



Summer 2023 – Week 8

Morning Prayers



Dates of Interest this week – 12th to 16th June

- 11th June – Feast of Corpus Christi
- 1st to 30th June – Pride Month ([info](#))
- 14th June – World Blood Donor Day ([info](#))
- 15th June – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day ([info](#))
- 17th June – World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought ([info](#))
- 18th June – International Day for Countering Hate Speech ([info](#))
- 13th June – St Anthony of Padua
- 16th June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 17th June – The Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 18th June – 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
- 18th June – Day of Prayer for Life ([info](#))
- 18th June – Father's Day

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Each morning an act of worship should be made. This can be led by yourself or a pupil and can be made up of prayers from this booklet,

www.richardchalloner.com/chaplaincy, or both.

[Guidance on best practice for Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

[A selection of Catholic Prayers to use in Morning Prayer can be found here.](#)

Prayers for Morning Worship – 12th to 16th June

Theme for the week – Feast of Corpus Christi

For the feast of Corpus Christi, we recall that Jesus' command was to 'take and eat and drink; do this in memory of me'.

It is because of that command that people have found no better thing to do than to celebrate the Eucharist, the Mass

- for someone who has died;
- for the success of an operation;
- on a couples' wedding day;
- for a sick person about to die.

Down the ages, people have found no better thing to do than celebrate the Eucharist

- before they were being led to the lions in the arenas of the Roman Empire;
- in hiding during Reformation times as they faced imprisonment or death;
- on the beaches of Dunkirk in 1940 as men were bombed and shot around them;
- in secrecy in the death camps of Hitler and Stalin.

And we could find today in a congregation at Mass

- people who are giving thanks for a successful outcome to something that they were worried about;
- individuals in pain and anger at the suffering others have brought to them;
- people who have questions and search for meaning in their lives;
- individuals who trust even though life is difficult for them;
- people who are asking forgiveness, or who feel the need around them of others who are searching.

All these have been carrying out Jesus' command to 'take and eat and drink in memory of me'.

(Nicholas Hutchinson)

Merciful Father, through the mystery of your body and blood grant to your Church peace and unity according to your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

(James Tolhurst)

Heavenly Father, as we have received your son in Holy Communion, may we live with him as he lives in us. Through the same Christ our Lord, Amen

(James Tolhurst)

"Jesus said to the crowd, 'Truly, truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day'".

(Adapted from John 6: 53 – 55)

After landing on the moon on 20th July 1969, it was a few hours before Neil Armstrong stepped onto the moon, followed by Buzz Aldrin. Aldrin later wrote about something that he did during those few hours:

"There are many thousands of things that God and man have made here on earth, and before I blasted off, I got thinking and wondering what I would choose to take to the moon. So I said: What's your greatest treasure on earth? And I thought: It's Christ's gift of himself. So, shortly after touch down, I opened two plastic packages; one containing bread and the other containing wine. I poured the wine into the chalice which our home church had given me and I read about St John telling us that Jesus had said, 'I am the vine, you are the branches.'

In the one-sixth gravity of the moon the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were what Christ chose when he gave himself to be our close friend."

(Buzz Aldrin)



Bishop Richard Challoner

During his lifetime and after his death, he was considered not only as a model of every virtue but as a saint. We are asked to pray that our Blessed Lord, through the Pope, may reward him further, by raising him to the altars of the Church as a Saint.

Prayer for the Beatification of Bishop Richard Challoner

O God who made your servant Richard,
a true and faithful pastor of your little flock in England,
raise him, we beseech you, to the altars of thy Church,
that we, who have been taught by his word and example
may invoke his name in heaven,
for the return of our country to belief in the Gospel,
and to the unity of all Christians in the one Church of Jesus Christ.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Richard Challoner

Pray for us

