



1. **Devotions for Corpus Christi.** The Solemnity of *Corpus Christi* – the feast of the Holy Eucharist – is kept this year on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June. To mark this great feast, and to honour the Blessed Sacrament, we will have half an hour's Eucharistic Adoration every weekday following, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Adoration will take place from 6.00 – 6.30 pm, ending with Benediction. Please come along, to spend a little time with the Lord, and to offer your prayers for all in need.
2. **Stewards needed.** We are now appealing for stewards to help during the month of June. The 'Doodle' to sign up is below.

<https://doodle.com/poll/z87xyxmdkddadfk7>

Please note that, in the light of the updated Bishops' guidance (see below) we no longer require stewards at the 8.00 am Mass on Sundays, since numbers are low and can be self-regulating. We remain very grateful to all those who generously give of their time and effort to ensure we can keep the church open for Mass, and to make it a safe place for all.

3. The **monthly recollection for women** will take place at Holy Ghost on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 9 am to 11:30 am. It is led by Fr Frank Calduch.

The theme will be: ***St Josemaria Escriva: a life in Christ.***

The timetable will be as follows:

9 am Rosary

9.30 am Holy Mass

10.00 am Adoration

10.15 am First meditation

10.45 am Personal prayer

11.00 am Second Meditation

Confession will be possible before and after meditations.

4. **Diocesan call to prayer.** Archbishop John is calling us to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese.' None of this will be possible without prayer. As we pray for our Church, we also pray that we may be renewed ourselves. Let us pray that we may know more deeply the love of God for us and the hope he gives, so that others may also encounter him. Are you interested in joining our prayer partners praying for the mission of the archdiocese? Email [aec@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:aec@rcaos.org.uk).

How could your parish benefit from ***Some Definite Service***, our response to Archbishop John's call to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese?' No parish is the same and we have a rich and diverse range across the diocese. We want to recognise all the good work that is already being undertaken and then reflect together to see the areas where growth is possible. For more information, please visit: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds).

5. **Gift Aid.** For those of you who use the Gift Aid envelopes for your weekly donations, **the new boxes of envelopes have arrived.** They run from June when the old boxes run out (apart from some spares). During the restrictions many parishioners have made out generous standing orders and these now make the larger part of the regular donations to the parish. However, for those who want to continue with envelopes and would like to get their new set, please contact the Gift Aid organiser, Denis Cross, [balhamgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:balhamgac@rcaos.org.uk), tel. 020 8682 0988, to arrange delivery. Please also tell him if you have been an envelope member and now have decided to change to standing order/bankers' payments.

With prayers and best wishes,

Fr Richard and Fr Giovanni