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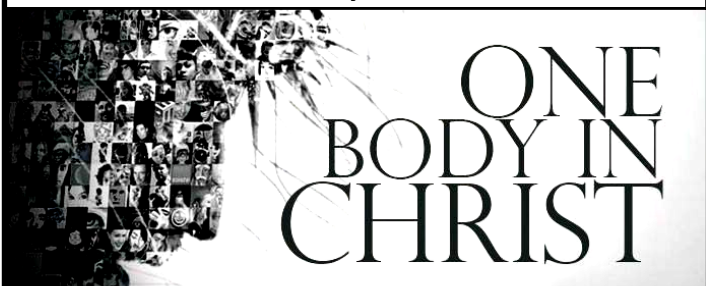
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19th June 2022: Corpus Christi
Sunday: Year C, Weekdays: Year 2, Week 12

Fr. Tony Writes



"If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your Sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your Sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen" ("yes, it is true!") and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true."

So writes St Augustine.* But what does he mean by "be a member of the Body of Christ"? The phrase 'The Body of Christ' indicates two distinct but inseparable realities. It means Christ really present to and for us in the Blessed Sacrament, in Holy Communion. But it also means Christ active in the world through the Church. When we say 'Amen', then, and when we receive Communion, we are not only saying 'yes I believe that this is really Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament', but also 'yes, I am part of the Body of Christ, the Church, and want, through the grace, the help, received through this Sacrament, to live that more fully'.

In this Sunday's second reading from St Paul, he is actually reminding the Corinthians of this connection. In this earliest account of the Eucharist (Paul writes about 20 years before any of the Gospel writers) Paul is warning them about celebrating the Eucharist "in an unworthy manner... without discerning the body" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Here Paul is not speaking only, or even primarily, about recognising the presence of Jesus. He is talking about recognising the reality that we are all part of the one Body of Christ, and we must strive to be true to that reality if we are to receive the Eucharist worthily.

The next three chapters of Paul's letter are about what it means to be part of that Body. And at the heart of that discussion is Paul's famous passage about love. That is the passage you hear at weddings (1 Corinthians 13), but it is not primarily about married love. It is the love to which all Christians are called. And it is not about feelings but actions: the way we live our lives. It is about a self-giving, self-sacrificial love in imitation of Jesus.

The Eucharist impels us to that mission: "Go in the peace of Christ, glorifying the Lord by your lives". But it also give us the help, the grace, we need, to fulfil that call.

*Sermon 272, quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1396



**St Vincent
 de Paul Society**
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 Turning Concern into Action

SVP Information and Recruitment Meeting

St Teresa's Church, Wednesday 22nd June 8pm
 (after 7:30pm Mass). Come along and find out what the SVP do and how you could be a part of it. And maybe sign up, so we may be more effective in proclaiming the Gospel of Love in our parishes. The presentations will be about an hour in total, and there will be time to ask questions, and also time to chat afterwards. There will also be refreshments! For more info on the SVP see www.svp.org.uk/about-us

Day retreat – St Benedict for Today

Saturday 25th June. The monks of Worth Abbey based in East Brighton invite you to a Day Retreat introducing Benedictine insights for lay people, to be held at St Martha's Convent, Rottingdean, BN2 7HA. Time: 10 – 3pm. Please bring your own lunch. Teas and Coffees provided. Donations on the day to St Martha's. Book your place via, brightonmonks@worth.org.uk or phone, 07444 802368.

Please Pray For: All who are sick in the parish, especially Andrew Duncan, Elizabeth Smith, Alex Gibbons and Jean Ryan. Those who have died recently, especially Jerry Sheehan (Funeral Thu July 7th, 10:30, St Theresa's) and Margo Gibbons, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

A list of sick parishioners can be found on the parish website, as well as those whose anniversaries occur this month.

Support the people of Ukraine

You can give to CAFOD's Appeal at: cafod.org.uk/Give.

To access Reset's website go to:

www.homesforukraine.org.uk.

Find out more about the Government's Homes for Ukraine initiative:

homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk.

Find out about the Family Scheme Visa visit:

www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-a-ukraine-family-scheme-visa.

First Holy Communion



Amazingly, on Saturday we had our last session with the families before celebrating the children's First Holy Communion.

The celebration will be on

Sunday 10th July

11 am at St Theresa's

NB there will not be a 9 am Mass at St Theresa's that morning

11 am Mass at St George's will happen as usual, celebrated by Fr Paul Wilkinson.

13 Children from 12 families across the two parishes will be making their First Holy Communion on that day. They are: Arthur, Ben, Charlotte, Danny, Evelyn, Evie, Ivy, Jasmine, Lilly, Santiago, Saoirse, Scarlett and Seraphina. Please keep them in your prayers.

For those already looking forwards to First Holy Communion 2023, there will be an information evening for families in September. We will announce the date in the coming weeks.

Weekly Timetable

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| Saturday 18th June | 10am-12 noon, St George's FHC preparation. 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's | Tony Rodrigues RIP |
| Sunday 19th June Corpus Christi | 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's | All parishioners Joseph Moonjappily RIP |
| Tuesday 21st June | 10am Mass, St George's <i>Followed by Tea and Chat</i> | Tom & Elizabeth Daly RIP |
| Wednesday 22nd June | 6:30pm, Adoration 7:30pm Mass, St Theresa's 8pm SVP Introduction | <i>All welcome</i> |
| Thursday 23rd June | 10am Mass, St George's 7pm Music Practice, St Theresa's | <i>All welcome</i> |
| Friday 24th June Sacred Heart | 10am Mass, St Theresa's | |
| Saturday 25th June | 4:45- 5:15pm Confessions 5:30pm Mass, St Theresa's | All Parishioners |
| Sunday 26th June 13th Sunday of the year | 9am Mass, St Theresa's 11am Mass, St George's | Rizzo Family RIP Fr David Weston RIP |

All Welcomers & Stewards

are warmly invited to attend a Deanery time of Reflection and Formation on **Saturday 9th July from 11.00 – 15.00 at St. Peter's Church Hall, Hove, BN3 3GD,**

to consider moving forward and reflect on how we can enable our Parish and Church communities to reach out to welcome and include everyone. This Formation enables you to explore how this can be achieved through, scripture, prayer and reflection using a multi-sensory approach, as well as considering disability awareness and different groups who may not feel included. Please bring your own packed lunch. This will be led Margaret Fraher, the Diocesan Inclusion Adviser, who is also a member of the Diocesan Formation Team.

Please contact Caroline Kelly to book a place at this event or if you have any queries (ben_a_kid@yahoo.co.uk).

COVID Precautions

We are no longer asking people to wear face coverings in church. Of course you may still choose to do so, and if you have recently been in contact with someone who has COVID, or if you have a cold or similar mild respiratory illness, even if probably not COVID, then wearing a mask is a good idea. If you have COVID symptoms or are testing positive we ask you to stay away from church. If there is call for a zone of either church where face coverings are required then we will implement that. Hand sanitiser will continue to be available in church, and we will continue to keep the churches well ventilated.