



# ST. BERNADETTE'S RC CHURCH TULLIBODY



## Newsletter

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### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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|-------|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat   | 6 June  | 9.30am<br>5.30pm           | Mass<br>Vigil Mass                                                              |
| Sun   | 7 June  | 8.30am<br>11.30am          | Mass<br>Mass                                                                    |
| Mon   | 8 June  | 9.30am                     | Mass                                                                            |
| Tues  | 9 June  | ~ ~ ~ ~<br>12pm            | No Services<br>Missio Diocesan Directors meeting, Airdrie                       |
| Wed   | 10 June | 9.30am<br>11am             | Mass<br>Edinburgh                                                               |
| Thurs | 11 June | 9.30am                     | Mass                                                                            |
| Fri   | 12 June | 7pm                        | Mass                                                                            |
| Sat   | 13 June | 9.30am<br>9.30am<br>5.30pm | Morning Office & Holy Communion<br>Dunked Mission meeting, Dundee<br>Vigil Mass |
| Sun   | 14 June | 8.30am<br>11.30am          | Mass<br>Mass                                                                    |

| This Sunday's Readings |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>First Reading</b>   | Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16 |
| <b>Psalm</b>           | 147: 12-15, 19-20         |
| <b>Second Reading</b>  | 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17   |
| <b>Gospel</b>          | John 6: 51-58             |

| Last Sunday's Collection |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| <b>Non Gift Aid</b>      | £493.48 |
| <b>Gift Aid</b>          | £356.00 |
| <b>Building Fund</b>     | £45.00  |
| <b>Total</b>             | £894.48 |

## Prayer Requests

### Those who are sick ~

Joan Jones, Msgr. Basil O'Sullivan, Natalie Otalini, Jade Dicerbo, Stuart Mason, Sean McCann, Carly Mournian, Brendan Murphy, Vincent McDaid, Peter Douglas, Mary Gordon, Mary Hughes, Peter & Margaret Stark, Sarah Jane Connelly, Duncan McGregor, Maria McIntyre, John & Trisha Smith, Drs. Diane & Mike Basquill, Maurice Di Duca, Cathy McCallum, Archie Gallaway, Cathy Fox, Jim McKay, Peter Caproni, Laura Laing, Susan Duvall, Brian Robertson, Melissa Brown, Margo Tobin, John Lawlor and Lisa Mcilwrath, Fr. Hutchinson, Margaret Smith, Kath Massanopoli, Bobby Williamson, Corbin Hollywood

### Those whose anniversaries occur at this time ~

Jack Ray, Lawrence McArthur, William Conlan, Mel Latte, Alex Byrne, Fr. Colin Golden, Mary Galloway, Tom McMnemy, Annette Morgan, Pat Ward, Margaret Giannandrea, Canon Hugh McNally, Kate McNeil, Cathy Morrison, Lula O'Brien, David Tobin, Anne McNiven, Kathleen Clarke, Seamus McShane, Annette Morgan, Canon Michael Milton, Cathy Whalen, Maeve Bain, Helen Martin

## AFTER MASS - "Stay a While After Mass!"

Join Us for Tea, Coffee & Conversation. Everyone is warmly invited to the Parish Hall after 11.330 am Mass



Fresh Tea & Coffee



Light Refreshments



Friendly Conversation



A Chance to Meet and Connect

Whether you're a long-time parishioner or visiting for the first time, we'd love to see you there!

Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." – Matthew 18:20  
All are welcome!

# FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Each year, 60 days after Easter Sunday, Catholics in every corner of the world gather to celebrate one of the most visually striking and spiritually profound feasts in the Church's calendar: **Corpus Christi**, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ.

From solemn processions through medieval streets to vibrant cultural parades in the tropics, **the global diversity of Corpus Christi celebrations** is a testament to how faith can transcend borders, languages, and traditions – while remaining deeply rooted in a shared belief: **Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.**

## **Spain:** A Spectacle of Reverence and Beauty

Few countries celebrate Corpus Christi with as much grandeur as **Spain**, where it has been observed since the 13th century.

- Winding streets adorned with tapestries, flowers, and aromatic herbs
- Participants in medieval dress, choirs, and civic officials
- Crowds of locals and pilgrims gathering for days

It's not only a religious act – it's a cultural and artistic event that transforms the city.

## **Poland:** Deep Devotion, Village to City

In **Poland**, Corpus Christi (*Boże Ciało*) is a major public holiday and one of the most significant religious events of the year.

- Processions take place in **every parish**, no matter how small
- Four **temporary altars** are set up along the route, symbolizing the four Gospels
- Children scatter flower petals before the Blessed Sacrament
- Hymns are sung, and the faithful dress in traditional folk clothing

## **Brazil:** Street Carpets of Faith

In **Brazil**, Corpus Christi is known for its **"tapetes de Corpus Christi"** – intricate carpets made of colored sawdust, sand, and flowers that cover the streets in preparation for the procession.

- Designs feature Eucharistic symbols, crosses, chalices, and local artistic styles
  - The procession walks directly over these fragile artworks, symbolizing Christ's path through the world
  - Cities like Ouro Preto, São João del-Rei, and Brasília host massive public events
- It's a blend of indigenous creativity, Catholic spirituality, and communal pride

## **Philippines:** Faith with Fiesta Spirit

In the **Philippines**, Corpus Christi is celebrated with a blend of **Catholic reverence** and **festive culture**:

- Towns organize **"Sagala ng Santisimo,"** a Eucharistic parade accompanied by flower-adorned floats and traditional songs
  - Young girls dressed as angels lead the way, with older faithful carrying candles and rosaries
  - Some regions feature performances, native dances, and local delicacies afterward
- It's a joyous occasion that reflects the **vibrant Marian and Eucharistic devotion** of Filipino Catholicism.

### **Italy:** Echoes of Ancient Tradition

As the birthplace of the feast, **Italy** celebrates Corpus Christi with centuries-old practices.

Home to the miracle that inspired the feast (the **Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena**), Orvieto hosts:

- The **Corpus Christi Procession of the Miracle**, with relics of the blood-stained corporal
  - Clergy in full regalia, banners, incense, and thousands of pilgrims
  - Streets decorated with rose petals and symbolic embroidery
- Throughout Italy, similar processions wind through stone-paved villages and urban avenues alike

### **Mexico:** Cultural Fusion of Faith

In **Mexico**, Corpus Christi merges Catholic and indigenous customs:

- Rural areas may bless animals during the feast, reflecting ancient agricultural traditions
- Children are often dressed as "Inditos" (little indigenous ones) or "Charros" (cowboys) in honor of cultural identity
- Local dances and music accompany religious ceremonies, turning the day into a colorful celebration of both faith and heritage

The blending of old and new, indigenous and European, creates a **truly unique expression of Catholicism**.

## **Association of the Family of Mary Immaculate and St Francis**

Known as the Marian Franciscans, have asked Bishop Philip Egan, Bishop of Portsmouth, where they are constituted, to formally dissolve the Association.

Bishop Egan has agreed to this request after serious and careful consideration, and the appropriate canonical and practical steps are now being taken. The dissolution will take effect from 23:59hrs on 31 May 2026.

The final Mass at Lawside will be on Sunday 14th June. Fr Martin Pletts, parish priest at St James, Kinross will commence

his appointment as chaplain to the Latin Mass Community from Sunday 21st June. Mass in the Extraordinary Form will continue to be celebrated at St Joseph's Chapel, Lawside, Dundee.

This dissolution only applies to the men and the convent will continue to be occupied by the women of the Franciscan Family of the Immaculate Heart and of St Maximilian until further notice