

## NEWSLETTER

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### The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026

(Year A for Sundays; Cycle 2 for weekdays)

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From the Presbytery desk.....

This weekend, the Liturgy keeps the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – **Corpus Christi**. On Maundy Thursday in the evening – at the Mass of the Lord's Supper – we receive a text from the letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Corinth

*For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

During the meal Jesus shared with his Apostle he did two unusual things.

Firstly according to the Gospel of John, he took off his outer garment, tied a towel round his waist, and washed the feet of his Apostles. This was usually the job of the servants but Jesus says

**"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14).** This act symbolizes humility and service, emphasizing that true leadership involves serving others.

The other thing he did was that when he took the bread and the wine (mixed with water) he said it was not only a remembrance of what God had done in the PAST, but in the PRESENT Jesus was giving his very self to his Friends.

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In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that the early Community of believers in Jerusalem went to the Temple for the prayers each day, and then met in individual homes for 'the breaking of the bread' which appears to be the earliest description of what was later known as The Eucharist, known by us today as The Mass.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2: 1-4)*

The Church has continued through the centuries to come together each day/each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist - which basically has 2 sections; The readings from the Bible (known as the Liturgy of the Word) and the Great Thanksgiving (**the Eucharistic Prayer**) and the sharing of Holy Communion (Liturgy of the Eucharist).

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Around the Sanctuary at Saint Mary in Douglas there is a text which can assist us in our reflection on this Sunday. It was originally written by Saint Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274)

*O sacrum convivium! in quo Christus sumitur: recolitur memoria passionis eius: mens impletur gratia: et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.*

How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the glory to come. Alleluia.

Happy Corpus Christi!  
Canon Philip

- There will be a Mass in St Mary's School at **9.15am** on **Friday 12 June** to which everyone is welcome.
- **St Anthony's Charity Bingo** will be held on **Thursday 11 June** at 7.30pm in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre. Everyone welcome to come and join in the fun with tea, coffee and a raffle.
- **Island Spirituality Network** next meeting on Saturday 13 June 2026 at St John's Mill from 10am-1pm. Guest speaker will be Jill Weber whose theme will be "*Ancient Sparks, New Fires - How a new monasticism can impact our church and culture today*". Jill serves on the international team of 24-7 Prayer, contributes regularly to Lectio 365, a popular daily devotional resource. All are welcome.
- **Prison Sunday Service** will take place in Jurby Church at 2pm on **Sunday 21 June** to pray for the needs of men and women who are prisoners, staff, victims, survivors and families. Service open to all.
- **Columba Club Quiz Night** will take place on **Saturday 27 June**. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets costing £10 are available from Brian Murphy, Sandra Slann, Paul Copparelli and Sheila Signorio. Children under 15 years of age come free. Under 18s attending must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. All proceeds will go to the **Lourdes Youth Fund** to help with their expenses in travelling to Lourdes as part of the Archdiocese Pilgrimage in July.
- **Lourdes Youth Group:** A 'Round the World Evening' event will take place on **Thursday 9 July** to raise funds for the Isle of Man Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage this summer. Our Youth Group, alongside other young people from the Archdiocese, will help care for the sick pilgrims in Lourdes. The event will take place from 7pm until 11pm in the Manx Legion Club on the Quayside in Douglas. Admission £15. Children under 12 free. Under 18s attending must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Tickets available from Sheila Signorio or from St Mary's Parish Office.

### Masses and Services for the coming week

*All Masses and Services from St Mary's are live-streamed.*

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>			
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi	5.00pm	St Mary's	Caroline Coleman, sick
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi	11.00am	St Mary's	Deceased members of the Murray family
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	<i>No Mass today</i>	<i>St Mary's</i>	<i>No Mass or service today</i>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>St Anthony's</i>	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
St Columba	12.10pm	St Mary's	Kit Kneen, anniversary
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Chapter Intention
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	10.00am	St Anthony's	Ken Hargate, recently died
St Barnabas	12.10pm	St Mary's	Fr Francis Austin (Salford), deceased
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	<i>9.15am</i>	<i>St Mary's School</i>	<i>Mass in School for pupils and school staff</i>
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12.10pm	St Mary's	Gerrard O'Hanlon, anniversary
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	11am - 12 noon	St Mary's	Exposition and Confessions
11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	Bill McDonald, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	11.00am	St Mary's	John Mc Neilly, recently died