

Recommended Reading

The Bible is a Catholic Book by Jimmy Akin (Everything you need to know about how and when the books of the Bible were written, as well as a summary of its essential teachings. The book is also available in audio format.)

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June: Intention for evangelization - The beauty of marriage. Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

Money Matters: In May we received £1128.75p in the collection and £1920.00p through Standing Orders. We also collected £64.25p for the World Communication Day. Thank you very much.

SVP: There is still a need for donations (joggers, t-shirts and sweatshirts) so we will have another collection at the beginning of June. Please no hats or garments with hoods. Please leave in the bag at the back of church. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick and all those who have died recently. We remember John Cronin, Josephine Dooley, Mary Ashton, Arthur Keefe, Thomas Gibbons, Ann Walters, James Norbury, Elizabeth Spence, Helen McNamara, David Curtis, Vincent Dalzell, Joan Haynes, Elizabeth Edge, Joseph Platt, Mick Kearney, John Turner, Ingrid Pagett, John Carroll, Rose Campbell, Francis Glynn, James Bland, Bishop John Brewer, Peter Dolan, Roland Taylor, E.F.Kelly, Anne Batley, Shaun Moon, Sam Waddy, Patricia Hand, Michael O'Shea and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Parish Safeguarding Reps: Noel Russell and Bernadette McCrory. If you have any concerns about safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults, please speak to them or contact them via the presbytery, in the strictest confidence.

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Sunday 6th June 2021 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord Year B

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the beautiful solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. At an audience in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI explained the mysterious origins of this celebration and also mentioned his own visit to the UK in September of that year:

St Juliana de Cornillon, also known as St Juliana of Liège, was born near Liège, Belgium between 1191 and 1192. Orphaned at the age of five, Juliana was entrusted to the care of the Augustinian nuns at the convent and leprosarium of Mont-Cornillon. She became so learned that she could read the words of the Church Fathers, of St Augustine and St Bernard in particular, in Latin. In addition to a keen intelligence, Juliana showed a special propensity for contemplation from the outset. She had a profound sense of Christ's presence, which she experienced by living the Sacrament of the Eucharist especially intensely.

When Juliana was 16, she had her first vision which recurred several times during her Eucharistic adoration. Her vision presented the moon in its full splendour, crossed diametrically by a dark stripe. The Lord made her understand the meaning of what had appeared to her. The moon symbolized the life of the Church on earth, the opaque line, on the other hand, represented the absence of a liturgical feast for whose institution Juliana was asked to plead: namely, a feast in which believers would be able to adore the Eucharist so as to increase in faith, to advance in the practice of the virtues and to make reparation for offences to the Most Holy Sacrament. Juliana kept this revelation a secret for about 20 years. She then confided it to two other fervent adorers of the Eucharist, Blessed Eva, who lived as a hermit, and Isabella, who had joined her at the monastery. The three women established a sort of "spiritual alliance" for the purpose of glorifying the Most Holy Sacrament.

They also chose to involve a highly regarded Priest, John of Lausanne, who was a canon of the Church of St Martin in Liège. What happened to Juliana occurs frequently in the lives of Saints. To have confirmation that an inspiration comes from God it is always necessary to be immersed in prayer, to wait patiently, to seek friendship with other good souls and to submit all things to the judgement of the Pastors of the Church. It was in fact Bishop Robert Torote, Liège, who, after initial hesitation, accepted the proposal of Juliana and her companions and first introduced the Solemnity of Corpus Christi in his diocese. Jacques Pantaléon of Troyes was also won over to the cause during his ministry as Archdeacon in Lièges. It was he who, having become Pope with the name of Urban IV in 1264, instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi as a feast for the universal Church. The Pontiff made a point of setting an example by celebrating the solemnity of Corpus Christi in Orvieto. Indeed, he ordered that the famous Corporal with the traces of the Eucharistic miracle which had occurred in Bolsena the previous year, 1263, be kept in Orvieto Cathedral — where it still is today. While a priest was consecrating the bread and the wine he was overcome by strong doubts about the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the sacrament of the Eucharist. A few drops of blood began miraculously to ooze from the consecrated Host, thereby confirming what our faith professes.

I would like to affirm with joy that today there is a “Eucharistic springtime” in the Church: How many people pause in silence before the Tabernacle to engage in a loving conversation with Jesus! It is comforting to know that many groups of young people have rediscovered the beauty of praying in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament. I am thinking, for example, of our Eucharistic adoration in Hyde Park, London. I pray that this Eucharistic “springtime” may spread increasingly in every parish and in particular in Belgium, St Juliana’s homeland.

May God bless you all.

Fr Sean

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 5 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	Deceased members of the Duffy Families
		St Chad’s	7pm	John & Janie Foster RIP
Sun 6 th	The Most Holy Body & Blood of the Lord	St Chad’s	9am	Canon John Gordon
		St Ann’s	11am	Joan Wadcock
Mon 7 th		St Ann’s	10am	In Thanksgiving (AMB)
Tues 8 th		St Ann’s	10am	Ann Miller
		St Chad’s	6.30pm	Margaret Donohoe RIP
Wed 9 th		No Mass		
Thurs 10 th		St Chad’s	9.30am	John Murray RIP
Fri 11 th	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	St Ann’s	10am	November List
Sat 12 th	Vigil	St Ann’s	5pm	For BD & Family
		St Chad’s	7pm	Eddie Maguire RIP
Sun 13 th	11 th Sunday Ordinary Time	St Chad’s	9am	Roy York RIP
		St Ann’s	11am	David Gallagher RIP

Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please post the envelope through the presbytery door once completed. Please note that we are now into October with Mass intentions.

Confessions: Available on request. Please telephone the presbytery a minimum of 24 hours in advance to arrange.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place before Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday Masses.