

Reflection on the Feast of Corpus Christi

Today's feast offers us an opportunity to pause and ask ourselves an obvious question, 'Why do we do this?' 'Why do we gather on Sunday for Eucharist?' Many of us are from a generation where we were told that it was a mortal sin not to! The answer lies in looking at the opening line of the Gospel for today. "Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the Kingdom of God and he cured those who were in need of healing!"

The Eucharist is the place where we are welcomed by the Lord.

The Eucharist is where the word of hope that is the
Reign of God is shared with us.

The Eucharist is where we gather in our brokenness for healing.

This opening line in the Gospel sets the scene for everything that follows. We are indeed in a lonely place here, and that is precisely where Jesus meets us, aware of our need for nourishment in a world where our internet diet of social media and news feeds leaves us hungry for a word of hope that takes us beyond the endless blame games and point scoring that surround us. Jesus invites us to sit together, not in judgment of one another but simply aware of our need and he asks us to be open to the blessing he wishes to share with us.

Here we can eat and be satisfied because here we learn that the risen Christ is still present to us and wants us to live well in this world as his disciples, going out from our gathering to witness to the power of his love.

It is worth remembering that the reason Paul is reminding the Corinthians what happened at the last supper in today's second reading is that they have forgotten the why of their gathering and instead their Eucharist has become a shambles where the poor are ignored, and petty divisions and pride are to the forefront. So, there is nothing "automatic" about our Sunday celebration of presence – we need to work at being together and to keep reminding ourselves of the why!

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday	09.00 am – 4.00 pm
Sunday	11.00 am – 1.30 pm

MASS TIMES

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed online, and on Sundays both the 10.00 am and the 12.00 noon Masses.

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT
will be in the Church

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm,
and First Friday of the month from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.
The Feast of**

**Corpus Christi
(Year C)**

10th June 2022

This weekend's second collection is for Day for Life, a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Our Church teaches us that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The proceeds of this collection, which is held in parishes in England and Wales will assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Dayforlife.org

Bible Study: Genesis to Jesus

What is the Bible; where does it come from, and what is its purpose? How are Catholics supposed to read the Bible and what story does it tell? These are the ever-important questions answered in Genesis to Jesus. Join us to learn the basic Catholic principles for reading Scripture and to survey the broad outlines of the books of the Bible and to discover your place in the story of salvation. It is a 12-week course. We started on 7th June and will finish the first half of the course on 12th July at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre, and a further six weeks in the autumn. If you have not been able to come along so far, you will be more than welcome on Tuesdays. The next six sessions will take place in the autumn. The meetings last 1 hour, and the format is as follows:-

Opening prayer

Video

Short input from Fr. Liam or Deacon Jayson

Discussion and questions

Final Prayer

Lost Prayer Book

A prayer book with a black leather cover was lost in the church sometime last weekend. As you can imagine, the owner is very distressed. If you found the prayer book, could you please return it to the Sacristy. Many thanks.

Wednesday 22nd June

St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More

Thursday 23rd June

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday 24th June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sunday Coffee Drop-in

Starting on 11th September, the parish will be hosting coffee drop-in sessions once a month, after every Sunday Mass (7.00 pm Saturday, 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm Sunday). We will need volunteers to help run these sessions, so if you are interested please put your name and contact details on the list in the Parish Office.

Medjugorje Youth Festival

We are now taking names for the youth festival in Medjugorje from 29th July to 5th of August (one week). The price is £599 for adults and a discount for young people. Please contact Agnes on 07920840783 or Fr. Joe on 07587808145.

Funeral Arrangements

Tom Lally

Mass 7.00 pm, Wednesday 22nd June, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Ireland.

Richard Butler

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 24th June, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakespear Crematorium.

Advance Notice

Theresa Stanislaus

Service 1.45 pm, Friday 1st July, Breakespear Crematorium.

Michael Moran

Mass 1.00 pm, Tuesday 5th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakespear Crematorium.