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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026



"WHOEVER FEEDS ON THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER"

JOHN 6

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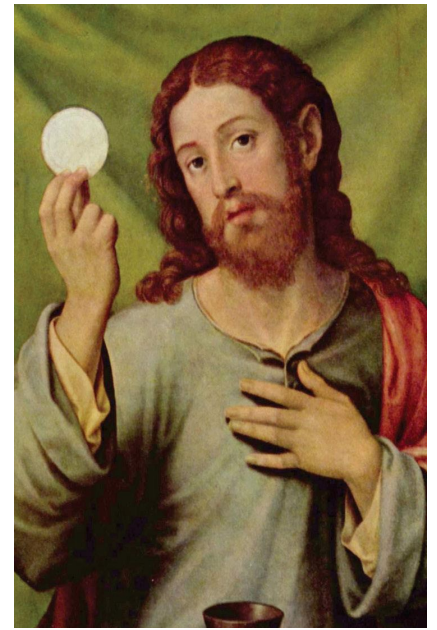
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SM SUNDAY MESSAGE

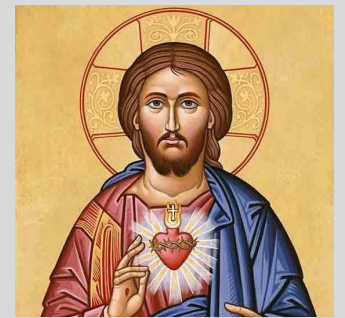
Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' Wednesday 3rd June 2026 Weekly Prayer Custom The Parish Edition Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 7th June 2026 The Body and Blood of Christ — John 6:51-58 As you pray for your loved ones, please remember to pray for the Church and for the families connected to our schools. St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Remember This Wednesday's word for our families is NOURISH (To see the Family Version, please visit: wednesdayword.org) Respond & Request Thank God for any insight you may have received, and respond by asking the Holy Spirit to bless you with a spiritual gift or help you to grow in a particular fruit of the Spirit. You might pray for wisdom, courage, faithfulness, self-control, patience, generosity, joy, kindness, love, peace, faith, chastity - or another grace - to help you live out your faith this week.



Did any words or phrases stand out to you in the Gospel?
If so, take a few moments to meditate on them

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS | 12TH JUNE

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful celebration of Christ's boundless love for humanity. The Sacred Heart, pierced on the Cross and burning with divine love, reminds us of Jesus' compassion, mercy, and desire for a personal relationship with each of us. This feast invites the faithful to contemplate the depth of God's love revealed in the Heart of His Son. It is a call to trust in His mercy, to seek reconciliation, and to respond to His love through prayer, charity, and service to others. Devotion to the Sacred Heart encourages us to place our hearts in union with Christ's Heart, allowing His love to transform our lives and guide our actions. As we celebrate this feast, may we draw closer to Jesus, find comfort in His unfailing love, and renew our commitment to living as His disciples in the world.



ST ANTONY OF PADUA | 13TH JUNE

Saint Antony was first of all an Augustinian monk, but he was so impressed by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been spreading the faith in Morocco that he became a Franciscan friar himself, so that he could preach the gospel in Africa too. Illness obliged him to leave Morocco, and a storm then drove his ship to Sicily, so that he found himself taking part in the General Chapter of the Franciscans in 1221, where he met Saint Francis of Assisi himself. His preaching career then took him to northern Italy and southern France, then a stronghold of the Albigensian heresy. Later he returned to Italy, to Padua, where he was an outstanding preacher and the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness, but he reproved the wicked with fearless severity – especially backsliding clergy and the oppressors of the weak.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please ensure all items for the bulletin are with the parish office by 5pm on a Wednesday. Please email bulletin@seaham-catholics.org.uk



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE



For the value of Sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Leone PP. XIV

SANCTUARY CANDLE



THE CANDLE THAT BURNS AT THE SANCTUARY IS FOR

The Conlon Family
at St. Mary Magdalen's

John Hudson
at St. Cuthbert's

Bobbie, Cathie & Rebecca Smith
at St. Joseph's

BONUS BALL WINNER

at St Joseph's

30th May
Kevin Dixon

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at St Mary Magdalen's

31st May
Number: 111 - Prize: £50
Monthly: 290 - Prize: £100

✠ THE NEWS FOR THE PEWS ✠

THE AVE MARIA CLUB

The Ave Maria Club takes place every Monday 1-3pm in St. Mary Magdalen's Parish Hall. Join us for a chat, a cuppa or more. We offer home-made food, hot and cold drinks, bingo, tombola, a free raffle and regular entertainment. All monies raised by the AVM Club supports our three parishes as well as local groups EG. Food banks, George Elmy Lifeboat Fund, Lourdes fund and local youth projects that need support to continue. Please note the club will be **CLOSED** on Mondays 15th and 22nd June to all our volunteers a break and will return on the 29th June, when we welcome the children's music group from St Mary Magdalen's school to entertain us.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Bette Foley who has died, her Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's on Friday 19th June at 10:00am. **REQUIESCANT IN PACE.**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

At all Masses this weekend our Extraordinary Ministers will renew their promises for a further year, could I ask them to approach the Homily and before the prayer of the faithful. As the role of Lay leaders becomes more essential in Parish life this is a clear example of how your involvement is bearing fruit in the life of the Parish. It proves how capable you are in helping to run your Parish.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

During my recent visit home to Nigeria I was able to distribute the remaining monies donated from our three parishes Christmas collection. St Damian's hospital Okporo and Holy Cross Nursery/Primary School Obodoukwu. A donation was also made locally to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Letters of appreciation and receipts have been received and attached to our accounts files. St M. Sopuruchi Onyebuchi Holy Cross Nursery School thanked us and told us that the donation was able to pay school fees for fourteen children whose parents could not afford the fees and writing materials and would have stayed at home for the rest of the academic year. Rev Fr Kevin Onwukwe Hospital Administrator thanked us with great joy and gratitude. The donation will be used to give and provide medical assistance to the poor and indigent patients. We are grateful to God for using you as a channel through which help gets to us.

CORPUS CHRISTI AT USHAW

Ushaw will mark Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Sunday 7th June from 3pm. Parishioners are encouraged to join if they can.

BENEDICTION AT THE END OF MASS

1st Hymn:

O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heav'n to man below,
Our foes press on from ev'ry side:
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three;
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of yourself in the Blessed Sacrament. We thank you for our lives, our parishes and families. We present ourselves, our parishes and families before you. We pray for increase of faith, peace, love and unity. May your light shine in our lives and lead us to you always. At the end of our lives, may we see you face to face in your kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2nd Hymn:

Tantum ergo Sacramentum Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum Documentum Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectui.

Genitori genitoque Laus et jubilatio;
Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio;
Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

P. You have given your people bread from Heaven. (Alleluia)

C. Having all Sweetness in it. (Alleluia)

P. Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament, has left us a memorial of your passion; help us to reverence the Sacrament Mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that we may always experience in our lives the fruits of your redemption: who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

Our Lord Blesses us from the Blessed Sacrament

DIVINE PRAISES

Blessed be God
Blessed be His Holy Name
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.
Blessed be Her Holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be Her Glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, Her spouse most chaste.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

✠ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES ✠

A = Anniversary | **(LD)** = Lately Deceased | **(DFM)** = Deceased Family Members

	St Mary Magdalen's SEAHAM HARBOUR	St Cuthbert's NEW SEAHAM	St. Joseph's MURTON
Saturday 6th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 10:30am MASS Private Intention <i>Confessions after Mass</i>	4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i> 4:30pm VIGIL MASS Gwynneth Timlin	
CORPUS CHRISTI			
Sunday 7th June	9:30am MASS John Carrigan <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Michael Finan <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>
CORPUS CHRISTI			
Monday 8th June <i>St William of York</i>		8:45am <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> 9:30am <i>Service of the Word & Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday 9th June <i>St Ephraem, Deacon, Doctor St Columba, Abbot</i>	9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Margaret Grogan		
Wed 10th June <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>		9:30am MASS John Hudson	10:00am MASS In Thanksgiving
Thurs 11th June <i>St Barnabas, Apostle</i>	9:40am <i>Holy Rosary</i> 10:00am MASS Tim Dannatt (<i>for healing</i>)		
Friday 12th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>			REQUIEM MASS 10:00am Michael Finan
Saturday 13th June <i>St Antony of Padua</i>	10:00am <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> 10:30am MASS Gladys Oliver <i>Confessions after Mass</i>	4:00 - 4:20pm <i>Confessions</i> 4:30pm VIGIL MASS Pat and John Dunn	
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sunday 14th June	9:30am MASS David Liddle <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>		10:30am Confessions 11:00am MASS Andrew Welsh <i>Coffee in the Hall after Mass</i>
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			

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