



# Our Lady of Lourdes Harpenden

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

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

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Today's feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, which is well known as Corpus Christi, gives us an opportunity to revisit the events of Holy Thursday. The events of that day give us much to ponder and reflect on, and, now that Lent and Easter are complete, today's feast provides an opportunity for deeper reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist instituted by Christ on the night before he died.

Jesus acknowledges the need of the crowd and shows compassion for them. He 'makes them welcome', speaks to them about the Kingdom of God, and heals the sick. This attitude of Jesus contrasts with that of the Twelve, who suggest that the crowds be sent away. Jesus' reply to this is: 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' All the Baptised, every disciple, must do as Jesus did, and must recognise the needs, both material and spiritual, of those who are searching for the Kingdom. We must do so because when we identify the needs of others, we have a responsibility to respond to that need, we can't, as the apostles suggested simply send the 'problem' away.

### **Parish Office**

**Open Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday  
9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Office Administrators  
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The narrative of the miracle itself, especially in the detail of the actions of Jesus, clearly prepares for the Last Supper. The miracle of the loaves, then, does not only look back to God's past provision for the people, such as the provision of manna in the desert, but also points to the Eucharist and to the self-giving of Christ on the cross. St Paul reminds us explicitly of what Jesus did 'on the night that he was betrayed'. He gives us not an earthly bread, but the bread, which is the gift of himself that we might live.

### **WEBSITE:**

**parish@rcdow.org.uk/  
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twitter: @RC\_OLOL**

**NB. Entries for the Newsletter  
must be sent into the office by  
Wednesday at the latest.**

**DON'T MISS  
THE DEADLINE!**

## SICK OR HOUSEBOUND?

For those who are sick or housebound the Parish Priest is always happy to bring Holy Communion and, or, to arrange for one of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to do so. If you are unable to attend Mass, or know of someone in that situation, please contact the Parish Office on 01582 712245 to make suitable arrangements.

## WE WANT YOU!

New recruits are invited to join the ranks of our altar servers. Children who have completed, their First Holy Communion are eligible to join. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.



## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The Bishops of England and Wales are holding a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018. For more information and to enquire about tickets to events, please contact [adoremus@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adoremus@rcdow.org.uk) or call 07738183829.

## SOLITUDE SATURDAY

### ST CLARE'S CONVENT

ABIGAIL CLOSE LUTON

The next Solitude Saturday will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 10.00am and ends at 3.00pm. There is also opportunity for a Solitude

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June      feria

10.00am Betty Wevereaux (RIP)  
6.00pm Brian Tate (RIP)

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June      The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (B)

8.30am People of the Parish  
9.45am Bridie Morahan (Spec Int)  
11.30am Elizabeth & Timothy Mahony (RIP)

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June      feria

9.15am Fr Celeient (Spec Int)

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June      St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

9.15am Sr Conleth Slevin (OP) (RIP)

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June      feria

9.15am Brian Tate (RIP)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June      feria

11.00am Florence King (RIP)

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June      The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.15 am Special Intention (CS)

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June      The Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.00am Special Intention (AB)  
6.00pm Brian Tate (RIP)

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June      10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time(B)

8.30am Margaret Foulds (RIP)  
9.45am First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass  
People of the Parish  
11.30am Peggy Cagney (RIP)

## CONFESSIONS

(Saturday 10.30-11.00am  
and after the 6.00pm Mass.)

Walk in the Prayer Gardens and time to pray in the Poustinia or Hermitage. As parking at St Clare's is limited, you are asked to leave your car immediately inside Abigail Close and walk round to No3. Thank you.