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The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Year B

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The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the command-ments come in) and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

W/C 06/06/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Our Lady	For a Successful Operation
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Dear Fr. Mark, Fr. Colin, Fr. Joe and the Parishioners of St. Mary's and Our Lady and St. Gerard's,

As we come to the end of May, It is difficult to believe that Sr. Mary went home to God five weeks ago. In that time , there has been such an outpouring of grief and shock as we all tried to come to terms with the news of her sudden death. Before her final illness, Sr. Mary, was a vibrant and incredibly involved parish sister, known by everyone and loved by all. Each of us have our own special memories of Mary and we recognise only too well the gift and the blessing that she was to each of us. "The song may be ended but the melody lingers on in our hearts." [Irving Berlin]

This is specially so in my case for Mary and I lived together and shared so much over the space of thirteen years. She was my friend and my confidant. We prayed together and went through the good and the difficult times as RNDM sisters. I couldn't have wished for a better or more supportive companion. She is and will be greatly missed.

However, I am also part of two larger parish communities and in the weeks since Mary's passing I have experienced such kindness, love and concern, from you good people around me for which I will be eternally grateful. I just could not have managed without that support. So I say a very sincere 'THANK YOU'. Masses will be celebrated for your intentions as a token of my thanks and appreciation.

Wishing you God's richest blessings,

Sr. Louise

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

David Galloway, Margaret Porter, Dominic McCrudden, Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney, Jean Brennan, David Walne, Josephine Mann.

CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT REMINDER

- The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

CAFOD

- Many thanks to everyone who attended the zoom meeting with Nigel Evans. To keep up the pressure on the government to push for ambitious targets on climate change at COP 26, CAFOD is asking that everyone sign their petition asking world leaders meeting in Glasgow to take concerted action to halt the climate emergency. Parishioners can do this by going on the site, CAFOD.org.uk/reclaim. For those struggling with this, there are green cards you can pick up with the notice sheet at the back of church which can be sent directly to CAFOD or given to Margaret or Michael Cronin who will post them back to CAFOD for you!

TRACK & TRACE

- Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace QR Code displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

FOOD BANK

- As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the

Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 5th/6th June -

Let us pray for the parish of St. John Paul II, Padiham, and for Fr. Allan Swift, their parish priest. We pray for their three parish primary schools and St. Joseph's Park Hill School, together with the Sisters of Mercy and those resident in McAuley Mount. We pray that the Eucharist may be the Source and Summit of their parish life.

International Refugee Week - 14th - 18th June. -

Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. *Miles that Matter* is running from 1st May until International Refugee Week 14th - 18th June. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

The God who Speaks through Mark -

As we return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost, the Department for Formation is pleased to offer online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark.

Wednesday 9 June 2021 - The Disciples in Mark (with Fr Michael Deas)

Wednesday 16 June 2021 - The Little People in Mark (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB)

Each presentation will be from 7.00 to 8.30 pm and will include time for discussion and questions. They are offered free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	5th June Vigil	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	6th June	10:00	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ The Parish
Mon	7th June	6:30 pm	The People of the Parish
Tues	8th June	9:15 am	The People of the Parish
Wed	9th June	9:15 am	The People of the Parish
Thurs	10th June	9:15 am	Betty Russell
Fri	11th June		The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus NO MASS
Sat	12th June Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	13th June	10:00 am 11:00 am	11th Sunday of the Year Blessed Sacrament Guild Baptism of Grace Lily Dexter

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Live Streaming Times		
https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration

A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. **Runs 5th - 8th August.** For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

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EVER	FLESH	DRINK
BLOOD	ETERNAL	FATHER
ANCESTORS	DEAD	ANYONE



Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.