

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



The Roots of the Feast

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Happy Feast Day!

Pope Urban IV established this Solemnity in 1264. He had earlier asked St. Thomas Aquinas to compose prayers and an Office in honour of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

In 1263 a Eucharistic Miracle had occurred at the shrine of Saint Christina in Bolsena, north of Rome. A good, pious priest, Peter of Prague, was celebrating Mass at the shrine. For some time he had

been finding it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. He had barely spoken the words of consecration when the host began to bleed. At first he was confused and panicked, then he asked to be taken to the nearby city of Orvieto, where the Pope was residing. The pope listened to his account and absolved him for his doubts. The pope then had the linen cloth (corporal) stained with the blood from the Host brought to Orvieto.

The corporal was placed in the Cathedral where it may still be venerated.

One year on, Pope Urban IV established today's feast.

Soul of Christ,
be my sanctification;
Body of Christ,
be my salvation;
Blood of Christ,
fill all my veins;
Water of Christ's side,
wash out my stains;
Passion of Christ,
my comfort be;
O good Jesus,
listen to me;
In Thy wounds
I fain would hide;
Ne'er to be parted
from Thy side;
Guard me, should the
foe assail me;
Call me when my life
shall fail me;
Bid me come to
Thee above,
With Thy saints
to sing Thy love,
World without end.
Amen.

Thank You!



Thank you, once more, for all the donations that you have made to the parish over the past months. They are most welcome and very gratefully received.

Happily we are looking forward to the prospect of being able to open the Church for private prayer in the near future. As well as needing volunteers, it also means ensuring that we have all the right supplies to clean and disinfect the Church every time it is used. That will increase substantially our expenditure in that area. It is a good cost to have because it means that we will be able to see each other once more and that you will be able to spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you want to know more about giving at this time then please see our website

Preparing to Open



We are continuing our preparations to open, when the Scottish Government considers that it is safe.

We will have to be cautious as we open and test that our processes work. We want you to be here but we also want to make sure that you are safe when you are.

So once the Government has indicated that Churches may open for Private Prayer we will make that possible step by step.

Firstly, we will invite our volunteers to the Church, in groups, for a moment of prayer and then for some training.

Soon after we will be ready to invite everyone who wishes to come to the Church for a time of prayer. Although we would ask those might be at greater risk from Covid-19 to consider seriously whether this is the right time to be in a public area for a prolonged period of time.

Initially the Church will be open on some days for a period of two hours. More details will be given on our website and social media when we have been given the go-ahead to open.

We so look forward to welcoming you back home to St. Charles'!

To help us prepare to open we would love to have a few more volunteers. Thanks to all who have already applied.

We need

- Volunteers to greet and guide parishioners/visitors in coming in and out of the building
- Volunteers to clean and sanitise the Church so that we can maintain a safe environment for all

Please check the health notice.

[You can click here, which will take you to the volunteer section of our website](#)

Volunteers should be well and under 65 years of age. You should **NOT** volunteer if: you have any current symptoms of Covid-19 (Cough / Temp / Loss of Smell/ Taste); you have a current condition requiring you to Shield from Covid-19; you currently taking immunosuppressant medications; you have asthma/ COPD or any chronic respiratory condition; you suffer from any chronic liver / kidney diseases?; you are currently taking medication for heart disease or stroke prevention. Pregnant women should be cautious regarding volunteering.