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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon 9AM - 7PM

Fri 6PM - 7PM

Sun 9AM - 10AM

Confession

Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM,

Sun 9:30AM



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit... The mystery that God is

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three Persons—is not something we could discover or understand on our own. It is a gift, revealed to us by God out of pure love. Today's great Feast of the Holy Trinity is not just a celebration of divine mystery—it is also a personal invitation: to live in deeper unity with God and with one another. God reveals Himself so that we might grow to resemble Him. The more we come to know

Him, the more we learn how to love—how to live in kindness, humility, and communion. Faith is never just a private affair. It is always relational, always communal.

It draws us out of ourselves and into a deeper connection with God and with those around us. In the Trinity, we glimpse perfect love and unity: Father, Son, and Spirit in an eternal relationship of giving and receiving. This is the image we are created in—and it is the pattern our lives are called to follow. As God gives Himself completely, so we are called to give of ourselves—in love, in service, and in forgiveness. Though we cannot fully explain God, we can live in response to His love. We can mirror, in our small and imperfect ways, the unity that exists at the heart of God. And when we do, we become a sign of hope in a world that so often feels divided and disconnected. As we look ahead

to the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday, today's celebration naturally leads us forward. After contemplating the love of the Trinity, we are invited to receive that love in a tangible way—through the gift of the Eucharist. In the Blessed Sacrament, the same Triune God comes to dwell within us. He feeds us with His very life and draws us into deeper communion. So let today's worship renew our hearts. May it not end with Mass, but overflow into the way we live—in greater unity, compassion, and generosity. And may the love we receive from the Trinity flow through us, touching the lives of all we meet in the week to come ...**God is One and God is Three!**

Sat 14 th Jun 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Rosminian Brethren
Sun 15 th Jun 2025	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	10.00 AM 18:00 PM	Peter Bourne RIP Sharon O'Mullane
Mon 16 th Jun 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Intentions of Pope Leo XIV James Patrick Donohoe RIP (Month's Mind)
Tue 17 th Jun 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Mary O'Reilly (Birthday) Holy Souls
Wed 18 th Jun 2025	Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral	10.00 AM 19.00 PM	Unborn Children Peace in the World
Thurs 19 th Jun 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 18.00 PM	World Leaders working for Peace
Fri 20 th Jun 2025	Feria in Ordinary Time	10.00 AM 11:30 AM 19.00 PM	Andre Couloute RIP <i>Funeral Service of Jackie Marsden RIP</i> Fr. Alphonsus Afina (Strength)
Sat 21 st Jun 2025	Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious	09.30 AM 18.00 PM	All Parishioners Joseph Deery RIP

CORPUS CHRISTI | The Body of Christ Among Us

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Pope Benedict XVI once reminded us: *"The Corpus Christi procession teaches us that the Eucharist seeks to free us from every kind of despondency and discouragement, wants to raise us, so that we can set out on the journey with the strength God gives us through Jesus Christ... The Eucharist is the Sacrament of the God who does not leave us alone on the journey but stays at our side and shows us the way."* (Square in front of the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, 22 May 2008)

This feast, also known as the **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**, invites us to pause and recognise that Jesus is truly present - not symbolically, not just in memory, but fully - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity - in the Eucharist. Corpus Christi has been celebrated since the 13th century, first in France and then across the whole Church.

One of the most distinctive traditions of this day is the **Eucharistic procession**, where Christ is carried through the streets in the Blessed Sacrament. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, the Church not only worships the Eucharist at Mass but also "exposes [the Eucharist] to the solemn veneration of the faithful and carries [it] in procession" (CCC 1378).

This feast draws our attention to two expressions of Christ's Body; The **Holy Eucharist**, where we receive His real presence at every Mass. And the **Church**, the Body of Christ made up of many members, united in faith and love.

Our worship at the altar leads us to worship in the world: to love with undivided hearts, to serve with joy, and to walk together as one. And yet, in all this outward expression, Pope Francis reminded us of something we often forget:

"Curiously, the prayer of adoration - we have lost it. We have lost it, and everyone - priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, laypeople - have to recover it. It's to be in silence, before the Lord." "Only in adoration, only before the Lord can the taste and passion for evangelisation be recovered."

This Thursday, as our **parish takes part in the Corpus Christi procession**, let us walk not only through our streets, but deeper into the mystery of Christ's love. May we recover the silence of adoration. May we let the Lord speak. And may we follow Him, the Bread of Life, with renewed faith, joy, and purpose.

Masterclass - Forming Families, Forming Saints

How do we raise children to be saints?

How do we become saints?

Fr Carter Griffin, author of *Forming Families, Forming Saints*, will provide a webinar on **Wed, 18th Jun at 7:30 PM** on the main themes of his book. To register for the Zoom event, visit aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/twnvalra

Visitation of Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco

The Pilgrim Virgin Statue and Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco are due to visit **St Chad's Cathedral**, Birmingham, on **Sat, 28th Jun**, a remembrance of the Dec 1925 apparition to Sr Lucia. The visitation includes procession, enthronement and crowning, veneration of relics of saints etc. For more details, visit www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Corpus Christi Procession

On this **Thurs the 19th Jun** we celebrate the **Feast of Corpus Christi**. We invite all our First Holy Communion and Confirmation children, the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and all the parishioners to join us at the 6 PM Evening Mass which will be followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Clock Tower in Market Place in the centre of Rugby where we will end our celebration with Benediction. The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the elements of the Eucharist.

Volunteers Meeting

All volunteers for the procession please attend the follow-up meeting on **Wed at 6 PM** in Hibberts Hall to discuss the roles and information for the evening of the Procession. If anyone else would like to volunteer, you can still help. So please do turn up for the meeting and let us know. Thank you.

Spirituality Summer School

Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality hosts a one-week programme at **Carmelite Priory, Oxford** from **13th to 17th Jul** inviting to explore the timeless wisdom of Saint Teresa of Avila and deepen your relationship with God. It will include solid teaching on Saint Teresa of Avila on prayer and how to apply her wisdom in our daily lived experience, nurturing the whole person - body, mind, soul and spirit. For more details and register www.carmelite.uk.net/events/summer-school/

WeBelieve - a festival celebrating Catholic life

This celebration of Catholic life, to be held in the grounds of **Oscott College**, from **Fri, 25th to Mon, 28th July**. This festival is a bringing together of Catholic ministries and creatives from across the UK to mark the 2025 Jubilee Year, proclaimed by Pope Francis, with a celebration of Catholic life. Featuring a diverse range of Catholic musicians, creatives and speakers. The event is for everyone, and you can book as a family, group of friends, parish group or individual. For more information visit www.webelievefestival.com

KYT - Summer Camp 2025

Kenelm Youth Trust invites to this year's summer camp from **Sun 20th to Thurs 24th July** at **Alton Castle, Staffordshire**, for youth between the ages of 12 and 16 and have completed Year 7. For more details and to register visit www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2025.html.

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard supports those to heal from the trauma of abortion through a weekend retreat offering a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can heal from painful post-abortive emotions. The next retreat is scheduled from **25th to 27th Jul**. Contact rachel@rachelsvineyard.org.uk / 07734059080 for details.

St. Marie's Parish Foodbank

Thanks to all for the generous donations to our foodbank. As the cost of living continues to rise, the number of struggling families in the parish who need assistance is grown. **Donations of dried/ tinned food and hygiene products may be left in the wire basket in the main porch.** Thank you.

Safeguarding from the Archdiocese Office

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mike Borg & Anne Ormsby. They can be contacted at sg.stmaries.rugby@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

This Week's Gospel – John 16:12-15

'All that the Father has is mine; the Spirit will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.'

Responsorial Psalm

**O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name through all the earth!**

Catechism Classes for Children

Catechism classes for children are held on **Sundays** after 10 AM

Mass, from **11:15 AM to 12 noon**, in the **Coach House**.

Group 3 (ages 9 to 11) : 15th June

Group 4 (ages 12 to 14) : 22nd June

Group 1 (ages 3 to 5) : 6th July

Group 2 (ages 6 to 8) : 13th July

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) Notice

The next meeting of the UCM will be held on **Mon, 23rd Jun** after 10 AM Mass in Hibberts Hall. Please remember to bring your money for Walsingham. Raffle prizes: Maureen Smith and Ann O'Callaghan. Tea Rota: Kathleen Flanagan and Tresa Doolan

MISSIO

The **missio envelops** are ready of collection and are kept at back of the church. Please make sure to return them by **Sun, 29th Jun**.

Altar Servers

As our number of altar servers continues to grow, we need to reorganise the groups. To help with this process, we kindly ask all servers to **sign the sheet in the robing room and indicate the Mass they usually serve at**. The current rota and groups will remain unchanged until the rota is completed. Rotas can be collected from the robing room. **A second sheet has been provided to sign for those who are available to assist in the Corpus Christi procession**. Signing this sheet will help Fr. Aji and Andrew make the necessary preparations. Thank you to all our servers and their families for your ongoing support and dedication. We are truly blessed with a wonderful group of young people who are eager to serve Our Lord.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is devoted to the devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus. The devotion is one of the most widely practiced and well-known Roman Catholic devotions, taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of His divine love for humanity. The **solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** is celebrated on **Fri, 27th Jun**. In this month, **If you would like Fr. Aji to bless your home** and consecrate to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, please fill your name, contact number and preferred dates on the sheet placed at the back of the church.

New Rota

New rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers is now available for collection at the back of the Church.

Day for Life - Second Collection

On this Sunday, there will be a second collection for Day of Life (Sun 15th June). The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The theme this year is Hope does not Disappoint: Finding meaning in Suffering. Suffering is often associated with illness, grief, and loss but can also include emotional suffering such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this and can struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where to find hope. The Day for Life Fund provides financial assistance to organisations working to support the Church's mission and your donations assist them in specific projects relating to life issues - educational workshops, advocacy campaigns, practical support services and commissioning research. Thank you for your support.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, which seeks to legalise assisted suicide, is fast approaching its decisive vote in the House of Commons which will likely take place on either Fri 13 or Fri 20 Jun. A copy of statement by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales on the Bill is available at the back of the church. Please read the statement to understand the concerns associated with the Bill. The charity Right to Life UK has a simple online mechanism to contact your MP to convey the concern. It takes little more than a few minutes to input your postcode, make sure the suggested text suits your viewpoint and submit your message to ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. Please visit Righttolife.org.uk/ASvote

Abortion amendments to Crime and Policing Bill

The Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Bishops' Conference, Archbishop John Sherrington, is asking Catholics to contact MPs to encourage them to oppose two amendments on abortion in the Crime and Policing Bill. *'Under New Clause 1, the criminal law would no longer apply in relation to women acting to end their pregnancy, at any time, including up to and during birth. This is likely to result in an increased illegal use of abortion pills and an escalation in late-term at-home abortions. New Clause 20 would decriminalise abortion completely up to and during birth. This would leave women with little protection against forced or coerced abortions by families and third parties.'*

Car Parking

To ensure fair access and ease of movement, we kindly ask everyone to park your car responsibly when coming to the Church. **Please avoid blocking entrances to homes or driveways and ensure visibility remains clear for pedestrians and other drivers**, particularly along **Dunchurch Road** and **Alfred Green Cl**. Thank you for keeping the community safe.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jackie Marsden, Deacon Walter Terry Hum

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME

Natalia Canica

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Sharon Colleran, George Mears, Freddie Fereday, Piotr Fior, William Hearne, Hattie Taylor, Val Muir, Lenny & Marie Niner, Sybil Brookes, Maureen Keane, Ginny Eves, Paula Smith, Michael Duffin, Breda O'Byrne, Alan Thomas, Antonio Hernandez, Eamon Curry, Janet Eyles, John Dover, Terry McSweeney, Johnny Stott, Alan Parish, Emariciana D'Souza, Raymond Bunning, Filipa Faro, June Hargadon, Joevi Suniga, Marie Kelly

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Thursday 19th June
6PM Mass followed by
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