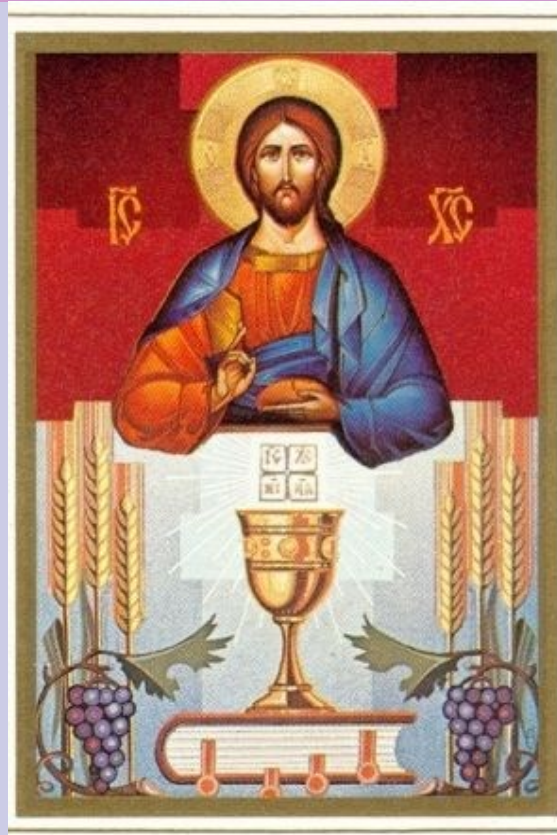




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Corpus Christi 12th Week Ordinary Time *(Psalter wk.4)*

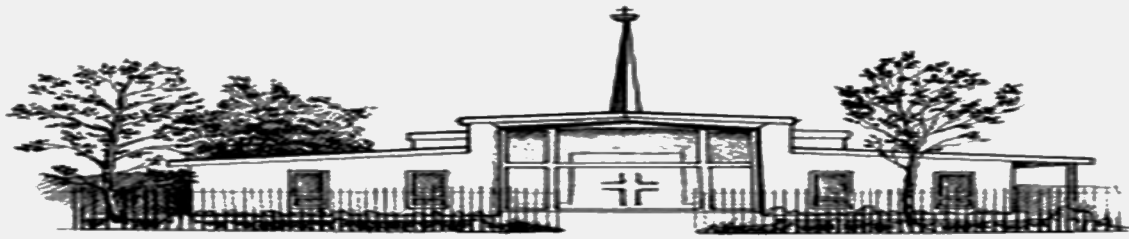
Sunday 19th	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Corpus Christi. Father Phil Carroll Tom & Kathleen Pendleton RIP People of the Parish
Monday 20th	9.30 am	Feria Alice Devaney RIP
Tuesday 21st	9.30 am	St Aloysius Gonzaga. Thomas & Mary Murphy RIP
Wednesday 22nd	9.30 am 7.00 pm	St John Fisher & St Thomas More The Armstrong Family Adoration and Rosary
Thursday 23rd	7.00 pm	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Friday 24th	9.30 am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Geoff Baker RIP
Sunday 26th	8.30 am 10.30 am 6.30 pm	Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time People of the Parish Stan Wall RIP David Cartey RIP

Confessions by appointment

Please contact the Parish Office on 01489 572797 to arrange

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Dear All

The feast of Corpus Christi was initiated by Pope Urban V. St Juliana of Liege is a little known Saint of the church but the church is in debt to her not only because of her holiness of life which was attested to by so many witnesses but because she contributed to the institution of one of the most important solemn liturgies of the year this feast we celebrate today of Corpus Christi.

Juliana was born in Liege now in Belgium. At the age of 5 she lost her parents and was placed in a convent with her twin sister Agnes. Juliana had a great love for the blessed mother and especially for the blessed sacrament of the altar. In 1206 she became a nun and devoted herself to a life helping the sick at the hospital run by the convent. At the age of 16 Juliana began to receive repeated visions from the Lord. In one vision Juliana saw the moon in its full splendour but with a dark stripe across it. In time she came to understand that the moon symbolised the church on earth.

In the dark stripe represented the absence of a liturgical feast in honour of Christ's body and blood. The Lord revealed to Juliana that he wanted a special feast in honour of the holy body and blood of Jesus. It was not however some 20 years later when she was made progress as she revealed the secrets revealed to her by Christ. To make sure the visions she had received were from the Lord, she and some companions approached a Priest Father John Lausanne. Father John spoke to some theologians about the feast. Later the theologians consulted the Bishop about the matter.

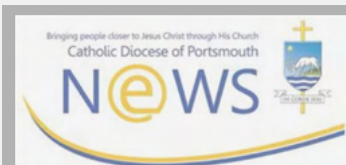
In 1246 after some initial hesitation the Bishop of Liege Robert Torote accepted the proposal of Juliana. He ordered the solemnity of Corpus Christi be held in his diocese the following year. Around this time Juliana faced some harsh criticism and some from her religious community. So of her own free will she left the convent and from 1248 - 1258 she stayed as a guest in various monasteries. Juliana amazed her hosts by her holiness and humility. She died in 1258 in front of the blessed sacrament.

After her death her companions approached Bishop Henry to request the Pope extend the celebration to the whole church. In 1264, Pope Urban V instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. In 1969, Pope Paul VI gave Bishops the option to transfer the feast to the following Sunday. Pope Urban issued a papal bull on 11th August 1264 entitled, *Transiturus de hoc mundo* establishing the feast of Corpus Christi for the universal Church. It stated "although the Eucharist is celebrated solemnly every day, we deem it fitting, at least once a year it be celebrated with great honour and solemn commemoration".

Pope Urban asked the Dominican theologian Thomas Aquinas to write the text for the mass and office of the feast. Aquinas composed the hymn *Pange Lingua* of which the last two verses are used today. Known as *Tantum Ergo*. However Pope Urban died on the 2nd of October 1264 just after the publication of his bull. This delayed the spread of the feast. Pope Clement V did not take the matter up and ordered the adoption of the feast at the council of Vienna in 1311. Since then the celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi spread throughout the universal Church. Juliana was canonised by Pope Pius IX in 1869. Her feast day is on 6th April.

With Love

Fr Rob



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Park Gate Noticeboard

There will be **No Vinnies drop in Cafe in June**. The next date will be on **Saturday 30th July from 2-4pm**

Padre Pio Prayer Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 26th June 2022 at 7.45 pm** in the church. You will all be most welcome.

For more information please contact David Walford: walford101@hotmail.com

The Dominican Sisters at Sway will be running **workshops for Readers** which are taking place on **Saturday 18th and 25th June, from 10 am to 1 pm**. All details and registration links are here: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

Father Rob highly recommends if anyone is interested in attending.

Tea or coffee will be served after Mass on Sunday at 10.30 am . There will be no refreshments in the hall during the month of August.

The Repository will now be open every Sunday after the 8.30am Mass with effect from 19th June. New volunteers to help on a rota system will be very welcome. Please contact the office with your details if you are interested. It will also be open after the other Sunday Masses. A variety of items are available including First Holy Communion cards and gifts.

By the end of June we hope to have all the sponsorship money in for the "Big Jump". Please join us in the hall on **Sunday 26th June after the 10.30 am Mass** when we hope to give Father Rob a big Surprise.



Chris and Frankie Lane invite you to an **OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND on 9TH/10TH JULY**

Tickets available soon. £5 to include tea and cake. Proceeds to the parish funds .

We Need You to help keep the Church looking so good and support the few volunteers we have with light cleaning duties who clean for a couple of hours fortnightly. If we can get at least 2/3 more people onto the rota then the work can be spread and less time will be needed. Please contact the Parish Office. Your help will be very much appreciated

Collections

Day for Life Second Collection

The Catholic Bishops this year invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations, devoting quality time, energy and creativity to caring for the older persons in our communities. The focus of the *Day for Life* this year is older persons. The COVID pandemic highlighted the desperate plight of many older people, especially those in care homes and those struggling with long-term chronic conditions such as dementia. Please donate in the usual way or via

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/day-for-life-2022>

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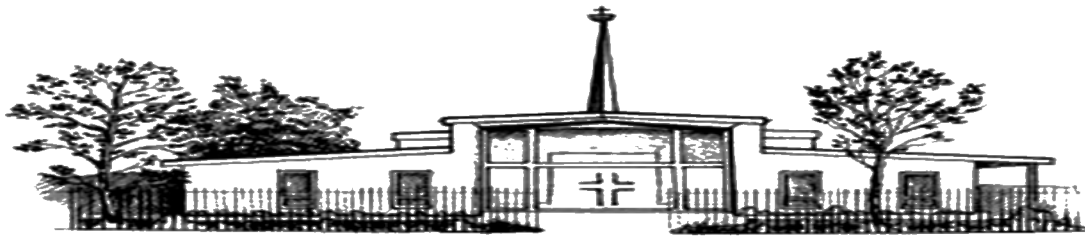
If you have news that you would like to share with the rest of the Diocese, please contact

communications@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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If you are unwell and would like a Eucharist Ministry team member to bring Holy Communion to you at home.

Please contact Nick Sadler on 07834 923585

If you are going in to hospital, please get in touch with the relevant chaplaincy service:

Southampton General
02381 208517

QA Portsmouth
02392 286408

Volunteers Needed

Hall bookings Co-ordinator for the Church and Hall to liaise with the cleaning teams and to deal with any enquiries or queries received from hirers. As much or as little time you can give would be very much appreciated. Speak to Father Rob or contact the Parish Office.

Helpers needed for the refreshments rota after Sunday 10.30 Mass - approximately every 8 weeks - please leave your details with the office and the team co-ordinator will contact you.

SVP Treasurer — After many years of excellent service the current SVP Treasurer is standing down. They are looking for someone who would like to take on this role. If this is of interest to you and you would like to be part of the friendly group please contact Anne Taylor on 07974 215159.

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Thank you for all you do to support your parish in many different ways. If you haven't already done so, please consider donating via a standing order, and sign up for gift aid, in order to provide a more stable, and 25% extra, parish income. Forms available on the website, at the back of the church and from the Parish Office.

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