



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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## THIS WEEK



**19th June**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY  
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
(CORPUS CHRISTI)**

**6pm\*:** Mary O'Connor+  
**8.30am:** Rita de-Ritis (ann+)  
**10.30am:** Adam Panczak+  
**6.00pm:** Noel O'Sullivan+

**Monday 20th**

**6pm:** James Crossan+

**Tuesday 21st**

**9.30am:** Morning Prayer  
**10.00am:** Sisters of St Gildas-des-Bois (int)  
**10.30am:** Life Ascending Meeting (JP Room)

**Wednesday 22nd**

No Mass

**Thursday 23rd**

**The Nativity of John The Baptist**

**10.00am:** Charles Posnett+  
**10.30am:** Coffee Morning

**Friday 24th**

**THE MOST SACRED  
HEART OF JESUS**

**9.30am:** Morning Prayer  
**10.00am:** Angela & David Greenwood (ints)  
**12.00pm:** Alpha Soup Lunch  
**1.30pm:** Christian Meditation  
**6.00pm:** Adoration

**Saturday 25th**

**6pm\*:** Julie Loh (ann+)

**26th June**

**13TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**8.30am:** Tiburcio Jose Sarriegui+  
**10.30am:** Kiana Kiani (ints)  
**6.00pm:** Willie Hanley+

"And taking the five loaves and the two fish Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces."

On this Feast of Corpus Christi, God comes to ask us do we hunger and thirst for Him and for the abundant life He offers through His Son Jesus Christ? The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four Gospels. What is the significance of this miracle? The miraculous feeding of such a great multitude points to God's provision of manna (bread) in the wilderness for the people of Israel under Moses' leadership. When the people complained to Moses that they would die of hunger in the barren wilderness, God told Moses that He would "rain bread from heaven" for them to eat (Exodus 16:4,11-12). The miraculous provision of bread foreshadows the true heavenly bread which Jesus offers His followers who believe in him. Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the "bread of life" John 6:35) and the "true bread of heaven" that sustains us now and for all eternity John 6:58).

*Quote from the early church fathers: Christ has yet to feed them with stronger food, by Ambrose of Milan, 339/397 A.D.*

"The order of the mystery is preserved everywhere. The first healing is bestowed on wounds through the remission of sins. Then the nourishment of the heavenly table abounds, although this multitude is not yet refreshed with stronger foods, nor do hearts hungry for more solid faith feed on the body and blood of Christ (Hebrews 5:12-14). He says, 'I gave you milk to drink, not meat. For you then were not strong, nor are you yet' (1Corinthians 3:2). The five loaves are like milk, but the more solid meat is the body of Christ, and the stronger drink is the blood of the Lord (Luke 22:19-20). Not immediately at first do we feast on all foods, nor do we drink all drinks 'First drink this ' He says 'Thus there is a first, then a second then a thing that you drink. At first there are five loaves, then there are seven (Matthew 15:34). The third loaf is the true body of Christ. So, then, let us never abandon on such a Lord. He agrees to bestow on us nourishment according to the strength of each, lest either too strong a food oppress the weak or too meager a nourishment not satisfy the strong." (excerpt from Exposition of the Gospel of Luke 6.71-720

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## CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI



**FR JOHN:** invites Parishioners to join him in Walsingham from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 for a pilgrimage to Our Lady's National Shrine – a time of prayer, praise and fellowship. Early registration is recommended. Please see the link for registration. <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/>



You are invited to join us on Monday evenings, 7.30 pm on 20<sup>th</sup> June, and Friday lunchtimes, 12.00 pm - 24<sup>th</sup> June. Please register your interest at [www.bametalpha.com](http://www.bametalpha.com).

### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

**Gathering:** 458

**Psalm 109:** *You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old*

**Offertory:** 625

**Communion:** 640

938

**Going Forth:** 960

# NOTICES

## WELCOME

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH?** Please visit the parish website on [parish.rcdow.org.uk/](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/) **barnet** where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch. This is produced weekly with current news on what is happening in and around the parish - available at the back of the church or on the website under 'news'. If you would like to register yourself and/or your family, please email the parish office with your details to [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk)

### Fr John

Fr John would like to thank all the Parishioners for their offered prayers, concern and support when he was indisposed. Blessings 🙏

### PARISH EVANGELISATION CELL GROUPS

Acts 2:42, 44, 46; 4:32 tells us about the small communities of Christians who gathered in their homes to follow the teachings of Jesus. Small group (communities) have always been part of the tradition of the Church.

Within our parish these small groups take the form of Cell Groups, where a group of 6-12 members meet regularly to pray with scripture, praise God, listen to a teaching and intercede for others. If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, please contact **Tamara** on **07984 187799**

**NEED TO TALK?** If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass.

Please knock on the presbytery door or email [anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)

**SATURDAY CLASSES:** Summer Term All Primary school children not attending Catholic Schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends.

**Venue:** The JP Room

**Time:** From 9.30am to 10.45am

**Dates:** **June:** 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, **July:** 9<sup>th</sup>

### ST CATHERINE'S 3 YEAR OLD NURSERY:

We currently have a few spaces left in our 3 year old nursery intake for September 2022. Admissions are invited from families whose child attains 3 years of age between the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022. Supplementary information forms can be found on the school website or for more information please contact the school office: **02084404946**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:**

Mary Geraghty, Catherine Malone, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, Sean Kelly, Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, ohn Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey

**Recently Deceased:** Susan Cooney

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