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DAY	ST JOHN'S	ST JOSEPH'S	INTENTION
<b>Year B</b> <b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b> <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> White	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Tom Mannion RIP
		<b>8.30am Mass</b> <b>St Thomas' Wroxton</b>	Holy Souls
	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		Marianne Balazs
		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Henry Allen
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Joseph & Caroline Cullen, 40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Holy Souls
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Memorial of Ss Charles</i> <i>Lwanga &amp; Companions</i>		<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Hannah & Iannah
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>		Holy Souls
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Memorial of St. Boniface,</i> <i>Bishop Martyr</i>		<b>9.30am Mass</b> <i>10am Holy Hour</i>	Anita Higham
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b> <b>10.30am School Mass</b>		Stella & Family Holy Souls
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> <i>Solemnity of the Most Sacred</i> <i>Heart of Jesus</i>	<i>Confession &amp; Holy Hour</i> <i>6.00-7.00pm</i>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	James Cunnane RIP
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June <i>Memorial of the Immaculate</i> <i>Heart of Mary</i>	<b>10.00am Mass</b> <i>First Holy Communion for</i> <i>St. John's School</i>		Holy Souls
	<b>4.00pm Vigil Mass</b>		Kenneth Hughes RIP
<b>Year B</b> <b>Sunday 9 June</b> <b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary</b> <b>Time</b> Green	<b>8.45am Mass</b>		John Smith RIP
		<b>10.00am Mass</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11.15am Mass</b>		Winnie Camilleri RIP
		<i>5.00pm Confessions</i> <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Hannah & Iannah

## TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The primary thanksgiving for the gift of the Blessed Sacrament was Maundy Thursday when we remember with gratitude how the Lord gave himself to his disciples under the forms of bread and wine. Maundy Thursday, however, is also a day when we also call to mind the Lord's betrayal at the hand of Judas, the denial by Peter, and the desertion of the other apostles. That, although it is a day of thanksgiving, it is also a day tinged with sadness and failure.

Way back in the 13th century there was a great strengthening and renewal of the Eucharist in the hearts of Christians, and today's feast of Corpus Christi was one of its fruits. Traditionally it was celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but here, of late, it is celebrated on the Sunday following.

Today's feast reminds us of the wonderful gift that is the Eucharist – that the Lord Jesus truly becomes present in the bread and wine which becomes his body and blood. In the Eucharist our Lord becomes both our divine food, and the sacrifice we offer.

To mark this feast, Mass will be slightly different today. Following the Creed we will move straight to the Offertory, and after Holy Communion there will be short time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluding with Benediction.

One important way we can all honour Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is to receive Him reverently. The norm of the Latin Church is to receive Holy Communion on the tongue. However, there is permission to receive Holy Communion in the hand – as long as there is no loss of reverence. So, if you receive in the hand, please do so carefully, and as soon as the priest or minister has said 'The body of Christ' and we say our response "Amen" – yes I believe – then immediately consume the Host before moving away.

*"What wonderful majesty! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe...should humble himself like this under the form of a little bread."* St Francis of Assisi

### Following Prayer after Communion –

#### Hymn

##### **Be still for the presence of the Lord**

The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here

Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around

Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

### A time of silent prayer and reflection follows.

**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.**

Panem de caelo praestitisti eis.

**Omne delectamentum  
in se habentem.**

Orémus. Deus, qui nobis sub Sacraménto mirábili, passiónis tuae memóriam reliquisti: tríbue, quaesumus, ita nos Córporis et Sánguinis tui sacra mystéria venerári, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis júgiter sentiámus. Qui vivis et regnas in saécula saéculorum.

**Amen.**

#### Divine Prayers

##### ***As the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, we sing***

Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All,  
How can I love thee as I ought?  
And how revere this wondrous gift,  
So far surpassing hope or thought?  
***Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.***

Ah, see, within a creature's hand  
The vast Creator deigns to be,  
Reposing, infant-like, as though  
On Joseph's arm, or Mary's knee.  
***Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.***

Sound, sound, his praises higher, still,  
And come, ye angels, to our aid;  
'tis God, 'tis God, the very God  
Whose pow'r both us and angels made.  
***Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;  
Oh, make us love thee more and more.***

**Please pray for the dead ...**

*Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently.  
Pray also for those whose anniversaries occur this coming week:*

- 02 Genia Goodall 2022; Karen Hillier 2015; Brian Battey 2013; Virginia Spiers 2011; Anthony Allott 2002; Christina Mochan 1990; Patrick Quinn 1984
- 03 Alan Cahill 2018; Steven Boyle 2018; Teresa Hutchings 2008; John Dearden 1997; James Breen 1995; Mary Healey 1986
- 04 Jim Foley 2022; Josephine Hill 2012; Ida Bushby 2012; John Callaghan 1998; Charles Ho Ching Ming 1996
- 05 Lesley Edmonds 2014; Brenda Cunnane 1999; John Wiltshire 1988; Charles T. Walters 1979
- 06 Carmen Neale 2007; John Hill 2006; Michael Monaghan 2002; Louie Smith 1997; Thomas Fisher 1995; Margaret Harper 1995
- 07 James Cunnane 2013; Kathleen Taylor 2004; Mary Hutchings 1998; David Cavanagh 1991; Percival Farrell 1986
- 08 Kenneth Hughes 2021; Dean De-Meis 2012; Patrick McNulty 1996; Mary Adams 1995; Josephine Skinner 1993; Elizabeth Marks 1989

***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.***

**Please pray for the sick of our Parishes ...**

*Julie Aikenhead, Vicky Aikenhead, Deacon Henry Allen, Edward Andrews, Audrey Anthistle, Cora Barnard, Marianne Balazs, Douglas Bond, Brenda Brennan, Eileen Bristoll, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Ann Dagger, Mary Dant, Nick Davies, Oliver Davies, Michael Evans, Alan Fitchett, Barbara Fleming, Carl Gill, Diane Greenwood, Pat Heritage, Roger Johnson, Eileen & Michael Jordan, Teresa Kurszewska, Catherine Ley, Iris Jean Lloyd, Liam Malone, Christine Napier, Anne Nolan, Harry Rhodes, Trish Rossenrode, Eileen Shea, Nicky Smith, Elaine Steer.*

**PARISH FINANCIAL MATTERS**

<b>Weekly Income:</b>	<b><u>26 MAY</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOHN'S</u></b>	<b><u>ST JOSEPH'S</u></b>
Gift Aid:		£ 46.00	£ 59.80
Non-Gift Aid:		£ 637.33	£ 200.63
Contactless Card:		£ 102.00	£ 50.00
QR code		£ 10.00	-----
Confirmation Mass		£ 307.40	-----

**GENERAL TIMES FOR SACRAMENTS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS**

<b>St. John's:</b>	Reconciliation	Friday, 6.00-7.00 pm; Saturday, 10.30-11.00 am
	Adoration	Friday at 6.00-7.00 pm
	Baptisms	Sunday from 12.30 pm
	Weddings	A minimum of six months' notice is required
	Legion of Mary	Saturday at 10.45 am (Wall Room, Dupuis Centre)
<b>St. Joseph's:</b>	Adoration	Wednesday at 10.00-11.00 am
	Baptisms	Sunday at 11.30 am
	Weddings	A minimum of six months' notice is required
	Legion of Mary	Wednesday at 6.30 pm
	Youth Group	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 6.30-8.30pm, for children Yr 7 & above.

**DONA CARD READER:**

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**Entrance Antiphon**

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Collect**

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray,  
so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood  
that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**First reading****Exodus 24:3-8**

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18*****The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name .R/.***

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. *R/.*

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. *B/.*

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. *B/.*

**Second reading****Hebrews 9:11-15**

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

**Sequence**

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing  
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,  
In hymns and canticles divine;  
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song  
Worthy his praises to prolong,  
So far surpassing powers like thine.

Today no theme of common praise  
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –  
The living, life-dispensing food –  
That food which at the sacred board  
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord  
His parting legacy bestowed.

Then be the anthem clear and strong,  
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,  
The very music of the breast:

**Cf. Ps 80: 17**

For now shines forth the day sublime  
That brings remembrance of the time  
When Jesus first his table blessed.

Within our new King's banquet-hall  
They meet to keep the festival  
That closed the ancient paschal rite:  
The old is by the new replaced;  
The substance hath the shadow chased;  
And rising day dispels the night.

Christ willed what he himself had done  
Should be renewed while time should run,  
In memory of his parting hour:  
Thus, tutored in his school divine,  
We consecrate the bread and wine;  
And lo – a Host of saving power.

This faith to Christian men is given –  
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:  
Into his blood the wine is turned:  
What though it baffles nature's powers  
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours  
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.

Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,  
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,  
There lie the mysteries adored:  
The living body is our food;  
Our drink the ever-precious blood;  
In each, one undivided Lord.

Not he that eateth it divides  
The sacred food, which whole abides  
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;  
Be one, or be a thousand fed,  
They eat alike that living bread  
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.

The good, the guilty share therein,  
With sure increase of grace or sin,  
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:  
Death to the guilty; to the good  
Immortal life. See how one food  
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.

We break the Sacrament, but bold  
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold,  
Deem not the whole doth more enfold  
Than in the fractured part resides  
Deem not that Christ doth broken lie,  
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye,  
The hidden deep reality  
In all its fullness still abides.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,  
says the Lord.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel****Mark 14:12-16,22-26**

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.