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## ~ PARISH NEWSLETTER ~

**11 JUNE 2023:**  
**SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ~**  
**(Year A (I); Psalter: Week 2)**

## Mass Readings

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16  
Resp. Psalm: Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17  
Gospel: John 6: 51-58

Date	Details	Liturgies	Time
Sunday 11 June	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (pp. 821 ff.) ~ FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS ~	Live-Streamed Holy Mass	9.30am
Tuesday 13 June	St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, Doctor	No Liturgies	---
Thursday 15 June	Thursday of Week 10 in Ordinary Time	No Liturgies	---
Saturday 17 June	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	No Liturgies	---
Sunday 18 June	11 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (pp. 725 ff.)	Holy Mass	9.30am

### Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ: Word of the 'Living Father'

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day. (Scott Hahn)

### Thought for the Day with Pope Francis

It is the Church that makes the Eucharist, but it is more fundamental that *the Eucharist makes the Church*, and allows her to *be her mission*, even before she accomplishes it. This is the mystery of communion, of the Eucharist: receiving Jesus so He may transform us from within, and receiving Jesus so that He may create unity in us and not division. (Regina Caeli Address, St. Peter's Square, 14 June 2020)

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### Today's Liturgy: Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Year A (pp. 821 ff.)

p. 521: Introductory Rites

p. 821: Readings & Proper Prayers

p. 540: The Creed

p. 575: Preface II of the Holy Eucharist

p. 603: Eucharistic Prayer II

p. 631: Communion Rite

**CONGRATULATIONS to Derin, Marcel, Sophia, and Vilté** on making their First Holy Communion today! May they always remain close to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and may the Eucharist be the source and summit of their Christian lives.

**TODAY: Parish Barbecue!!** – to celebrate with our candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time, we will be having a Parish Barbecue on the patio at the back of the church. Everyone is warmly welcome; please do join us!

**This Saturday, 17 June: 'New Dawn in the Church' at St. Ninian's, Inverness** – a day of Praise and Worship, inspiring talks, youth ministry, testimonies, workshops, healing and much more! The day begins at 10.30am with Holy Mass. Take a packed lunch with you. All welcome.

**Sunday 25 June: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pluscarden** – Bishop Hugh is extending an invitation to ALL parishioners to attend this annual diocesan event together. There will be opportunities to relax in the grounds of the Abbey, with a chance to meet people from other parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to bring their own picnics; however, refreshments will also be available from 12 pm in the refreshments tent. **The focus for the pilgrimage will be on the ministry of Altar Servers**, who will be most welcome to attend, with their cassocks, cottas, and Guild of St. Stephen medal (if applicable):

1.00pm - Exposition in the Lady Chapel until 2.30pm

1.00pm - Individual confessions in the parlours at St. Benedict's Retreat until 2.30pm

3.00pm - Mass of the day, followed by a Marian procession to the garden facing St. Benedict's Retreat.

**St. Andrew Community Youth Group** – every Friday in the church hall at St. Mary's, in Huntly Street, Inverness. Ages 6-11: 5.00pm-6.00pm; Ages 12-18: 6.30pm-9.00pm. For details: [youth@standrewx.org](mailto:youth@standrewx.org), or call 07754 891808.

**PIETY STALL** – looking for First Holy Communion gifts, or ideas for presents? Why not check out our extensive range of items at our Piety Stall. Your one-stop shop for all things Catholic!

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN 2024!** – Bishop Hugh has kindly agreed to come to the parish and bestow the Sacrament of Confirmation upon our candidates on **Sunday 21 April 2024**. If your child is of the appropriate age (P7/S1), please do get in contact with Fr. Domenico as soon as possible, please.

**90 CLUB: Next Draw on Sunday 25 June!** Would you like to take part? You too could be a winner! Three good prizes each month. For details, please speak to Don.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Anna Black, Angus Johnson, Laura Johnstone, Kathleen Macpherson, Marian Ellis, Chris Hamilton, Rina Herbison, David Munro, Ellen Williams, Rose Corbett, Winnie Ferrari, Eileen Anne Millar, Tony Lightfoot, Mary & Esther Smith, Linda Macdonald, Pat Peteranna, Lauren Marsh

**Anniversaries:** Vincent Lowe, Cardinal Thomas Winning