



# Sacred Heart Of Jesus Newsletter

Welcome to this week's newsletter. This information is also available on the [Sacred Heart Web Page](#) Please note the web page will always be the most up to date link with parish news.

If you need to contact Fr Paul, please email [oh.sacredheart.loughboro@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:oh.sacredheart.loughboro@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or ring the parish office on **01509 219325**

**The online Booking system:** These past few weeks we have noticed a small issue when booking online. If you find the booking form is showing the Mass is full, please ring Fr Paul who will check for you. We do ask you check and book via the [Mass booking form link](#) Thank you

## Weekly Message from Fr Paul

### Message for the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Sacrifice was central to Jewish religious ritual. It has been said that the Temple in Jerusalem would have resembled a slaughterhouse, as people brought their animal sacrifices, in large numbers, to be offered by the priests.

The first sacrifice we read about in the Bible is the sacrifice of Cain and Abel in the Book of Genesis. The ancient writer offers no explanation as to why they did this. The importance of sacrifice was held to be self-evident; people knew instinctively that it was right to offer back to God something of what He had given.

Blood sacrifices were particularly powerful. The ancient people of Israel, with their very limited understanding of biology, were fascinated by blood. They thought blood was the very essence of life. Whilst the blood was in the body the creature lived. Drain the blood from the body and the creature died. So it was obvious that blood was what gave life.

In the First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, Moses sanctifies and enlivens the covenant He has made with His chosen people, by sprinkling the blood of the sacrificed animals. This emphasises the importance of what has been done. "Sacrifice" means "to make holy."

In Mark's description of the Last Supper, in our Gospel reading, Jesus compares the gift of himself in the Eucharist to this ritual of sealing the covenant by the shedding of blood. The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews, in our Second Reading, is aware of this connection but tells us how much more effective the sacrifice of Christ is than the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament. The Temple sacrifices were symbolic. Christ's sacrifice is real and effective for all time.

God Bless

Fr Paul

### Prayer Intentions for this coming week.

Date	Intentions	Reading	Stewards
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - Corpus Christi- Saturday 17:30 Vigil 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Frank Robert Eamon Marriott R.I.P	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Exodus 24:3-8 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> Hebrews. 9: 11-15 <b>Gospel:</b>	Tobias Moechel Noel O'Sullivan
Sunday 10am Mass 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	People of the Parish	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26	Maggie Clarke Richard Mitchell



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Wednesday 9:30 Mass 9 <sup>th</sup> June May 2021	For Vocations	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Cor 3:4-11 <b>Gospel:</b> Matthew 5:17-19	Mary Keating Nikki Lynn
11 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Time Saturday 17:30 Vigil 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Val Rogers R.I.P.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ezek 17:22-24 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 2 Cor 5:6-10 <b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:26-34	Noel O'Sullivan Ian Lafferty
Sunday Mass 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	People of the Parish		Liz Sturges Fiona Cooper

## Parish News

### A letter from CAFOD

Dear Father,

We are so grateful for the support CAFOD receives from your parishioners and we're keen to let people know how their money is used. Please can you include this in your parish bulletin? I attach a picture in case you're able to use one.

*Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, over the past year, we've been able to reach over 1 million people with messages on COVID-19, provide over 13k people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities AND donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures.*

*Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting communities in more than 30 other countries worldwide.*

With many thanks and best wishes,

**Maggie Mairura**

*Community Participation Coordinator – CAFOD Nottingham*

### Church Cleaning

During June we are calling for volunteers to help in cleaning our church. The summer weather has finally arrived and let us not forget our Sacred Heart Festival is in June. Our church welcomes all who returns to our weekly Mass services and a special welcome to our new parishioners too. Please join me with spring cleaning our amazing building and I promise the kettle will be on with plenty of biscuits to dip. Please join me on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June 2021 from 9.30. from 11:30. Thank you. PS. You don't need to bring anything, just yourselves.

### Tea and Coffee after Mass.

The latest relaxation of Covid restrictions means that we are allowed, once again, to gather in the parish hall for tea and coffee and a chat after Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays. We will need to follow wearing face covering and sanitising down afterwards like they will be doing in hospitality Venus

I should be grateful if our volunteers would contact Francis and produce a rota for doing the teas and coffee and let me know so we can add to the weekly newsletter.

### First Holy Communion.

Letters and applications are available on the website or speak to Fr Paul



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From the Diocese

## Vacancies within the Diocesan Curia Formation,

### **Communication and Website Administrator**

Salary: £20 - £23,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience

### **Finance Assistant (OPAS)**

Salary: £22 - £25,000 per annum dependant on qualifications and experience

For more information and an application pack email: [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk) Closing date for both roles is 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### Information shared from the Dioceses.

A quick reminder that additional information can be found via our parish website [Nottingham Diocese Interaction](#) or the direct link to [Diocese of Nottingham](#).