

I would like to thank the Parish Priests of the five churches for their generous cooperation in preparing their churches for safe opening.

With every good wish and blessing

Rt Rev Robert Byrne CO

Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle

NORTHERN CROSS - Please help them to keep going remember that you can read it on their website by [subscribing for access on line](#) while their office is closed and we can't access paper copies. Go to their website for more information

Mass - by— Phone Service. 12NOON SUNDAY

St Mary's Cathedral Middlesbrough

For anyone who doesn't have internet facility for watching a Mass on Sunday, there is a number to ring on a Sunday to listen on the telephone. This is charged at the usual 01642 130120 rate or free if within your included minutes.

St Teresa, St Thomas Aquinas, St Mary, Holy Family,

Hogarth Partnership

St Augustine, SS. William & Francis De Sales, St Anne, St Osmund

Please remember in your prayers, all our priests and religious of our Diocese and parishioners who are struggling with health problems, especially Marnie Smith (15) Betty Magurn, Tommy Holland, Florence Gibson, Gordon Mitchell (husband of Liz in St Anne's Parish). We remember those who look after them in hospital, care homes and at home, and we pray that those who are recovering from ill health continue to improve.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES: Raymond Dwyer, Winifred Jones, Dickie Dickinson, Bob Park, Win Johnston, Emma McLoughlin, Francis McLoughlin, Biddy Brennand, Gerard O'Reilly, Don Benson, Margaret Dixon, Norman Liddle, Joan Robinson, Joseph Benson, Mary Church.

RIP Maria Miles died last week and her funeral will take place on June 16th 11.45am at Darlington Crem.

THE HOLY FATHER asks for your help in reaching out to our poorest brothers and sisters throughout the world. Through his charity, MISSIO, he has contacted us to see if we are able to help him to show God's love to His people.

If you do, then please send a cheque to COVID-19 Response, 23 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1NU, or ask them to send you the forms so that they can claim GIFTAID as well. Whatever you can give it will be more than these poor people have. Thank you, keep safe and God bless you. Fr. Greg Price, Diocesan Director of MISSIO.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE FROM OUR COMMUNITY WHO MAY NEED HELP AND ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT US ON OUR EMAIL ADDRESS or FACE BOOK

WELL DONE and THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CHILDREN'S "PEN PAL SYSTEM"
It seems to be going really well and it is helping to keep people together.

Please keep checking our facebook page and Website for information - especially Bulletins, Mass sheets and anything else that comes in.

Martha & Dave Cooper wish to say a big Thank You for the cards, gifts and good wishes as they celebrated their Golden Wedding last week.



PLEASE STAY SAFE as we slowly come out of lockdown. Temptations are there to go shopping again - think how much money you have saved - if any of our children are going back to school, we wish them well and keep them, their Teachers and all staff in our thoughts.



We have had queries about paying our weekly / monthly offering during lock down. If you have been putting money in the envelopes in cash or cheque (made out to St William's) we can arrange for them to be picked up or if you would like to pay by standing order thro the bank please contact me on the above phone number or thro facebook or email and details will be given.



Dear Canons, Fathers and Deacons

I wish to draw your attention to the following:

Firstly, the June edition of the Northern Cross is now available (by online subscription only). It contains two small articles relating to marriage and family life. Page 2 details MarriageCare online marriage preparation, always available, but specifically useful during this period of lockdown when face to face day courses are not possible; page 4 contains my letter concerning available counselling services to women, men and children affected by domestic abuse at any time but useful too during lockdown.

Secondly, this is to highlight 21 June 2020 as Day for Life in England, which this year has received an Apostolic Blessing from Pope Francis. Further details will be disseminated not only in this way but also through other social media.

Many thanks for your cooperation and continued support.

Rev Deacon Rob Wareing
Diocesan Coordinator for Marriage and Family Life
Vicariate for Faith and Mission

Please find attached a poster regarding a Diocesan Day of Scripture on the 19th June 2020. All of the aspects of the day can be accessed via our diocesan website and social media account. It is a great opportunity for people to increase their knowledge, understanding and experience of Scripture in this Year of the Word.

**Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.**

**Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.**

**Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront
the consequences of the global pandemic.**

**Make us courageous in embracing
the changes required to seek the common good.**

**Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected
and interdependent.**

**Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.**

**We pray through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians,**

Amen.

Pope Francis

Prayers for the Pandemic: for those who miss going to church

God of the last supper,
who knew real presence: a beloved one
reclining into you, holding dusty feet as you
poured water
over them, the tug at the hem of your garment,
touch us now, unable to receive
your risen body in church, unable
to gather as your body;

touch us with your word,
handed on from your mouth, from memory,
written down, broken and shared over centuries
from the pulpit, the kitchen table; touch us
with the glimpses we can see of spring,
of our vulnerable brothers and sisters,
of your presence within.

Raymond Friel

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI



THE FEAST

It is ironic that on this Feast of Corpus Christi, when we pay special honour to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, most of us will be unable to physically receive the Eucharist, because of the regulations affecting us by the pandemic. The Feast echoes the liturgy of the Mass of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, which as a communal celebration this year, was also a ‘casualty’ of the pandemic. On Maundy Thursday the shadow of the Cross casts its long length across the liturgy. But the Feast of Corpus Christi is an opportunity to step from that shadow into the light of the Resurrection and with great joy and hope celebrate God’s most wonderful gift to us, and to renew our faith and appreciation of the real presence in the Eucharist. The two great feasts are one. The Eucharist is at the heart of everything, but it cannot be separated from the washing of the feet. We are in communion with one another so that we can then serve one another.

A REFLECTION

It seems, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, it is a fact that just about every day we are confronted with the grim reality of starving peoples: people retreating from wars, disasters and famine. In one of the recently ‘streamed’ Masses from Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican, Pope Francis prayed for all who had died from Covid-19. At the time of this particular Mass, around 300,000 people had died. Then he went on to state that between January and April 2020, 3.8 million people had died of hunger, with barely a passing thought from the world’s media.

Ethiopia is one country that seems to live in the perpetual shadow of famine and Cardinal Basil Hume once told the story of an incident when visiting a settlement in the hill country of Ethiopia where hungry people were waiting for food. He was taken there by helicopter. As he got out of the helicopter a small boy, aged about 10, came up to him and took his hand. He was wearing nothing but a loincloth around his waist. The whole time the cardinal was there the boy would not let go of his hand. As they went around he made two gestures: with one hand he pointed to his mouth, and with the other he took the cardinal’s hand and rubbed it on his cheek. Later, Cardinal Hume said, “Here was an orphan boy who was lost and starving. Yet by two simple gestures he indicated our two foundational needs or hungers. With one

gesture he showed me his hunger for food, and with the other his hunger for love. I have never forgotten that incident” he said, “and to this day I wonder whether that child is still alive. I remember that as I boarded the helicopter he stood and looked at me reproachfully.”

Today’s first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy says: ‘That man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ Jesus quoted these words during his temptations in the desert. We need ordinary bread. That is our first and most basic necessity. But we need more than that, if we are to be whole persons. Bread nourishes only part of us – the physical side. But we have a spiritual side too. It too cries out for nourishment. Even a starving child realises that. In the Eucharist we are nourished with the food of God’s word, a word which comforts, guides, inspires and challenges us. And in Holy Communion we are nourished with the food of eternal life.

In the Eucharistic banquet we have nourishment for our minds, hearts and spirits. Here we experience the abiding presence of Christ with us. He is not present as a vague memory of a person who lived long ago, but as a real, life-giving presence that transforms us. By eating the food of the Eucharist, we are nourished, and like Christ are able to nourish others. Christ’s presence comes in many and varied forms that are not limited to his Eucharistic presence: in his Word, the Christian Assembly, in prayer, in the presence of others and in the mess of everyday life. And that may well mean attending, in service, to the basic needs of the hungry and the starving. If we haven’t already done so, we may like to consider making a donation to Pope Francis’ Covid-19 appeal through *Missio*. As the slogan from a well-known grocery chain claims: ‘Every little helps’. By so doing we can realise Christ’s presence. The washing of the disciples feet by Jesus has an element of a sacrament about it, for when we do as he commanded, to wash one another’s feet, (and similar actions of pastoral care) we make Christ’s presence known. So, on this Feast of Corpus Christi, we may not be able to receive Jesus under forms of bread and wine, but we can realise his presence in the washing of someone’s feet. The Collect of today’s Mass points to that reality:

THE bread you give, O God,
is Christ’s flesh for the life of the world;
the cup of his blood is your covenant for our salvation.
Grant that we who worship Christ in this holy mystery
may reverence him in the needy of the world
by lives poured out for the sake of that kingdom
where he lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen.

Brother Robert OH

19th June 2020

A diocesan Day of Scripture

10 am	Welcome and introduction	Canon Chris Jackson
10:10	Office of Readings	Sophie Taylor + Margaret Taylor
11:00	Lectio Divina	Bishop Robert Byrne CO
11:30	Scripture for children	Dr Medi Volpe-Ayres
13:30	Visio Divina	Sister M. Michael RSM
14:30	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible	Mr Nick McTernan
15:30	The scriptural Rosary	young people of our diocese
16:30	The Lindisfarne Gospels	Mr Emmet O'Leary
17:30	Promoting a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	
18:00	Bible, Belief and Belonging	Professor Karen Kilby
19:00	Closing prayer: Imaginative Contemplation	Fr Mark Millward



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