

## **A prayer before the Blessed Sacrament**

*On this feast of the Most Holy Eucharist, let's be sure to take a moment to pray in the presence of Jesus our Saviour, who gives Himself to us in this wonderful sacrament. There is no better place to pray than before the Eucharistic Lord. We can pray in our own words, use Scripture texts or prayers we know, or read from a prayer book. If you are looking for a place to start, you could pray the prayer below, written by the great Franciscan Saint Bonaventure (1221-1274).*

Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with Your love  
so that I may always long for You alone,  
who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires.

May my heart always hunger and feed upon You  
so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of Your presence.  
May my soul thirst for You,  
who are the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light  
and all the riches of God our Father.

May I always seek and find You,  
think upon You, speak to You  
and do all things for honour and glory of Your holy Name.  
Be always my only hope, my peace, my refuge  
and my help in whom my heart is rooted  
so that I may never be separated from You.

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## **Today's Readings**

The readings at Mass today focus especially on the Blood of Christ and the covenant – the 'marriage relationship' between God and His people. The Blood of Jesus, shed for us on the cross, seals this union and enables us to "raise the cup of salvation" (today's psalm) which is the Lord's chalice, lifted above the altar in thanksgiving for the gift of redemption won for us by the sacrifice of Jesus.

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Office: Psalter week 2; Sundays: year B; Weekdays: year 1, week 10**

Morning Mass is livestreamed each day and will be available for viewing later in the day on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/StClaresChurch>

Date	Time	Occasion	Intention/Details
Saturday	6pm (vigil)	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b>	Mary and Eddie Sinnott RIP
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am*		Special Intention (TM)
	11:30am		George Oldcorn RIP
	6pm		People of the Parish
Monday	9:30am		Fredrick Lovatt RIP
Tuesday	9:30am		Intentions of Bridie Burke
Wednesday	9:30am		Winifred Englishby RIP
Thursday	9:30am		Henry and Kathleen Haydock RIP
Friday	9:30am	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	Kath Wilding RIP
Saturday	9:30am	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Intentions of Jean Rawlinson
	6pm (vigil)	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Thanksgiving (I.M.)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am*		Christine Troger RIP
	11:30am		People of the Parish
	6pm		John Myerscough RIP

**\* These Masses can only be attended by those who have booked in advance.**

**LATELY DEAD:** Please pray for **Patrick Cahill, Evelyn Nickson** and all who have died recently.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 11am-12noon and by appointment.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Monday-Friday 5pm-6pm, Saturday 11am-12noon, Sunday 3-4pm.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Eileen Mundy, Mary O'Gara, Philip Lee, Shaniece Hopkins, Josie Singleton, Mary McCann, Ethel Raisbeck, David Wilkinson, Winifred Murtagh, Baby Levi Barr, Kathleen McMorrow, John Jennings, Marjorie Miller, Fr Fabien Cunliffe, Kathleen Haydock, Bishop John Brewer, Gerard Ibison, Joseph Walton.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

**REVISED OPENING HOURS:** From next weekend, the church will be open for private prayer Saturday 11am-5pm (with Adoration and confessions 11am-12noon) and Sundays 1pm-5pm (no Adoration). Weekdays 5-6pm as usual.

**SCHOOL BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION:** will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm. As with the May Procession, this service will be streamed for parishioners.

**COVID CRISIS IN INDIA:** Thank you for your generous donations to this cause. We have sent £770 to CAFOD to help with immediate emergency aid and a further £840.79 to Aid to the Church in Need (made up of a substantial donation, £120.79 in this collection and a further £420 we already had to send to ACN). The ACN money will offer ongoing aid to communities in India struggling in the pandemic.

**COVID NHS-APP IN CHURCH:** In the church entrance there are QR codes which you can scan using the NHS Covid-19 app, if you have a suitable mobile device. Scanning this removes the need for the stewards to record your details. If you cannot (or choose not to) scan the stewards will record your attendance as usual.

**COMING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER?** If you are coming to pray privately in church, please pick up a "This space has been used" sheet at the entrance and leave it in your place when we leave. This enables us to clean spaces in between visitors.

**ATTENDING MASSES:** It is no longer necessary to book for the Saturday or Sunday evening Masses or for 11:30am on Sundays. Booking remains necessary for the 9:30am Mass on Sunday morning – please contact us if you would like to attend this. All other services can now be attended without the need to book.

**DEANERY CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** This Sunday at St Walburge's church. It's not possible to attend in person, but the service will be streamed live on [St Walburge's YouTube channel](#) at 2pm.

**SCOUTS AND CUBS:** Our St Clare's groups are now meeting again, with limited numbers. We welcome them back and look forward to the return of Beavers soon.

**PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN:** Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to support the motion. It only takes 30 seconds! Please click the link to take part: [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion)

**CTFB EVENING STROLL:** Wednesday 9th June, meet at The Sherwood 7pm for a 7:15pm set-off into Masonwood. More details: Margaret Thompson 719317.

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## **“Unlocking” the Parish: our plan**

The plan below gives some sense of how the parish may move towards normality in the coming months. The plan is subject to national restrictions and guidance we receive from the government and from our bishops.

### **At Step 4 of the government’s national roadmap (planned for 21<sup>st</sup> June):**

- Car park restrictions will come back into force, freeing up space for the parish and for church/school events.
- Restrictions regarding face coverings, singing at Mass, social distancing etc. will be reviewed in line with latest guidance from the government and from the Bishops’ Conference.

### **Before the autumn (dates to be confirmed):**

- Weekday Masses will revert to the old Mass times. The 11:30am Mass on Sundays will continue until social distancing is no longer required.
- An outdoor parish social event is planned.
- First Holy Communion for the 2019-2020 group will take place.
- Booking requirement for all events will be lifted, if social distancing rules are relaxed by the government and we are confident that it’s safe.
- Visits to housebound parishioners and care homes may be possible.
- The church will reopen all day for private prayer, if rules permit.
- CTS booklets and leaflets will be available again in the narthex.

### **From September**

- Children’s liturgy and all our youth groups should resume.
- A normal year of sacramental preparation is planned, including for children whose confessions, first Communion and Confirmation have been delayed.
- A full programme of parish social life will take place, if permitted.
- Other parish groups should be able to resume.
- We hope to be able to hold some events to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish and school, in November 2021.
- We hope that the parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land planned for late October may be able to go ahead, if the pandemic and the security situation allow. Work is ongoing to assess this.

We plan to continue to livestream Mass each day, for the benefit of those who are housebound; everyone who can is strongly encouraged to attend Mass and rebuild our community. We will also continue with some other online output to assist with catechesis, evangelisation and outreach work in the parish.