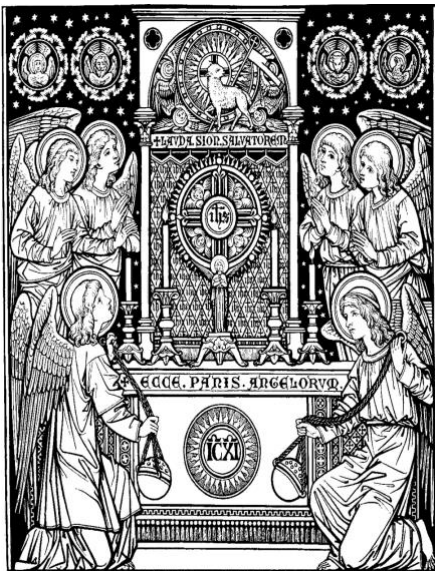


THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021

- PREPARING TO APPROACH THE ALTAR OF GOD -

Corpus Christi Sunday, a Latin term, which translates into 'Body of Christ' Sunday is a timely opportunity for us to think about one of the most central elements of our Catholic faith, one that is uniquely Catholic, and which sadly sets us apart from many of our Christian brothers and sisters: our devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us consider the basics of our belief which is traced back to the Last Supper which we hear about in today's Gospel.



We profess that after the moment of the consecration during the Mass Jesus becomes present, really and truly under the form of bread and wine: his whole body and blood, soul and divinity contained within those basic, humble elements. And as a result, we owe the Blessed Sacrament our love and devotion. We don't venerate bread, we venerate Jesus. But, of course, it's a contradiction of language; something that can only happen through the miraculous action of God.

It is not an easy doctrine for some people to accept. Even some of Jesus' followers couldn't accept. When he insisted on them eating his flesh and drinking his blood many of them abandoned him. They called it 'intolerable language'. And yet Jesus insisted. Because He knew what was round the corner; that he would soon leave them. In this new way he would remain with them.

Today's feast is also a timely opportunity for each of us to consider the effort and preparation we put in to preparing for the Eucharist. We're called to prepare spiritually and practically to receive our Lord at his banquet, and to receive the Eucharist worthily and with devotion. This is the ultimate invitation to receive at the ultimate banquet. And so we need to make sure we come well prepared for such an encounter. And so we should ask ourselves:

Do we prepare for Communion with confession if we're carrying the burden of serious sin?
Do we prepare prayerfully and quietly before the Mass begins?
Do we approach the altar with reverence and devotion to receive our Lord?
What about practical considerations like clean hands, keeping the hour fast, the way we dress? Do we make a thanksgiving once we've received?

This is how the Christian prepares for this banquet.

So today, let us renew our devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. May we always make the effort to receive the Eucharist with devotion and care, and let's ask Jesus to help our unbelief. May we always cherish this most precious gift and be proud as Catholic Christians to fall to our knees in the presence of God upon our altars.

Parish Giving

If you are able, please continue to financially support your parish each week, especially during these difficult times.

There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can drop your weekly offering in the letterbox of the Parish House.
- You can donate using the online payment feature on our website
- You can set-up a regular standing order which you can also *Giftaid*.
The online form is available on the Donate page of our site.
- Post your Easter Collection envelope through the Parish House letterbox

Visit www.saintaugustines.org.uk/donate for more information.

Reserving a place for Holy Mass or Services...

Our Church is restricted to a maximum of 80 persons at regular Mass (with 2m distancing). Please note that whilst capacity restrictions remain in place, you will need to book a place for Holy Mass using our telephone booking service.

Please call 01236 427538 to book your place.

The line is open from 11am – 1pm from Monday to Saturday.

Please be courteous to the volunteers who have given up their time to take your call.

Masses and Services available at St. Augustine's:

Monday – Friday: 10am Daily Mass

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil) & 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 12noon & 5pm

Tuesday Novena to Saint Anthony: 7pm

Final Friday Marian Devotions: 7pm



NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY & MASS WITH BLESSING OF LILIES

Join us at St. Augustine's for the 9 Tuesdays Novena

This Tuesday at 8pm LATER TIME (places available via booking phoneline)

St. Anthony's Feast Day Mass will be celebrated this year on:

Monday 14th June at 7pm (transferred from 13th) with the blessing of lilies.

Order your trumpet lilies (£5 per stem) by filling-out the Order Form in the Church porch. (Final orders by Sunday 6th June). Collect your lilies from the Church or Parish House on Tuesday 14th June before the Feast Mass.



Sacraments in the time of COVID-19

Please be aware of the following important information in relation to the celebration of Sacraments at St. Augustine's. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 01236 423044. Please check regularly for guidance updates.

Baptisms

For baptism enquiries please contact the Parish Secretary Margaret Haggarty by calling 01236 423044.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children of Room 9 and Room 10 who made their First reconciliation recently. Many thanks to parents and class teachers for preparing the children so admirably. Thanks also to our Parish Youth Officer Jan Cavin for leading the pre-sacraments retreats in our Parish Centre. The children certainly seemed to enjoy the fun retreat activities.

Marriages

Marriages can be celebrated in the Church with restrictions on numbers of attendees. If you require your marriage to be rescheduled, please contact the Parish House without delay in order to discuss availability on alternative dates. Those who are due to be married, but who have not attended the Diocesan Marriage Preparation course should speak to Fr. Kane about alternative arrangements.

The diocesan Family Life agency has developed an online workshop which is available to watch at www.beingcatholic.org No prior registration is required for this.

*It is essential that Fr. Kane is made aware of any change in date or time for your wedding. It is especially important to alert the parish office of any intention to delay or postpone your marriage in light of COVID-19 restrictions.

Requiem Masses

One of the most difficult pastoral changes that has emerged from COVID-19 is the restriction now placed on the celebration of funerals. At present the limit is set at 50 mourners in the church. Please note, this was recently increased from 20.

We want to remind the elderly, vulnerable or isolated members of our community that we remain close to you. We are here to help you stay connected to others in a variety of different ways.

Can we help to give you some support?

Contact us if you feel lonely or isolated.

We offer friendship and support at the end of a phone.



You may also need someone to take care of essential errands such as:

- Providing urgent assistance with food or toiletries
- Delivering essential pet foods
- Or responding to some other practical need



Simply call the number at the bottom of this leaflet and we will offer you help, support and friendship to ensure you **STAY CONNECTED**.

Can you help us give support to others?

- We need healthy volunteers to assist in taking phone calls at St. Augustine's Parish, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge.
- We also need 'runners' to make essential errands for the elderly and isolated.
- We need people to donate foodstuffs to stock our **People's Pantry** Foodbank which will be used to provide for those unable to leave their homes at this time.

Finally, you may wish to give a financial donation to support the **Stay Connected** project which will be used to purchase supplies. You can leave a donation at St. Augustine's Parish or donate online at:

www.saintaugustines.org.uk/stayconnected



Call our 'Stay Connected' phone line on:

01236 427538 from 11am - 1pm Mon - Sat.

You can donate to support our Coatbridge Stay Connected project via our Justgiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coatbridge-stay-connected>

A Covid-19 Update from Father Kane

Dear parishioners,

You may already be aware that the guidance for Places of Worship has been somewhat relaxed in recent times. The nominal cap of fifty attendees at each Mass has been replaced with a different system to ensure capacity reflects the floor capacity of each individual church building. In other words, larger buildings are now able to allow more people to attend services. A detailed assessment of our building was carried out recently which concluded that a maximum of 80 persons may safely attend one of our services. Please note that this is the maximum number and depends entirely on group/family configurations in each pew. The requirement of social distancing of 2 meters remains in place, so this is not a return to normal times. These new arrangements are now in force for all Masses and Services. Please reserve your place as usual by using our telephone booking system.

With the exception of the 10am Parish Mass (Mon - Sat) you should still pre-book your place via the phonline. It is not possible simply to turn-up for devotions or weekend Masses. For those attending the 10am weekday Mass, please try to arrive ten minutes before the start of Mass to ensure everyone is registered and seated in time for 10am.

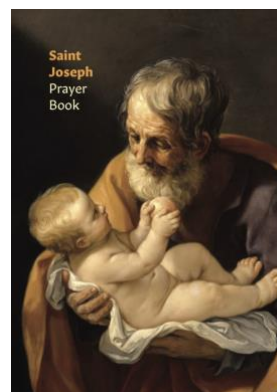
Many thanks for your continued co-operation and patience, *Fr. Kane*

Saint Joseph Prayer Book

You can request your book online at:

www.saintaugustines.org.uk

This small commemorative book, to mark the Year of Saint Joseph, contains traditional prayers to the Saint, including a morning offering, litany and nine day novena. Request extra copies for family, friends and neighbours to help spread devotion to this powerful intercessor Saint.



SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT *On the Wednesdays of June at 7pm*

Please call the reservation phone line to book your place for these weekly devotions. Please remember that due to capacity restrictions, pre-booking is required to attend.

The Service will also be broadcast live on TV and online via Being Catholic TV.

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday 6 June SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI	8.30am Holy Mass 10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 5.00pm Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Monday 7 June Tenth Week of Ordinary Time	9.30am - 2.30pm Pope Francis Award Retreat with P6/7 (Parish Centre) 10.00am Holy Mass Chaplet of Saint Michael immediately after Holy Mass 6.30pm St. Ambrose High School Sixth Year Leavers' Mass (1 st Group) <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Tuesday 8 June Tenth Week of Ordinary Time	9.00am In-Service Holy Mass for Staff (St. Ambrose High Oratory) 10.00am Holy Mass 6.30pm St. Ambrose High School Sixth Year Leavers' Mass (2 nd Group) 8.00pm Final Novena of Saint Anthony (<i>Please note the later time</i>) <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Wednesday 9 June Feast of St. Columba, Abbot	10.00am Holy Mass 9.30am - 2.30pm Pope Francis Award Retreat with P5/6 (Parish Centre) 7.00pm Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction (*Please phone to book) <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Thursday 10 June Tenth Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots immediately after Holy Mass 11.30pm Requiem / Memorial Mass of Martin Blair <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Friday 11 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	10.00am Holy Mass 7.30pm Pioneers Association Mass with Fr. Kane (Carfin Grotto) <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 11.00pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Saturday 12 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am Holy Mass Confessions available immediately after 10am Holy Mass 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Sunday 13 June Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am Holy Mass 10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 5.00pm Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>

With the exception of the 10am Mass Monday – Saturday, please ensure you book via the phonenumber if you wish to attend any of the parish Masses, novena, devotions etc. Pre-booking is still required.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin McCann; William McGowan; Isobel Kerr; Ellen Blues.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Debbie Davis; Francis & Bridget McDonagh; Martin Blair; James & Mary Grace; Susan Lennon; David, Annie & David Jnr. Trower; George Ferguson; Bernadette Hillen; Neil, William, Elizabeth & Betty Flaherty; Davie McMillan; Catherine Cooney; Moira Donnachie.

SICK

We remember all our loved ones, friends and fellow parishioners who are sick at this time. We remember, too, all those who are suffering with Coronavirus, seeking the intercession of Our Lady for their protection and healing. We pray especially for:

Baby Jackson Watters; Dawn McCann; James Trower; Patricia Third; Catherine McAllister; Charlie MacEachen; John Lennon; Elizabeth Allan; Jane (McGoogan) Dick, Kathleen McLeary, Peter Cranie, Eileen Hillen; John McKendrick;

Please alert the clergy of any particular prayer intentions to be included for those who are seriously unwell at this time.

Our Lady, help of the sick...pray for them.

Parish Clergy:

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Michael John Kane **Deacon:** Rev. David Harper
Rev. Dr. Francis McGachey (*in residence*)

Mrs. Margaret Haggarty (*Secretary*) / Miss. Antoinette Parr (*Safeguarding & COVID-19 Safety Officer*)

Calling Times / Office Hours

Appointments to speak to Fr. Kane may be made through his Secretary Mrs Haggarty by calling 01236 423044. Please note that for the time-being face-to-face appointments at the Parish House are limited. Telephone appointments with the clergy may also be made by emailing office@saintaugustines.org.uk.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Chapel House to arrange for a visit from Fr. Kane. This should ordinarily be arranged *prior to* any prolonged hospital visit. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Chaplain please request this from the hospital nursing staff. Please note that even during this time of pandemic individuals have a right to be seen by a Minister of Religion, even if they are in COVID-19 isolation. The family should simply request a pastoral visit by the on-call emergency Chaplain.

Catholic Teacher Approval

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your Parish Priest to show that you accept and live the Catholic faith. For those living within the parish of St. Augustine's this means approval from Fr. Kane. This applies to those about to enrol for the teaching course, those starting-out as probationary teachers, and all those applying for new posts (promoted or otherwise) within a Catholic school.



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