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Body and Blood of the Lord ("Corpus Christi") (A) 14 June 2020

Readings

1st Reading. Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

2nd Reading. 1st letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel John 6:51-58

Sunday and Daily Mass Readings available at <https://www.scotscatholic.org/Mass-Readings.html>

REOPENING OF CHURCHES.

Hopefully the churches will be allowed to open in a few weeks

First, for private prayer then later for Services.

Our appeal is for help, preparing the church for the opening of the church for private prayer. Cleaning the church each day and after each service, when they resume. Please younger people to help our regulars who do a wonderful job. Though they are getting less, and it is hard for them to do every day.

For the everyday cleaning, before and after private prayer. It would be very much appreciated if you could put your name down for whichever day you are able to commit for. As we know many people will be going back to work hopefully, full or part time, or continue working from home.

We will need help to prepare the church to open as it will involve high areas.

Stewarding, to help maintain Social Distancing when events take place in the church.

Could you please email your details via the Parish email address or if you have no access to the Internet phone the Parish house with your details and to say when you are available?

If you know of someone who wants to help in any capacity, young and not so young. Get in touch with them, pass the word around. If it is someone close, they might want to give you their details for you to email. Your details will be kept safe.

Also if cannot commit to certain events, though would like to help and be contacted as in, when services start, please let us know.

Details,

Name Landline, Mobile.

Email, which we know will be on the email you send. All Details will be kept securely.

Preparation for opening, whenever that will be.

Daily Cleaning. Which Day/Days.

Cleaning before Services.

Cleaning after Services.

Stewarding. For Services.

As well as the above If would like to be contacted for any of the above, please let us know.

Your email will be acknowledged. You will be contacted when we will know Dates.

We don't know yet when we will have the **Big clean** especially. *It would be good to be prepared.*

Thank you very much in advance.

Please see bottom of Bulletin for the Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of Scotland. (5 June 2020)

If anyone would like to speak to a Priest, please phone or email the Parish with your name and phone number and one of the Priests will call you back. Or if you know of someone who would like to speak to a priest please let them know they can phone. They are not alone.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN THE PARISH.
Also, Family & Friends of those suffering during this time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

THOSE WHOSE MONTHS' MIND IS ABOUT NOW

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY IS ABOUT NOW

Body and Blood of the Lord ("Corpus Christi") -- 14th June 2020

"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life." There is no greater gift of God than the Eucharist. Are you being called to bring God's people the nourishment of the Eucharist as a priest? Is it the source of your own life? Call your Diocesan Vocations Director, email Priests for Scotland at office@pfs.org.uk, or see our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page.

"RCAG Youth are offering you, the young people of Glasgow, a variety of online opportunities to grow in your faith and in fellowship with others during this time. These include Morning Prayer LIVE!, Lectio Divina Online and weekly audiences with guest speakers, amidst other things. To find out more or to get in touch, please check out: www.facebook.com/RCAGYouth and @RCAGYouth on Instagram"

Feast Days.

Friday Sacred Heart Of Jesus
Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary

Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint Joseph's Care Home in Robroyston, Glasgow, we are all well thanks be to God and thanks to the generosity of so many people who have been incredibly generous in helping us in various ways to continue to care for our residents.

We have also started a Justgiving Page to continue raising much needed funds mainly due to the fact that we cannot go out on our collecting rounds. This is a huge loss for us. The response so far has been wonderful, but we need to keep up the momentum. If you can't donate financially it would be nice if you can remember us all in your prayers.

The justgiving page can be found at <https://justgiving.com/campaign/LSPGlasgow>

The National Safeguarding Conference planned for October has been cancelled.

Hopefully one can be planned for 2021, but already some of us are having conversations about making use of Webinars after the success of the International Safeguarding Webinar yesterday. More than 560 registered (from 70 countries), and 300+ were online. For some parts of the word where delegates had registered it was the middle of the night. which is why they did not join online. If you registered of course then you will have access to the recording.

"Thank you" to all of you who continue to contribute to parish finances. I do realise that finance may be a problem for some at this time. If that is the case, please don't worry about us. Some people have contacted me about the possibility of donating through their online banking apps. If you would like to do this, please email the parish asking for our bank details and we will get back to you. Email:holycross.crosshill@rcag.org.uk

Be assured that Fr Johnson, Fr Strachan and I will remember you in our Masses and our prayers.

May our good God keep us all safe until we meet again in our beautiful church.

Please if you know anyone who is either unable to go online or has no Internet access. If you are out on your daily walk, and able to and not putting yourself at risk, post a copy of the bulletin through their door or even give them a phone to let them know latest information they might be interested in. *Thank you.*

Let us pray for one another and for our World.

Our Lady Health of the Sick Pray for us.

Mgr Bradley, Fr Johnson and Fr Strachan.

Handle them carefully for words have more power than atom bombs. (Catholic Diary 2020).

Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of Scotland (5 June 2020)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Peace be with you!

For several weeks now, we have all been living through something we did not expect and for which we had no time to prepare ourselves, no real precedents to guide us, no previous experience to reassure us. A microscopic virus has thrown the whole world into disarray, including our normal Catholic life. In these circumstances we, the Bishops of Scotland, want to address you as we are reminded that Jesus alone is our great Hope.

First of all, we want to express our closeness to those of you who have lost friends or family to Covid-19 and have not been able to grieve for them in our accustomed ways. We think, too, of those who have been unwell or have felt the pain of isolation in recent weeks, of their loved ones who have not been able to tend to them because of restrictions and also those whose treatment for other conditions has been delayed.

We are mindful especially of those of you who are alone, or in care homes, or in hospitals. We hope you have found comfort and consolation. Though public worship has been suspended, the sacrifice of the Mass has still been offered, and Jesus our High Priest “is always living to make intercession” for us (Heb 7:25). God does not abandon his people. So, even in the midst of all this, we can thank the Lord and you for so many good things.

We think of the clergy and religious who have been so assiduous and innovative in keeping care of parishioners, and of the warm response there has been: the participation in online liturgies, the engagement with prayer, the support offered to the elderly and housebound, and much more. We have come together as a Church, priests and people. We have journeyed together and supported each other. We hope that it has been possible to intensify family prayer and to become sensitive to the many ways the Lord is present to us.

We want to thank all who, at a time of financial anxiety, have continued to be mindful of the needs of the Church.

We thank those of you who are key-workers and have faced the risks to keep essential services going. There has been so much consideration of others, so much unobtrusive Christian charity, so many new initiatives. All this is surely a “capital growth” that will enrich our future.

The Bishops co-operated with the Government’s requirement issued in late March to close public places of worship, along with other public spaces and gatherings. We did so with heavy hearts, but aware that this was a human and Christian duty in these exceptional circumstances. In accordance with the 5th Commandment, we have a fundamental obligation to protect our own and others’ health and life.

The Church’s compliance with civil law, as we know, did not show a lack of faith or any failure to recognise the centrality of the liturgy and sacraments to our Catholic life and spirituality.

Happily, as the virus abates and restrictions are eased, we can begin to move firmly and sensibly towards the reopening of churches and the resumption of public worship. We look forward eagerly to the day when it will be possible to gather again, without fear, around the altar and celebrate the Holy Eucharist together.

As Bishops, we have established two Working Groups. The Covid-19 Working Group, under the chairmanship of Sir Harry Burns, is focussing on what will be required to make our churches and liturgies safe spaces for private prayer and a phased return to our common liturgical life. The Pastoral Ministry Working Group, chaired by Bishop Brian McGee, is offering guidance on parish pastoral ministry until the pandemic abates.

The initial results of their work are being published at the same time as this Letter. Our aim is to act in harmony with the guidance of the Government and the health authorities, with whom we are in conversation, and to return to our normal liturgical and devotional practice in a safe and phased way.

It is important that we act together as the Catholic Church in Scotland, in step with one another, and clear about what is legitimate and prudent at each stage of the process.

Until further notice, the requirement to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation remains suspended.

There are many imponderables in what we are going through. Perhaps it will prove a historical watershed. There is a sense that the world cannot and will not be the same after this pandemic. This time of lockdown has allowed us to appreciate more human things, like time with family, space to reflect, the opportunity to care for our neighbours and we do not want to lose them in some return to 'normality'.

Certainly, any time of trial can prepare the ground for good things, for new beginnings and a renewal of essential values. May this be true for the Church of Christ also!

We recently celebrated Pentecost and we know that the Spirit is always renewing. We encourage you to remain united in faith, hope and love and to keep responding to our current circumstances with confidence and creativity, assured by the promise of the risen Christ, "I am with you always to the end of the world" (Mt 28:20).

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+ Hugh Gilbert Bishop of Aberdeen, President of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland

+ Leo Cushley Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh

+ Philip Tartaglia Archbishop of Glasgow

+ Joseph Toal Bishop of Motherwell

+ Stephen Robson Bishop of Dunkeld

+ John Keenan Bishop of Paisley

+ William Nolan Bishop of Galloway

+ Brian McGee Bishop of Argyll and the Isles

Initial guidelines on reopening of churches can be viewed at the following link : <https://www.bcos.org.uk/COVID19/tabid/127/Default.aspx>