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**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 202**

Page 83	Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16	1 Corinthians 10: 16-17	Gospel John 6: 51-58
<p>The feast this weekend helps us to remember the gift of the Eucharist. It is a time to focus on Jesus as the bread of life. The readings remind us that God provides what we need, not only for our bodies but also for our souls. The Eucharist not only feeds us, it configures us into the one Body of Christ and into the saving mission of the Holy Trinity through His Church. Pope Francis wrote: "There, in the Holy Eucharist we really encounter Jesus. We share His life and we feel His love. There you can realise that His death and resurrection are for you and you receive from Him the Holy Spirit and you find peace and joy. In the first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy God cared for the Israelites in the desert by feeding them manna and gave them water from a rock. This was not just to meet their physical needs but to teach them to depend on and trust in Him. In the second reading St Paul teaches that the Eucharist is more than a meal. Sharing in the cup and bread means sharing in Christ as we are joined to Christ and to each other through this act of faith. The Eucharist calls for unity and love for all. In the Gospel of John Jesus teaches about the Bread of Life and says clearly that His flesh is real food and His blood is real drink. This is how we remain in Him and receive eternal life. The Eucharist is His way of staying with us to give us support</p>			
<b>Mass times</b>		<b>Feast Days</b>	
<b>6pm: Confessions</b> <b>6.30pm Vigil Mass</b> <b>Trevor Delves RIP</b>	<p><b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> St Robert of Newminster</b> Born in about 1100 in North Yorkshire Studied at University of Paris. Parish priest in his home village. Benedictine monk at Whitby Abbey. Joined monks expelled from St Mary's Abbey in York who wanted a stricter "Rule". They founded Fountains Abbey near Ripon in Yorkshire. Robert founded Newminster Abbey, a monastery of Cistercian monks north of Newcastle. Three new Cistercian monasteries were founded by his monks and Abbot Robert kept clear of all the political and religious disputes unlike the Abbot of Fountains Abbey. He ruled and directed the monks at Newminster Abbey for 21 years. He died there on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1159. The small monastery of 17 Cistercian monks was one of the first to be dissolved in 1553 by Henry VIII.</p>		
<b>9.30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b>	
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> St William of York</b> Born in 1085 in York. His father was Chancellor for King Henry I and his uncle was Bishop of Winchester. Ordained a priest and became a monk in Winchester. Treasurer of York for the Archbishop of York and then appointed Archbishop of York in 1143 influenced by his uncle the new King Stephen of England who seized the throne from Matilda, the daughter of Henry I, the true heir. Consecrated by his uncle the Bishop of Winchester without papal approval. Not recognised by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Eventually deposed in 1147 by Cistercian Pope Eugene III. Replaced him by the Cistercian Abbot Murdoc of Fountains Abbey. King Stephen was furious. William returned to monastery in Winchester for 6 years. When Archbishop Murdoc of York died, Pope Anastasius IV reappointed him Archbishop of York. Popular with people in York. He died on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1154 and was buried in York Minster. King Stephen died the same year on 25<sup>th</sup> October and Henry Plantagenet son of Matilda, became Henry II, first of the Plantagenet kings of England. Also in 1154 Pope Anastasius IV died on 3<sup>rd</sup> December</p>		
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<p><b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> St Columba of Iona</b> Born about 521 in Ireland of royal birth. Educated at a variety of monastic schools. Became a monk. Ordained a priest. Spent 15 years travelling in Ireland preaching. Then settled in a monastery to study. Dispute with Irish King Diarmaid over the right of monastic sanctuary of a Prince sought by the king. 3,000 died in the conflict and Columba promised to win the same number of souls for Christ. Founded a monastery on the island of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. Spent 30 years as a missionary developing the monastery as a school for missionaries. Influential in Scotland's politics. He built churches and founded monasteries. Missionaries went out from Iona and his Celtic influence spread through Ireland, Scotland and northern England. He died on Iona in 597 and was buried by his monks in the Abbey he had created.</p>		
<b>6.30 pm Mass</b>	<p><b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> St Ithamar of Rochester</b> First bishop in England to be Saxon born in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Previous bishops were either Irish or missionaries from abroad most from St Augustine's Roman missionaries. Consecrated as Bishop of Rochester by Archbishop Honorius of Canterbury. His predecessor was Bishop Paulinus, one of the most famous of Augustine's group. St Bede referred to Ithamar as "of the Kentish nation". He took the new name Ithamar, a son of Aaron, from the Old Testament. Bishop Ithamar consecrated Deusdedit as the first Saxon Archbishop of Canterbury. He was bishop from 655 to about 664 when he died. St Ithamar was buried at Rochester and is associated with miraculous cures of eye and sight problems</p>		
<b>10 am Mass</b>	<p><b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> St Barnabas</b> Called an apostle but not one of the 12 chosen by Jesus. A Jew from Cyprus who sold his farm to follow Jesus. Was sent to Antioch, capital of Syria, to preach to Greeks and other Gentiles as well as Jews. Worked with St Paul as a travelling companion evangelising in many areas. Eventually left St Paul and preached with his cousin John Mark in Cyprus and Syria where it is thought he was martyred.</p>		

**NO MASS**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> St John of Sahagun** Born in 1419 in Spain to an influential family which guaranteed a rich secular life which he rejected. He joined the monastery where he was educated in Sahagun, northern Spain. He impressed the Bishop of Burgos who ordained him and made him canon of the Cathedral of Burgos. He gave John several church grants and important positions. Resigned from most of them except ministry to the Chapel of St Agatha in poor area of city. Courageous preacher for social justice and peace. Entered University of Salamanca to study theology. Nine year ministry in parish of St Sebastian in Salamanca, a city known for its immoral behaviour and crime. His preaching denounced the sins of nobles, commoners, property owners who took advantage of their tenants and championed the rights of workers and the common people. Duke sent men to kill him but when assassins met Fr John they asked his forgiveness. In 1463, aged 45, he joined the Order of Hermits of St Augustine. His sermons upset many of the rich and noble especially when strongly criticising extravagant dress. Drew large crowds and tried to bring peace to conflicting groups. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. During a sermon on "sins of impurity", John scathing words produced salutary effects on a certain nobleman who had been living with more than one wife. One of the women swore vengeance and is believed that she caused his death by poison. Brother John of Sahagun died on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1479 aged 60. He was buried in the Old Cathedral of Salamanca.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> St Antony of Padua** Born 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal to a noble and wealthy family. Educated at Cathedral school. Aged 15 entered the Augustine community in Lisbon. Due to frequent family visits, asked to be moved north to Coimbra. Able scholar who studied theology and Latin. Ordained aged 19. Left the Augustines to be a Franciscan inspired by their missionary work. Sent to Morocco but became sick and tried to return home but his ship was caught in a storm and he landed in Sicily. Nursed back to health by Franciscans in Messina. Attended "Pentecost Chapter of Mats" in Assisi with 3,000 other friars. Francis of Assisi was impressed by the humility of the young man from "out of town". Sent for a life of seclusion and contemplation in a hermitage in northern Italy. At a special event accepted invitation to give a short sermon after the meal. With his theological education gave an amazing talk. Then sent out on inspirational Franciscan preaching missions which attracted great crowds. He had a powerful voice, spoke without notes, had a charisma similar to modern day revivalists and was life changing for many who heard him. He particularly spoke about the destructive results of drinking and gambling and strongly denounced usury, lending money at unreasonable high rates of interest. Was a great friend of St Francis of Assisi. When Francis died in 1226 Antony was sent to Padua west of Venice in Italy. He returned to a life of preaching and had a remarkable effect on both the religious and civic life of the town, reducing crime, reconciling enemies, denouncing usury and freeing debtors from prison. Antony was back to his old life of preaching that attracted crowds again and made a difference to some many people's lives. His fragile health, caused by such an austere life, eventually gave out when he was only 26 years old and Antony died on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1231. He was immediately hailed as a saint and legends grew up around him focusing on his gentleness and kindness, which extended, in the true spirit of St Francis, to animals, birds, fishes and flowers.

**6pm: Confessions**  
**6.30pm Vigil Mass**  
**Baby Vengakkal**  
**RIP**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**9.30 am Mass      Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June      Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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**Your prayers are needed for the following people**

Hazel Sale    Mary Light    Pat Sweeney    Phil Boulton    David Keates

**NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sad news at the death of Dr Hugh Trevor Delves last Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.**

Trevor died peacefully at home on Thursday afternoon surrounded by Christine and his three children. They have been greatly supported over the last few weeks by Countess Mountbatten Carers and Nurses. After Trevor met and married Christine he made many friends at SVP and normally attended the Saturday Vigil Mass with Christine and always read out the Communion Antiphon. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Portswood Road on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1 pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend to celebrate Trevor's life. May Trevor rest in peace and rise in glory.



**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of Fr Antony Gatt on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, feast day of St Antony of Padua.**

The Mass is at 10 am on Saturday morning at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Portswood Road. Fr Antony was previously the parish priest of St Vincent de Paul from 1989 to 1995. He then went to Thatcham parish near Newbury until 1999 when he went to study for a PhD in New York and was present at 9/11 when the World Trade Centre was attacked. He used his skills to act as a psychological counsellor. When he returned to the UK he became parish priest of Immaculate Conception until recently when he retired and now lives in Bournemouth.

**Parish collection for last weekend 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Parish Gift Aid Envelopes	Gift Aid	Parish Loose Collection	Direct debits, standing orders	Gift Aid	Total of Offertory Collection	Other Money	Gift Aid for last week	Loose	TOTAL of all money
£77	£19.25	£216.05	£242.54	£51.98	£606.82				<b>£606.82</b>



### **More sad news of the death of Fr Kevin Bidgood last Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Rev Fr Kevin celebrated Mass for us at St Vincent de Paul after Fr Thomas had his operation recently and had a strong voice and preaching style. He was born on the Isle of Wight on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1947 and was originally an Anglican vicar. Between 1995 and 1998 he attended Womersley Seminary and was ordained as a Catholic priest on 5<sup>th</sup> September 1998 by Bishop Crispian Hollis. He first served as Assistant Priest at St Edmunds in Southampton before being appointed Parish Priest of Sacred Heart, Waterlooville in 2010. In 2017 he

became the Parish Priest to St Francis's Ascot where he remained until his retirement in 2024 in Southampton.

Fr Kevin had been Dean of the Havant, Isle of Wight and Portsmouth Pastoral Areas. He also served as Chaplain to the Headteachers in Portsmouth Diocese. Fr Kevin died 5 days before his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday. May the Lord grant him eternal rest in the love he so generously served through his ministry and service over many years.

### **Message from Stella Maris Regional Port Chaplain. Volunteers needed for Southampton Seafarers Lounge**

Stella Maris, Southampton branch of the Apostleship of the Sea, the Catholic charity supporting seafarers is seeking volunteers to help run the Seafarers Lounge near St Joseph's Catholic Church during daytime hours from Monday to Friday. This is a simple and rewarding ministry of welcome and hospitality to visiting seafarers from around the world. It is an opportunity to support the Church's mission to people of the sea, meet new people and enjoy fellowship. Training is provided by the two Port Chaplains Luke Phillips and Gregory Hogan. For more information please contact Luke Phillips at [luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org](mailto:luke.phillips@stellamarismail.org)

### **Sad news of the death of Ann Drumgoole**

Ann has been on the prayer list from just after the pandemic and lockdown. Her and her husband Owen were parishioners and sometimes attended the weekday socials organised by Renee and Pat. Ann was cared for at home 24/7 by Owen and visiting carers. Her coffin will be received into the church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 4pm followed by a Requiem Mass at 10.30am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

### **St Boniface Parish, Southampton invites you to join an all-inclusive 3-night, 4-day pilgrimage to Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland.**

Choose from two dates in August 2026: the 21st to 24th or the 25th to 28th. This is an all-inclusive, end-to-end tour covering return coach travel from Southampton, flight tickets hotel accommodation, a guided tour and daily breakfast and dinner. Pilgrimage Cost: £675 per adult; £575 per child (aged 2–11 years). Spaces are filling up fast. Please book at your earliest convenience. To reserve your place or for more details, kindly contact Diago George: 07393050555, 07727883287, 02380010800, 02081381655  
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### **St Edmunds Parish, Southampton invites you to join an all-inclusive 1 night, 2 day pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham, United Kingdom.**

Dates : 31st July to 1st August 2026. This is an all-inclusive, end-to-end tour covering return coach travel from St Edmunds Church Southampton, accommodation at the Pilgrimage Centre, daily breakfast and dinner. Pilgrimage Cost: Ensuite room with attached bathroom and toilet: £180 per adult; £150 per child (ages 2–11). Standard room with common bathroom and toilet: £150 per adult; £130 per child (aged 2–11 years). Spaces are filling up fast. Please book at your earliest convenience. To reserve your place or for more details, kindly contact Diago George at: 07393050555, 07727883287, 02380010800, or 02081381655.  
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### **Portsmouth Diocese Pack on guidelines on Catholic Funerals and care of terminally ill**

Very soon the parish should receive a pack which gives advice on:

- ❖ Guidelines for Funerals and the care of the terminally ill
- ❖ Instructions for my Catholic Funeral
- ❖ My Will Planner
- ❖ Asset Inventory Record.

Many parishioners choose to leave gifts to their parish in their wills. These guidelines have been developed to make this as easy as possible and have pulled together some existing and new materials to help people to put their affairs in order. Copies of all these materials can be found on <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

This message comes from Sarah Ponsford, Lead Manager for Communications and Fundraising for the Diocese.