

St Gregory's Bulletin

Mass intentions: Fr Martin will be saying mass each day for our intentions. Please phone or text a message leaving your mass intentions to Fr Martin on 07754 057074

Saturday 5 June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	6pm	
Sunday 6 June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	
Monday 7 June	NO MASS	
Tuesday 8 June	10am	Pat Murphy (Cynthia Crewe)
Wednesday 9 June	NO MASS	
Thursday 10 June	NO MASS	
Friday 11 June	12 noon	Ethel Smith RIP (Bernadette Smith)
Saturday 12 June	6pm	
Sunday 13 June	8:30am	
	10:30am	

Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound

Happily, on this Feast of Corpus Christi, one of the easing of restrictions is that we can resume taking Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound; still with some precautions!

If you, or someone in your family or someone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home from one of our Eucharistic Ministers or myself, please let me know their details by text on 07754 057074 or email at frmartin@stgregorysbollington.org.uk.



Masses in St Gregory's Church

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am
Tuesday 10am; Friday 12 noon

Rosary: Friday 11.30am

Reminder

- Please remember to **book WEEKEND** masses
- It is not necessary to book for the weekday morning masses
- Please **do not attend** if you suspect that you have any **symptoms**
- Please wear a **face mask** and keep **1m+ distance** at all times, inside and outside the church

Please call or text Paul Kerryson on 07854 609757 to reserve your place



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Sunday reflection from Fr Martin: The Body and Blood of Christ



This week we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. It is another feast which highlights God's presence with us, in a particular form; bread and wine. It reminds of the central place of the Eucharist in our life of faith and in the life of the church. It reminds us of the importance of attending and celebrating Mass; Jesus commanded, 'Do this in memory of me.'

In today's first reading, Moses uses the blood of the sacrificed animals to mark or to seal the covenant between God and his people. The people agree to keep the commandments which God gave to Moses; God declares that he shall be their God, and they shall be his people. Jesus is the embodiment of the covenant. In our second reading from the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is declared as the new covenant, 'He brings the new covenant ...' In today's Gospel is Mark's account of the Last Supper, where Jesus gave his disciples bread and wine, saying, 'This is my body', 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many'.

The Eucharist, the gift of Jesus to us, the gift of his very self in bread and wine, is the same gift of his self-giving love on the cross; body broken and poured out. This is the gift and the mystery which we celebrate today, which we renew and celebrate every time we celebrate Mass, another gift and mystery which we need to treasure.

The life of Jesus, just like the bread and wine is Blessed – Broken – Poured Out – Shared.

We are challenged to do the same: to give thanks to God for all his gifts and blessings; to give generously of ourselves, our gifts and talents, our love and care – to breaking point for others; to be willing to pour out our lives in the service of others; to share generously with others from God's abundant gifts to us. St Augustine said, 'we become what we receive', in other words, we are called to be the Body of Christ for others.

Fr Martin

The Bishop's Pastoral Letter from 30 May 2021

You can read the Bishop's Pastoral Letter, 'Our Witness to the Value of Human Life', warning us of the real danger of proposed changes to law in this country at: <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/a-pastoral-letter-our-witness-to-the-value-of-human-life-to-be-read-at-all-masses-on-the-solemnity-of-the-most-holy-trinity-30th-may-2021>

Covid restrictions

Monday 17 May saw some changes to the Covid restrictions, including in church premises and for worship and liturgical events. Since most of these changes are slight, it was decided at the Parish Council Meeting, to proceed slowly and with caution at St Gregory's in order to ensure we all continue to feel safe and comfortable in church. So, you won't really notice any difference.

Once the next set of guidance is given prior to any changes on 21 June, then it may be possible to change our arrangements in church.

Over the next month or so, I hope we can begin to plan for some of the teams and activities to resume, probably after 17 June; if you have any ideas about how best to begin this process of re-building our community, please let me know. **All ideas are welcome!**

Hopefully this cautious approach will be appreciated and the little more patience needed will be acceptable to all of us.

Zoom coffee each Sunday



Please join us each Sunday between 12 noon and 1pm for our Zoom virtual coffee morning. Everyone welcome!

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9930716195?pwd=TFpaZWm4bJlVaUx5QnhKUUtRm3lRZz09>

Meeting ID: 993 071 6195

Offerory collection

Many thanks to all for your continued support.