

ST TERESA'S



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Feast of Corpus Christi

Mass: St Teresa's Wednesday and Friday

9.15am

Holy Trinity Monday, Tuesday Thursday

9.15am

Confessions: please contact Fr Clive

Rosary after Mass on Friday

Dear Friends

Twice in my life I have met the Sovereign, both times the late Queen Elizabeth of blessed memory. Both occasions filled me with awe, excitement and happiness. I felt honoured and that my life had been enriched.

Today we are celebrating Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, King of Kings and Monarch of the Universe. This is the feast proposed by the great St Thomas Aquinas and for which he wrote such beautiful music: Pange Lingua gloriosa, Salutaris Hostia, Panis Angelicus and more, still sung today across the Church. It is a Feast when we remember that not only is Christ the eternal King, but that He descended to our lowly state, as a man first and under the forms of Bread and Wine in perpetuity.

"This is my Body...this is my Blood". At the Passover meal, which we call The Last Supper, Christ took the basic elements of bread and wine and transformed them into His living sacrifice which we offer daily on our altars, the Holy Eucharist. How blessed are we in this part of the world to enjoy a daily Mass when in so many others there is such a scarcity.

Today in Holy Trinity, 12 young people will be making their First Holy Communions. We must all pray for them, that they too will feel awe, excitement and happiness as they welcome the Saviour into their sacramental lives.

And what about us? Do we feel the same or have we grown a little dull of spirit? Let us ask the Sacred Heart to enliven our hearts too so that we feel enriched by our reception of Christ's Body and Blood.

God bless everyone

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This next week: Masses/Rosary as usual. Friday is the beautiful Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus(Mass at St Teresa's 9.15 am)

On Saturday we have the wedding of Patricia Williams and Ian. Patricia is the granddaughter of Felicity Williams whom some may recall.

A special thanks to Hugh for the Follies last week and to Peter for organizing

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE to York and The North: heartland of faith and hope 21-26 July 2025.

York and Yorkshire are at the heart of English Christianity and Catholicism and suffered greatly during the Reformation. Visits to York Minster, Ripon Cathedral, the minster at Beverley led by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and Suze Mathews

To book a place or for any questions please contact Bridget Teasdale – ACN Pilgrimage Director at Bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org. BOOKING CLOSES ON JULY 1 2025.

The two bills being debated in the House of Commons last week, Crime and Policing bill, which approved women aborting their own child up to birth and the assisted dying bill were both passed and will now move to the House of Lords.

Our MPs voted as follows;

Sean Woodcock. For abortion, against assisted dying (although he believes in it in principle)

Calum Miller. For abortion, against assisted dying (again believes in the principle)

Charlie Maynard. For both

It is now likely that the various hospices run by the catholic church will be closed because they are likely to be required to assist people to die in addition to providing palliative care. This will not happen immediately because there is up to 4 years before full implementation.

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