



St. David's Parish  
Monastery Road, Pantasaph,  
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**JUNE 2, 2024**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Mass Timings**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4.00 Pm

Sunday Mass 10.00am

Weekdays 9.00 am In Denbigh House

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus- June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024,

Mass at 9.00 am in Denbigh House

**READINGS**

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

In the First Reading We have the account of the ratification of the Sinaitic Covenant Yahweh established with the Chosen People of Israel. Every covenant in ancient world used to be ratified with a sacrifice. At Sinai during the sacrifice half of the blood of the sacrificed animal was sprinkled on the alter and half on the people. It has two meanings 1) A blood relationship is established between God and the covenant people, 2) Life of the people come from God. Blood is the symbol of life in Bible. In the New Covenant established by Jesus the blood of Jesus substituted the blood of animals.

Second Reading, Hebrews 9:11-15 compares the sacrifice offered by the High Priest in the Temple on the Day of Atonement, with the sacrifice of Jesus the Eternal High Priest. In Old Testament the High Priest used to enter the Holy of Holies with the blood of the lamb and pour on the Alter as an atonement of the sins of the people. But that effected only external cleansing. But Jesus the Eternal

High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once and for all with his own blood and effected the internal cleansing of the soul. It is the blood of the New Covenant and which we receive in every Holy Eucharist.

**Today's Gospel** tells us how Jesus replaced the Old Covenant with the New Covenant: Jesus instituted the Eucharist in deliberate allusion to, and fulfilment of, what happened on Mount Sinai. He replaced Moses as the God-chosen mediator, establishing the New Covenant promised through the prophet Jeremiah (Jer 31:31-34), by using his own Blood rather than that of sacrificial animals. By sacramentally consuming the Body and Blood of the God-Man, we, the final-age people of God, are interiorly transformed through the most perfect possible union with God. Jesus creates a faithful people intimately united with God by means of his sacramental Blood.

**The Jewish Passover is transformed into the Eucharistic celebration:** Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist while eating the Passover meal. This foundational event began the night God “passed over” the Israelites to punish their oppressors *who resisted His will. Israel was “saved through blood”*—that of sacrificial lambs — sprinkled on doorways. In the second half of today's Gospel, Jesus' words and gestures are understood as mediating the fullness of salvation *through Blood* that would be his own. That night he offered “*the Blood of the (New) Covenant,*” as Blood to be drunk rather than sprinkled. Finally, the Blood was “*to be poured out for you and for many.*” Thus, the new and perfect Paschal Lamb accomplished for people of every nation what Mosaic sacrifices only imperfectly achieved for the Jews. Giving of both “Body” and “Blood” establishes the context of Jesus' sacrificial death, a New Covenant sealed with his Blood.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper as a Sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist imparts to us Jesus' abiding presence in our souls. In addition, we share in his Divine life, which is an assurance of eternal life and the basis for the conviction that we are children of God the

Father. The Eucharist is the Sacrament of our union with Jesus. In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us his own Body, broken for us on the cross and his precious Blood poured out for us, in order that our sins may be forgiven. The Eucharistic celebration is also a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By means of signs, symbols and prayers, we share in Christ's passion, death, and Resurrection made really present for us in an unbloody manner. This re-presenting, One Sacrifice of Christ assures us of Jesus' love for us and of his forgiveness of our sins.

## **SUNDAY COLLECTIONS- MAY 26, 2024**

Loose cash	£185.00
Gift Aid	£45.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£230.00</b>
<b>Donation</b>	<b>£340.00</b>

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

**Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday.  
ON EMERGENCY ANY TIME 0741-749-4277**

### **Let us Remember the Sick in Prayer**

Philip McGreevy, Antony Parry

**The Café remains open on Saturdays and Sundays.**

The parishioners are welcome to have refreshments after the Masses on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Christopher Paul Hallett

**Let their souls rest in peace.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OFFERED BY</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
June 1, Saturday	Carmel Jones and Billy Glynn	Mary and Christopher Glynn
June 2, Sunday	Family members	Jonathan Thakrey RIP
June 3, Monday	Ramole Alphonso	For healing
June 4, Tuesday	Praveen sequeria and reinel d'mello	Wedding Anniversary Robert and Philomina
June 5, Wednesday	Gerard Rhodes	Dan Bradley
June 6, Thursday	Joan Akmira	Agatha and children
June 7, Friday	Michael and Noela	Wedding Anniversary

### **PARISH MEAL**

Parish is a Micro-Church and is a family. To enhance family relationship and solidarity a Parish Meal is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday, 2024. The programme will start at 6.00 pm with a short prayer service in the Retreat Hall followed by meal in the Retreat Centre Refectory. Invitation cards will be distributed after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays

## **NEW LECTIONARY SPONSORS**

The Liturgical Committee has prepared a new Lectionary in four volumes for the use in the Liturgy. The Pre-publication price is £695.00 (£174.00 each). If anybody would like to sponsor any one volume or the whole set it will be highly appreciated. The name of the sponsor will be written in the Lectionary.

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