

St. Marie's Church, Rugby, CV22 5EL

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Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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Eucharistic Adoration Sun 9AM - 10AM Mon 9AM - 7PM Tue - Fri 9:30AM - 10AM Fri 6PM - 7PM Sat 9AM - 9:30AM Confession Fri 6PM, Sat 10AM, Sun 9:30AM



...the offering of Your high priest Melchizedek...Melchizedek is one of the most extraordinary figures in the Old Testament. He was both priest and king of Salem, chosen by God, who offered bread and wine in thanksgiving for God's faithful people. And in doing so, he foreshadowed the fullness of Jesus Christ—our Eternal High Priest and the King of Kings. But where Melchizedek offered gifts of bread and wine, Jesus offers something infinitely more: His very self. Today, on this great Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, we celebrate the unfathomable love of Jesus who gives us not only His Body and Blood, but His entire self: offered once on the Cross, and made present again at every altar in the Eucharist. He is both priest and victim—the one who offers and the one who is offered. This is the "oblation" so often mentioned in the new

translation of the Mass: a perfect, eternal sacrifice of thanksgiving. The very word Eucharist means "thanksgiving." When we come forward to receive Holy Communion, we are being drawn into Jesus' own act of thanksgiving to the Father; for all that has been done, and all that is still being done through grace. Psalm 110 pointed to this reality long

before Christ walked the earth: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." This is not just ancient prophecy, it is fulfilled truth, alive and present in our worship today. And so we are invited, not just to attend Mass, but to be present with heart and mind. The gestures and actions of the Mass - our genuflections, our kneeling, our bowing - are not empty rituals, but reverent responses to the real bodily presence of

Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. When the priest lifts the Host and says, "Behold the Lamb of God," it is not a metaphor. It is a moment of awe, a call to love, a summons to worship. For how can we remain unmoved before such love? In the hymn Sweet Sacrament Divine we sing "For how can He deny me heaven, who here on earth Himself hath given?" This is the heart of our faith: Jesus Christ, truly present, truly given. The Eucharist is our thanksgiving, our healing, our hope, and our worship. Let us never lose sight of the wonder of this gift. ...a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim!

| Sat 21 st | Memorial of St Aloysius Gonzaga, | 09.30 AM | All Parishioners |
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| Jun 2025 | Religious | 18.00 PM | Joseph Deery RIP |
| Sun 22 nd | Solemnity of Most Holy Body & | 10.00 AM | Rosminian Vocations |
| Jun 2025 | Blood of Christ (CORPUS CHRISTI) | 18:00 PM | Timothy Coffey RIP |
| Mon 23 rd | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00 AM | UCM |
| Jun 2025 | | 19.00 PM | Chloe Logan |
| Tue 24 th | Solemnity of the Nativity of | 10.00 AM | Private (Thanksgiving) |
| Jun 2025 | St. John the Baptist | 19.00 PM | John and Mary Melia RIP |
| Wed 25 th | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00 AM | Mike Taylor (Birthday) |
| Jun 2025 | | 19.00 PM | For all the benefactors of the Parish |
| Thurs 26 th | Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.00 AM | Eileen and Ralph Standbridge RIP |
| Jun 2025 | | 19.00 PM | Sister Mary Catherine |
| Fri 27 th | Solemnity of the Most Sacred | 10.00 AM | Janet Eyles (Wellbeing) |
| Jun 2025 | Heart of Jesus | 19.00 PM | For Peace |
| Sat 28 th | Memorial of the Immaculate | 09.30 AM | All Parishioners |
| Jun 2025 | Heart of Mary | 18.00 PM | For all the volunteers in the Parish |

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

Feast of Blessed Antonio Rosmini

Join us for a special celebration on 1st Jul at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Birstall, served by the Rosminian Fathers since 1938. We continue a proud tradition of the Rosminian presence in England dating back to the mid-19th century, including our own parish since it was built in 1845 and entrusted to the Rosminians.

- 🕔 5:00 PM Talk by Rev. Fr. Ted Mullen IC
- 🕟 5:45 PM Break
- 🕕 6:00 PM Concelebrated Mass
 - The evening concludes with agape and a screening of a documentary on the life and legacy of Rosmini.
 - St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 53 Front Street, Birstall, Leicester LE4 4DQ. All are welcome!

School Governors

Our Lady of the Magnificat Multi Academy is inviting practising Catholics to consider becoming school governors within our family of schools. This is a valuable opportunity to serve your community, support the mission of Catholic education, and help shape the future for young people. No prior experience in education or governance is needed - just a willingness to contribute your time and insight. To find out more. Email governor@magnificat.org.uk or see www.magnificat.org.uk/join-us/become-a-governor.

ADORARE

A night of Encounter, Praise & Worship for Young Adults

Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) are calling all young adults across our diocese, 18+ to ADORARE - A night of praise and worship! On **Fri, 29th Aug, 6 PM to 9 PM** at **The Friary, St. Bernards Rd, Solihull B92 7BL**. You are going to have an opportunity to hear testimonies from young adults that will leave you inspired. There will be moments for prayer and time for reflection. The night will end with a shared meal! It's going to be an incredible moment of encounter! Register at <u>www.tfaforms.com/5178170</u>.

Donation to the Parish

As well as the collection bags or via standing order, you may give donations using the card machine at the back of Church. It also has the option to Gift Aid your donations. If you currently donate weekly and do not Gift Aid but are able to do so, please contact Mike Borg or the parish secretary. If you would like to support the Rosminian Community or to offer Mass for various intentions, please use the white IOC envelops kept at the back of the church to Gift Aid your donations. Write your Mass intentions on the back of the envelop and drop in the collection bags or box. Thank you!

Monastic Experiences for Women

Single Roman Catholic women aged 18-40 open to discerning a monastic vocation are invited to share the rhythm of daily monastic prayer and life with The Benedictine Nuns of Minster Abbey Kent. The weekends available in 2025 are 27th to 29th
Jun and 3rd to 5th Oct. For more information contact Sr Aelred at minstervocations@gmail.com or visit minsterabbeynuns.org

Jubilee Day - Kenelm Youth Trust

Young people from across the Diocese are invited to join the Jubilee Day organised by the on Sat, 5th Jul at St Chad's Cathedral. Register at <u>www.tfaforms.com/5161353</u>

Spirituality Summer School

Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality hosts a one-week programme at **Carmelite Priory, Oxford** from **13**th to **17**th **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 <u>www.carmelite.uk.net/events/summer-school/</u>

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 <u>rachel@rachelsvineyard.org.uk</u> / 07734059080 for details.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is to be celebrated on **Sun, 27th Jul** with the theme: "*Blessed are those who have not lost hope*". This World Day was established by Pope Francis in 2021 and is an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly is a sign of hope in every family and ecclesial community.

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.

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 <u>www.webelievefestival.com</u>

Second Collection - Next Sunday Next week there will be a Second Collection for Peter's Pence.

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.





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This Week's Gospel – Luke 9:11b-17 'All ate and were satisfied.'

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

Responsorial Psalm You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 4 (ages 12 to 14) : 22nd June Group 1 (ages 3 to 5) : 6th July Group 2 (ages 6 to 8) : 13th July Group 3 (ages 9 to 11) : 20th 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 Walsinghan. Raffle prizes: Maureen Smith and Ann O'Callaghan. Tea Rota: Kathleen Flanagan and Tresa Doolan

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.

Corpus Christi Procession

On Thurs 19th, we celebrated our Corpus Christi Procession, beginning with Holy Mass at 6 PM. Fr. George Puthoor IC was the main celebrant and was joined by Fr. Aji Alphonse IC, Fr. Denis Labartette IC, Fr. Bob Bellwood IC and Deacon Lionel Pelloquin. Following the Mass, parishioners and visitors formed the procession, leading the Blessed Sacrament through the

town towards the Clock Tower in the town centre. It was a beautiful sight and was a privilege to take part in such a wonderful and special occasion. As we walked, hymns were sung joyfully, and voices echoed through the streets. When we arrived at the Clock Tower, we were met by more members of our parish. As the Blessed Sacrament approached, all knelt and

bowed in reverence. A short service was held in the town centre, where we received a blessing. A heartfelt thanks to Fr.

Aji, the organisers, altar servers, and all the volunteers who helped make the procession a success. We are also grateful to all those from our parish and deanery who joined us in prayer and support. May God bless you all.

MISSIO

The **Missio envelopes** are ready for collection & are kept at the back of the church. Please return them by **Sun 29th Jun.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

This feast of 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. Eucharistic Adoration offers a unique opportunity for personal prayer, reflection, and deepening one's relationship with Christ. It's a time of silent reverence, often described as resting in the presence of God. Apart from the full day Adoration on every Monday, Adoration is held in our church every day before the morning mass and on Fridays before the evening Mass.

Sunday: 9 AM to 10 AM

Monday: 9 AM to 7 PM Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30 AM to 10 AM Fridays: 9:30 AM to 10 AM, 6 PM to 7 PM Saturday: 9 AM to 9:30 AM

You are all invited to spend time in the presence of the Lord. If you would like to dedicate a 'Holy Hour' (one hour) of your time to the Lord on Mondays, please sign your name on the form at

the back of church.

"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

- St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

"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

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

Deacon Walter Terry Hum, Carmel Johnson FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES FALL AROUND THIS TIME Gladys Walle, Oi-May Yeung, John Hinks

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