

## ***The Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Year A)***

13/14 June 20

### **Mass Intentions this week: (said in private)**

Sun: Ivan Brentnall RIP  
Mon: Fr John Seabrook RIP  
Wed: Canon Soar RIP  
Fri: Sacred Heart of Jesus Lin Ann Copeland RIP  
Sat: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sun: Alice Ashton & Alice Turner RIP

### **Money Matters:**

Offertory: £ 466  
Others: £ 170.05

For those who regularly contribute to the church via the Envelope Scheme there are a number of ways you may continue to do so:

Drop the envelope to the Presbytery or put them aside each week for when the present crisis is over.

Another option would be to set up a Direct Debit or Standing Order – Lloyds Bank: sort code 30-92-59; account number 01620555 – English Martyrs, Derby RCP.

Payments to the parish by cheque should be made payable to:  
English Martyrs Derby RCP

Sanctuary Lamp

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please always keep in your prayers the sick and housebound especially William Johnson, Simon Thompson, Lynda King, Christine and Michael Dreuitt, for all suffering from COVID-19 and for all on our sick list.

**Please Pray** for all who have died from COVID-19. Please also remember their families in your prayers. May they rest in peace.

Dear Parishioners,

As you know the government is allowing places of worship to open from 15 June for private prayer only. To open safely will require considerable preparation and comes with an onerous raft of restrictions – all, of course, designed to keep people safe. A large group of people are identified as not being allowed to avail themselves of this new freedom; for example, anyone who is shielding, anyone who is sick, and anyone over seventy years of age. Over the next few weeks a number of churches may reopen for short periods of time in the Derby Deanery. Please check the individual parish websites for further information.

Over the last few weeks a number of works have been carried out in English Martyrs. The church has been rewired and a new lighting scheme installed; further, over the next few weeks, work will be done to the floor to complete the tiling and carpeting of the back of the church, and then the entire church will be re-decorated. For these reasons we will not be opening English Martyrs until the first weekend of July. However, St Mary's will be open every day from Friday 19 June, 11 – 1.00pm

**Fr Brentnall**

### **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

As we cannot attend daily Mass, we can use this prayer to express our faith in Christ and His Presence in the Eucharist, and ask Him to unite Himself with us.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols message for Corpus Christi:

<https://rcdow.org.uk/cardinal/news/corpus-christi-lords-gift-of-himself/>

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**Knitted Together: With many of us now at home please support this project, publicise it and have a go!**

Knit or crochet: Scarves for the homeless ideally about 9in wide and 60in long. (that is about 25cm x 150cm)  
Scarves, hats or mittens for babies / young children for those experiencing hardship.

Cannot knit or crochet? – everyone, including children, can still contribute by making pompoms. These will be attached later.

Keep your items until we can move around again and be distributed in autumn / winter.

Any colours, any stitches the choice is yours! Some supermarkets and stores still open do have wool .

Veronica Morrison has a variety of balls of wool which she is happy to deliver to the doorstep in the locality of her walks for exercise.

Contact on email [veron.morrison@gmail.com](mailto:veron.morrison@gmail.com)

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Each Sunday, CAFOD are hosting an online Children's Liturgy. You can register to participate here [Online talks and presentations | CAFOD](#)

**Job Vacancy:** St John Fisher Voluntary Academy, part of the St. Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Deputy Head Teacher who is a practising Catholic with a passion for education to share in the leadership of our caring school from September 20. For more details please access via our trust website [www.srscmat.co.uk](http://www.srscmat.co.uk)

**A Voice from the Pews:**

Dear Friends,

We are unable to be involved in preparing the Church for use after lockdown due to being long passed our **"sell by date"**.

Our contribution is to draw upon experience and memory. The Feast of Corpus Christi stirs many memories of life in the Church for us.

We have always had difficulty in describing this stage in our sacramental life as **"making my first Holy Communion"** - we did not **"make"** anything.

Towards the end of WW2, three women of faith, Geraldine Williams (St. Joseph's School), Monica Doughty and Mrs Johnson of (English Martyrs' Alvaston) prepared Liz for this Sacrament. Each of these catechists spoke of receiving Our Lord Jesus in a special way for the first time.

Another memory is of wearing a special long white dress and having a tasty breakfast of boiled egg and toast in the Presbytery after the Mass.

First Holy Communion day memories last a lifetime and we believe that we now have a wonderful opportunity to show our children how very much we value them. These young people are not the Church of the **FUTURE** they are the Church of **TODAY**.

We have been told that, in our parish, there are 50 children preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time. This is, indeed, a challenge for social distancing but what an opportunity for giving our young children a day to remember.

To quote a former Parish Priest (Father Bernard Brownbill) **"what would Jesus have done?"**

We hope you like this music video link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T281L\\_6e44](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T281L_6e44)

Happy Feast Day

God Bless,

Liz & Terry Spencer

**CAFOD Appeal:** The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development calls us to Unite against coronavirus.

In his Easter Urbi et Orbi message of hope, Pope Francis urges debt cancellation for the poorest countries.

**Please can you sign the petition to ask our government to help the most vulnerable people in our world at <https://e-activist.com/page/59334/petition/1>**

Our sisters and brothers overseas do not have access to healthcare systems as brilliant as the NHS. We are urged to work together with other world leaders to:

Make sure that any vaccine developed with UK public money is made available to everyone regardless of their income or where in the world they live.

Provide urgent financial and technical support to help developing countries cope with this crisis.

Cancel all debt payments by developing countries due in 2020 and 2021 so that countries can spend money on much needed healthcare rather than debt repayments.

Put plans in place to rebuild a fairer, more just society after the crisis so that the world's most vulnerable people can live in dignity and to restore our common home for future generations.

Donations to the CAFOD Emergency appeal can be made on-line by visiting: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirus](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirus)

You can listen to on-line talks about the work of CAFOD and recordings of Eucharistic celebrations. Please pray of the work of CAFOD

Visit: [cafod.org.uk/coronavirusprayers](http://cafod.org.uk/coronavirusprayers)

**SVP:** For our parishioners who live alone and are sick or self-isolating, and family and friends or neighbours are unable to help you with shopping or obtaining medicines, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message on 01332 574474.

**300 Club:**

The winners for the June draw are:

£100 - 54 Adrian Mason  
£50 - 16 Paula Bailey  
£20 - 33 Ailsa O'Reilly  
£20 - 3 Julia Fuher  
£10 - 124 Mark Tumulty  
£10 - 99 Roland Campbell  
£10 - 34 Mary Quail  
£10 - 123 Cath Hamblin  
£10 - 158 Linda O'Donnell  
£10 - 57 Mick & Frances Connolly

Well done all!