

The Catholic Parish of Carpenders Park & South Oxhey
 St Joseph's Church, Oxhey Drive, Watford WD19 7SW
 carpenderspark@rcdow.org.uk
 www.carpenderspark.org.uk



Corpus Christi (Year A) 11 June 2023

Fr John Warnaby Parish Priest Tel: 0208 428 0088
 Linda Grimes Parish Administrator Tel: 0208 428 0088
 Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am-3pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 10th June	Vigil: Corpus Christi	6.00pm	The Moore family
Sunday 11th June	Corpus Christi	8.30am	Helen Birch RIP
		10.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 13th June	St Anthony of Padua	7.00pm	Myra Concannon RIP
Wednesday 14th June	Feria	9.15am	Confirmation candidates
Thursday 15th June	Feria	9.15am	James family Intentions
Friday 16th June	Sacred Heart of Jesus	9.15am	Rosemary Roberts RIP
			followed by Holy Hour
		7.00pm	Mass of Confirmation
Saturday 17th June	Vigil: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm	People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS Saturday 5.30pm or see Fr John

Mass Intentions: Please leave plenty of time if you want a special date

Liturgy of the Word: 11th June 2023

Entrance Antiphon: He fed them with the finest wheat
 and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
Responsorial Psalm: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
 I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord.
 Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.
 Alleluia!

Next week's Readings: Exodus 19:2-6 Psalm 99 Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8

"The bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ" (1 Cor 10:16)

On Holy Thursday we recalled the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Today's Solemnity, kept in many countries last Thursday, is an opportunity to commemorate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and to rejoice in this Sacrament which is the source and summit of the life of the Church. Throughout the world, Eucharistic processions take place as public acts of worship and adoration bear witness to the risen Christ, who walks amongst us and leads all people to heaven.

We call the Eucharist 'Holy Communion' because it enables us to enter into the life of Jesus: we enter into a communion with God through Jesus, who became human so that we might become divine. In his Body and Blood, Jesus unites us with Himself and confirms us in communion with each other, the mystical Body of Christ.

The Sacrament unites us with those in Church around us, with those sharing in Jesus' Body and Blood throughout the world, and with the whole of God's creation. The constant presence of the love of Jesus for us – a love which is boundless – makes its home in us and asks us to love as He has loved. It opens our eyes to see our brothers and sisters who are suffering, who are sick, who are hungry or homeless, as members of the same body of Christ. The Sacrament is not to be reserved for the sacred space of the Mass alone, but transforms us to be sent out into the world on mission. We go forth to show the love of Christ in service to others.

"I held the Host with two fingers and thought: how small Jesus made Himself, in order to show us that He doesn't expect great things of us, but rather little things with great love." (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Confirmation Mass *this* Friday 16th June at 7pm

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be confirming 25 candidates this Friday. Thank you to Donna and Debbie who have helped to prepare them for this special day in their lives. May God bless them all.

So, I've been confirmed - now what?

If you'd like to continue learning about your faith in a relaxed and fun environment, sign up for theASCENT.



theASCENT is a discipleship process for Catholic young people in years 10-13 who want to embrace their faith in Jesus Christ and learn how to share it with others.

Bookings are now open for the Brentwood location **starting in October** and full details can be found at www.theascentuk.co.uk

“Sinners Called to Holiness” Prayer for a Pilgrim Church

2025 will be a Jubilee Year. As part of the preparation for the Jubilee Pope Francis has invited the Church to reflect on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023 and for 2024 to be a Year of Prayer. David McLoughlin will guide us in reflection on the Universal Call to Holiness and the place of prayer in Vatican II. **15 June 2023 at 11am-3pm @ London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH.** Free event (donations welcome).

Booking <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sinners-called-to-holiness-prayer-for-a-pilgrimchurch-tickets-629250403897>. See poster at the back of Church

St Patrick's Summits...exploring faith and meaning

The next day of talks will be on **Saturday 17th June** at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square. The topic is Wisdom. For further details: <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/wisdom> or see the poster at the back of Church

Racial Justice webinar

Bishop Paul McAleenan will be hosting a webinar on **Tuesday 11th July 2pm-3:30pm** to build upon the work that has taken place around Racial Justice Sunday in recent years.

This includes the Image and Likeness of God initiative which celebrates images of Our Lady and the Child Jesus from a range of countries and cultures, and the Walking Together, Praying Together, and Working Together project, which reflects on the role that each of us has to play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. Register for this free Zoom event via <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/webinar-racial-justice-in-the-church/>

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on **6-9 July 2023** or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **13-15 October 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk



As the new tax year is upon us, don't forget to let us know if your tax circumstances have changed & you need to amend your Gift Aid Status. If you don't already give by Gift Aid and you find that you could, please pick up a Gift Aid declaration today. **It doesn't cost you anything** and means *we can claim an extra 25p from the government for every £1 that you donate.* You just have to be a UK taxpayer who pays enough tax to cover the amount of gift aid that is claimed back.

Planned giving envelopes

There are several boxes still to be collected from the back bench in church. It's still not too late to swap the way you give to the parish! **The most helpful way of supporting the parish is donating by standing order**, which also reduces our volunteers' work in counting. If you would like to switch from envelopes or cash, to standing order please contact the Parish office. Alternatively, pick up a standing order form at the back of the church.

Offertory for Sunday 4th June 2023

Envelopes	£ 193.35
Loose	£ 548.54 (includes First Communion Mass)
Total	£ 741.89

Many thanks for your generosity

Please remember all our sick parishioners in your prayers, especially Bebe Ryan, Dawn, Phil Carey, Alice Sheppard and Christine Kempster. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Marty Spires who died recently.