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historic debt on our Catholic Schools and to pay for the running costs of the Diocese. The levy on our parish for 2016 was £7,671.

TUESDAY 20th June, JULIAN OF NORWICH Meeting 2pm at Heather's, 10 Holland Cl.

HOLY HOUR ON THURSDAY 5.15-6.15pm
Mass at 6.15pm.

FRIDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART Mass at 9 am

NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL – OUR LADY'S

ALCESTER The Directors and Governors were delighted on Friday 26th May to appoint Mrs Margaret Gourlay to be Head of School at Our Lady's, Alcester. This is the Catholic Junior School for our parish of St Joseph, and as a Governor in the Federation, I was pleased to be part of the selection process. Mrs Gourlay is coming from St Gregory's, Stratford, where she will be greatly missed. The vacancy occurred because Mrs Teresa Unitt is retiring after years of dedicated service. The Federation comprises: Our Lady's, Alcester; St Mary's, Henley; and St Mary's, Broadway. Mrs Jacqui Le Maitre is the Executive Head. The Federation is now part of The Holy Family MAC (Multi Academy Company) with St Benedict's, Alcester, St Gregory's, Stratford, and St Mary's, Evesham. The aim, with Christ at the centre, is to give an all-round education to our young people.

Please pray for the sick, housebound and those who care for them: Niamh Coyne, Pat Hopkins, Betty Gowers, Clive Stanbrook, David Ryan, Michael Moore, Archie Parsons, Heather Gerrard, Chris Browne, Mary Palmer, Emily Parker, Shelly & Margaret Gray, Phil Palmer, Liz Gowers, Mary Lamming, Martin Prickett, Mel Roberts, Bridget Parkin, Julie Kelly, Tommy McAloon, Gabrielle Edwards, Derek Riley, Greg Steele, Ronnie Walker.

Times of Mass & Services

17th/18th June 2017

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saturday	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	11.00 am	Julie Barnes RIP
Monday	10.00 am	Pauline Hopkins RIP
Tuesday	10.00 am	Special Intention (CT)
Wednesday	10.00 am	Derek Hillin RIP
Thursday	6.15 pm	Wyatt Family
Friday	9.00 am	Maria Conway RIP
Saturday	5.30 pm	Sarah Dowd RIP
Sunday	11.00 am	Kitty O'Connor RIP

CONFESSIONS: Saturday after 5.30pm Mass

TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

It is also "Day for Life" This year we pray especially for those who have lost a child and for those women who are anxious about their pregnancy.

As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Abortion Act in October, we mourn the large annual number of abortions and continue to pray for the care and support of mothers and their children in the womb. Pope Francis, reminding us of the consistent teaching of the Church, describes abortion as a grave sin. As a compassionate pastor, however, he reminds priests that they are called to be ministers of God's mercy. He also points out that we have not done enough to support and accompany pregnant women in desperate circumstances.

PARISH ACCOUNTS 2016 Please take a copy of the Parish Accounts for 2016. We are grateful to the Parish Finance Committee for keeping the accounts. Each parish is levied by the Diocese according to their size, to meet the