**Corpus Christi**

**June 2024**

**We are the Body of Christ**

***Gathering Rite***

**Reader:** Today we gather on this the feast of Corpus Christi, to celebrate the most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the real presence of Christ in the blessed Eucharist.

Today, we welcome especially the children who have received their First Holy Communion in our Parish. We remember and give thanks to all of those who have nurtured our faith - our family, friends, teachers and our parish community.

Each one of us is a child of God. Though we are all unique, though we are many, we are united through our faith in Jesus. Together we are the one body of Christ, and we are all connected to each other to make up this body. On this feast of Corpus Christi, let the strength of Christ renew us to become God’s compassion in our parish and in our world.

***Liturgy of the Word***

*Readings of Sunday liturgy are proclaimed by Ministers of the Word*

***Prayers of the Faithful***

**Priest:** As God’s family and as the body of Christ, we bring our prayers to our loving Creator.

**Reader:** We pray for our Church and faith leaders, especially Pope Francis and Bishop Ray and all of the clergy in their ministry and care of all people. Lord, hear us.

**All:Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Reader:** We pray for Christians all around the world, that all may be witnesses and bearers of the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, hear us.

**Reader:** We pray for the children in our parish who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. May their faith continue to be at home, school and in their parish community. Lord, hear us.

**Reader:** We pray especially for all those who are preparing for state exams, that they may know and trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Lord, hear us.

**Reader:** Lord we think of our loved ones who have died. We remember especially… Lord hear us.

**Priest:** God of love and care, hear the prayers we make today in the name of your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

**All:Amen.**

***Liturgy of the Eucharist***

***Communion Reflection***

**Reader:** Jesus called his followers

to be a family who listened to him, noticed what he said and did

and then live that way in memory of him.

So, each of us, in all we are and do, express our place in Jesus' family.

Look around you - at home, in your neighbourhood, at church.

As we love our children and parents,

as we give to our local community,

as we live with honesty and compassion,

as we think of others,

as we call out injustice,

as we support those who are vulnerable,

as we make sure no one is stuck,

we are being the family of Jesus, guided by the Spirit.

We are family, so we look out for each other.

We are God’s family, so we look out for everyone.

**Closing Song:** Circle of Friends (Grow in Love pg. 44).