

Reflection and Prayers for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



We pray that a greater appreciation of the Eucharist will emerge from the ban on public worship and its gradual resumption.

During these times we believe that complementary ways of praying, inspired, for example, by the word of God, the psalms or the contemplation of creation, that is all to the good.

May we realise the unique value of breaking the bread of word and sacrament together on the Lord's Day, is to be treasured too.

With deep longing for the bread and cup of life we turn to God from whom all good gifts come, and pray for all our needs.

We pray for the human family, that world-wide turmoil fed by rivalries between nations will be defused by a new and heartfelt desire for peace. (Pray in silence)

We pray for all still fasting from Sunday Eucharist, that their appreciation both of this mystery and other forms of prayer will grow more and more. (Pray in silence)

We pray for the untold millions of refugees around the world, that the conjunction of Refugee Week and the coronavirus pandemic will awaken us to our shared humanity. (Pray in silence)

We pray for indigenous peoples and minority groups subject to entrenched racial discrimination, that their cry for justice, recognition and respect will be heard. (Pray in silence)

We pray for all who have lost their livelihood from the downturn in these troubled times. (Pray in silence)

We pray for the work of local conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society, that Friday's feast of the Sacred Heart will prompt parishioners to add to their generous support. (Pray in silence)

We pray for the recently deceased, . . . , and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will be made welcome at the banquet of eternal life. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us. (Pray in silence)

God our Father, as you fed your people with manna on their desert journey, hear our prayers for new life in him, this day and every day, both now and for ever. Amen.