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Adoration

Mon 9AM-7PM

Fri 6PM-7PM

Confessions

Friday 6-7PM

Saturday 10AM



Heritage Day Volunteers

We are moving ever close to the Heritage Day in September and **we are seeking volunteers to help.**

We will be opening our Church for the Heritage Days in September and to do so need your help, can you offer time to be in the church whilst it is open? There will be a variety of ways in which you can volunteer your time and welcome people to our beautiful Church.

Theme

The theme this year is connections, routes and network. We will explore how we are connected to each other through physical routes and cultural connections.

We are planning to have stalls and activities around this theme for all the family. We need more volunteers to help plan and organise this event. Please make yourself known to the parish office if you can offer help or speak with Eva-Marie Marson. Please do support your church.

Parish Census

If you have not yet taken a parish registration card, filled it in and returned then please do so. We ask that all parishioners complete this, many of you will be already registered with the parish, but we are taking this time to update all our records. There is also the opportunity on the back to list how you would like to volunteer your time.

Sat 27th July 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30AM 12.00 PM 18.00PM	All Parishioners Wedding of Gerry & Grace Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun 28th July 2024	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00AM 18.00PM	Michael Considine Stefan Valtral RIP
Mon 29th July 2024	Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus	10.00AM 19:00PM	UCM Michael (birthday thanksgiving)
Tue 30th July 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Evelyn Kelly Fr John Buckner IC (wellbeing)
Wed 31st July 2024	Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	10.00AM 11.30AM 19.00PM	Maureen Fallon RIP Funeral Service of John Charles Hinks RIP Paddy Lynch RIP
Thurs 1st Aug 2024	Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, Bishop	10.00AM 19.00PM	Maureen Borg RIP Peter Wallace RIP
Fri 2nd Aug 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00AM 19.00PM	Varun (thanksgiving) Special Intention
Sat 3rd Aug 2024	Feria in Ordinary Time	09:30AM 18:00PM	All Parishioners Billy Watts & Bridie Healey

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Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2025

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for children who do not attend St. Maries School and are hoping to make their First Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2025, please collect an application form from the back of Church and return to the parish office. When completing the form please use clear block capitals and attach the Baptismal Certificate to the form. Thank you.

RCIA

Thinking of joining the Roman Catholic Church? The Catholic RCIA stages are a good model of basic faith development. A number of people have expressed an interest in pursuing the Catholic faith. Everybody is welcome or maybe you would like to refresh your faith.

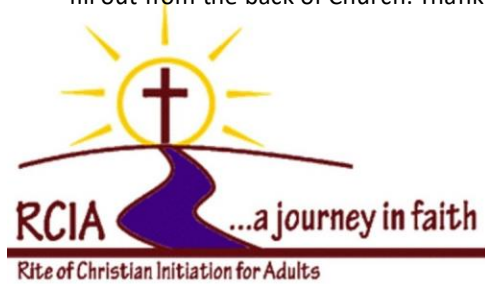
What is the RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), is a process of initiation into the Catholic Community of Faith for persons who are experiencing a conversion in their lives and seeking either Christian baptism in the Catholic Church or full Communion with the Catholic tradition of Eucharist and Confirmation. It is a journey which enables the study of the Gospels, Catholic Christian teaching, the acceptance of Christian values and morality, the development and deepening of a life of prayer and action with the support and involvement of the local Christian community. The RCIA is more than a course of instruction. It is a process of conversion, designed to meet the unique and individual needs of the participants.

Who is RCIA for?

- Non-Catholics who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Those who want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Those who were baptized Catholic as infants but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist.
- Practicing Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

If you would like to join in with the RCIA please introduce yourself after Mass or take an information card and form to fill out from the back of Church. Thank you, Fr Aji



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There is adoration every Monday from 9AM Mass to 7PM & on Fridays 6-7PM.

Many of you may be on holiday now that the school year has ended; if you are not going away and have children or grandchildren during the holidays, you are welcome to spend time together as a family in the presence of the Lord during adoration.

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When we say we are “going to Adoration,” we are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration. Which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass.

The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory,” respectful silence in the presence of the “ever greater” God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications.” (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. When you come you may wish to kneel, sit, stand, or even lay on the floor before the Blessed Sacrament which are all appropriate forms of prayer. You really don’t have to “do” anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. If you are the only person in the church, don’t be afraid to pray or sing aloud. This is your personal time with Christ.

“Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to him, ‘Lord, I am here. Tell me what you would have me to do’ . . . And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach him plainly and simply.” – St. Catherine Labouré

Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer and make a weekly donation to the parish and do not currently gift aid the donation, please take a blue leaflet from the back of Church and return it in the Collection Box where we will then contact you so we can claim the 25% from the government with no cost to you.

Any questions then please do ask, Thank you

Adoremus at Oscott and in our Parish

The National Eucharistic Congress will take place at St Mary’s Seminary Oscott this year to support preparations for the Jubilee Year.

On Sunday 15th September the Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion.

We will be having Exposition on Sunday 15th in the parish and will confirm times with more information closer to the 15th September.

Childrens Liturgy

We thank all the catechists who have provided this important service to our children on Sunday mornings. The Children’s Liturgy will take a pause during the Summer Holidays and begin again in September.

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This week's Gospel – John 6:1-15
'The feeding of the five thousand'

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Responsorial Psalm

**You open wide your hand, O Lord,
and grant our desires.**

Tea & Coffee after Sunday 10AM Masses

Welcome to you if you are new to the parish or just visiting, you are all welcome to join us for tea, coffee, biscuits & cakes in Hibberts Hall after Sunday morning masses, it is a great way to meet people within the parish. Please place your donation for tea's & coffees in the dish.

For the next five Sunday's we will be hearing chapter six of St John's Gospel. This chapter is a wonderful reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist. It begins by telling of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Our Lord could have told the people to take care of themselves. He didn't do that. He also could have multiplied the bread and fish by Himself, which would have been a quicker and more practical solution. He didn't do that either. Neither of these responses aligns with the mind of Jesus. Instead, He engaged His disciples and the people who listened to Him attentively. This shows that other reasons matter; the key point is that what we hear should transform us into who we are meant to be. To understand the heart of Jesus, we must know that He opted for human involvement and collaboration with grace. Mere distribution of goods and handouts is not the solution. We can see Christ's way of thinking more closely through the attitude of Mother Teresa of Calcutta towards it, paraphrasing Mother Teresa, "The poor are so weak they cannot stand. Give them a fish to strengthen them. When they are strong, give them a rod and teach them to fish." Christianity first guarantees the foundation. It is the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, which is the source of life and the fundamental base. Next, we are provided with an environment and lessons on how to live. Finally, we are called to live independently and responsibly within the framework of what is our life in Christ. By involving His disciples in the miracle of feeding the five thousand, Jesus taught them the importance of active participation in His mission. He did not just perform the miracle; He does not want us merely waiting for miracles to happen. We are to strive to engage with grace, fostering growth in Christ through independent responsibility in ourselves and others. This miracle takes place around Passover time – when God's people celebrated their freedom from slavery and their thanksgiving for His protection. At the Last Supper - the new People of God - would be fed not with Passover lamb, but the Lamb of God: which is for us The meal of deliverance and thanksgiving! From the start of the chapter, we know that Saint John is speaking about more than loaves and fish. He is speaking about this 'New Passover', the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the sacrament in which we are united with Jesus and the apostles at the Last Supper. It is important for us to remember and rejoice that when we receive communion we are receiving the Food that God provides. Let us pray for a deeper appreciation and a deeper reverence, for the great gift of Love that is the Eucharist. This week, pray for God to show you where your presence and gifts are needed. Make a list of people, places and causes that you might be called to serve. Choose one and take a step out in faith to make a difference.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Charles Hinks, Joan Simms

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Patricia O'Sullivan, Siobhan Morris, Peter O'Hare, Estelle Roberts, Kathleen Swindell, Gwendoline Ford, Eileen Crook, Tess Smith, Theresa Paul, Michael Considine, Kevin Cottrell, Jean Harrison, Annie Morris, Bernard Gooch

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Tom Donnelly, Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Lenny & Marie Niner, Val Muir, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Elsie Johnson, Ginny Eves, Paula Ann Smith, Michael Duffin, Teresa Summersgill, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Philomena, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, Avito D'Souza, Malcolm Reeves, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Stuart Woodcock, Fr Bellwood IC, Fr Cuddihy IC