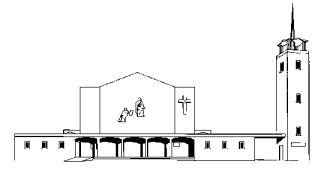




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YEAR B

CORPUS CHRISTI

2ND JUNE 2024

Gospel: *Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26*

This is my body. This is my blood.

Today is Corpus Christi, the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity. Last week we celebrated the dynamic relational love which is the Holy Trinity. Today we celebrate how that love is primarily revealed to us, through the gift of the precious body and blood of Christ. Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends, Jesus told his followers. He showed the greatest love of all by offering himself for us. Our readings today underscore some key themes in this love story, against the backdrop of the Jewish roots of our faith. In Mark's gospel we see Jesus eat with the disciples the Passover meal, which we know as the Last Supper. The Passover celebrated the deliverance of the chosen people from slavery, captivity and death and commemorated the very meal held on the night they left Egypt in haste. Now in Jesus' hands, the meal becomes no longer just a memorial of what God had accomplished for his people in the past but a living enactment of what he would do on the morrow, the new Passover in Jesus' body and blood. This would win for God's people liberation from an even greater slavery, captivity and death. *'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many'*. In these words, Jesus was referencing not only the Passover through which God had been true to his covenant in setting free his chosen people but the actual covenant itself. At the heart of God's dealings with his people was covenantal relationship. God had entered into many covenants with his people. Collectively they were known as the covenant. A covenant is different from a contract. A contract depends upon rights, whereas a covenant is freely entered into, on the basis of promise. God promised to bless his people, and the people promised to bless God in return. In the covenants of the Old Testament, the shedding of sacrificial blood featured in three ways. In the first, covenants were sealed and ratified with blood, as we see Moses does, in our reading from Exodus when he sprinkled the people with blood. Second, if a covenant was broken, the only recourse for its restoration was to seek forgiveness of sins through sacrificial offerings and the sprinkling of blood. Third, every year the covenant had to be renewed and the sins of the nation atoned for, and again this was through blood. On the day of Yom Kippur, the high priest would enter into the holy of holies in the Temple through the heavy curtain, and sprinkle beyond it the ark of the covenant with sacrificial blood. The Letter to the Hebrews wants us to recognise that in contrast to these high priests who performed sacrifice on behalf of the people, Christ is infinitely a greater high priest, for he is *'the High Priest of all the blessings which were to come'* as he offers not animal blood but his own blood, the blood of God's Son, and this is offered not in the tent or temple, but in the very sanctuary of heaven itself. So, the covenant won for us by Christ is infinitely greater than the covenants before, because it is ratified through Jesus' infinitely superior sacrifice and the sprinkling of his own divine blood. Consequently, his death opens access into the very life of heaven itself through a new covenant, as the perfect mediator, for people *'called to an eternal inheritance'*. To use a simple illustration. Under the old covenant sins were forgiven just as a coffee stain on the table is covered over. Under the new there is no need for a cover because the stain is completely wiped away through Jesus' blood. Do we know that our sins have been forgiven? We give thanks today for our Lord's self-offering on the cross, as we give thanks also for his representation of that same sacrifice offered in holy mass, where the Lord makes available to us the full effects of his perfect, eternal and once-for-all sacrifice. *'This is my body... this is my blood'*. In so doing, may we remember also that we are receiving not just the sacrament of a dead Saviour, but the body, blood, soul and divinity of our crucified, risen, ascended, glorified Lord. Unless we eat of his body and drink of his blood, Jesus tells us, we shall never have life within us nor inherit eternal life. Let us on this glorious day, then, eagerly adore and partake of the bread of life and the chalice of salvation.

Fr Julian



PRAYER & LITURGY

CONFIRMATION: We welcome Bishop Paul to St Augustine's and we congratulate the 26 young members of our parish who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend: Maddalena Barone, Gianluca Bellini, Georgia Cappalonga, Graziella Castiglione, Elizabeth Chamberlain, Rosa Cicchirillo, Khloe De Beer, Amelia De Muynck, Luciana Di Popolo, Eily-Grace Fairgrieve, Luca Ferraro, Sienna Filocco, Lilly-May Haastrup, Aaliyah Joseph, Ileana Leto, Gabriel Loda, Joan Martin, Ellie Martorna, Francesco Martorana, Freddie McCallum, Jasmine McCarthy, Ava Morris, Giuseppe Montalbano, Jakub Raton, Elliana Vignogna and Eden Winning.

CORPUS CHRISTI is this **Sunday 2nd June** and there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the presbytery garden at 7pm, weather permitting.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Dario Minichiello, Luciana Gianfrancesco Maurice Cattini, Domenico Guarino and Lucy Wambui and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Giuseppina Conti, Alfonso Tagliavere, Vincenzo Ricotta, Kenneth Parker, Anthony Rayner, Gwen Phelan, Raffaella Bagan, Joseph Onyenakala, Thomas Murphy, Valerie Smith, Bernadette Munday and Calogero Nicastro. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

DARIO MINICHELLO of Beech Walk, died recently. His Requiem will be on **Wednesday 5th June at 11am.**

MAURICE CATTINI of Granville Gardens, Hoddesdon died recently. His Requiem will be on **Tuesday 11th June at 2pm.** *May they rest in peace.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **Sunday 16th & 30th June at the 9.15am Mass.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers

HELPERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9.15am Mass are needed. **If you can help, please do contact the presbytery immediately.** Without more volunteers, children's liturgy may not be able to continue. Next dates: **9th & 23rd June.**

PRAYER GROUP will be held in the crypt on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. Please note the next meeting will be on **Thursday 5th September.**

SACRED HEART: The Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus continues until the 7th June. You may like to use the prayer at the bottom of the newsletter. On **7th June, during**



the 7pm Mass, there will be an opportunity for the anointing of the sick.



POPE'S INTENTION FOR JUNE is for those fleeing their own countries. Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM will be on **Saturday 21st September.** We have the chance to go on pilgrimage to Walsingham with Cardinal Vincent and



the Auxiliary Bishops. The theme of the Pilgrimage is 'Be it done unto me according to thy word', echoing Our Lady's words at the Annunciation and the Pilgrimage takes place very close to the Feast of our Lady of Walsingham on Tuesday 24th September. The coach will leave the church at 8am, to get to Walsingham in good time for the 12 noon Mass. After lunch, we will walk the Holy Mile and conclude with Benediction in the grounds of the Anglican Shrine. Please note there will be two collections during the day: one during the Mass which goes towards the upkeep and development of Walsingham Shrine and a retiring collection after Benediction which also goes towards the costs of the day. We have a 35-seater coach. To book a place on the coach, please contact the presbytery. The cost of the day will be £35 (£30 coach and £5 pilgrims' levy fee. Payment is not required yet.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain. Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

CATECHETICS

BAPTISM COURSE: The next course will be held on **Wednesday 19th June from 7-8pm** in the church. The course must be completed before a Baptism can be arranged. To enrol on the course, please contact the presbytery.



RCIA: ('Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) continues on the **4th June at 7.30pm in the crypt.** This

is for those seeking full communion with the Church and those who wish to renew their faith. Please do come along.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025:



Application forms for the Confirmation programme for young people in Year 9 or above, or going into Year 9 in September are now available to collect from the presbytery either by email or in person. Entry to the Confirmation programme depends on regular attendance at Mass. More details will follow in due course.

SCHOOLS

GOVERNOR VACANCY: St Augustine’s School are looking for a Foundation Governor. All skills are welcome, including HR, SEND and SAFEGUARDING. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in giving something back to your local Catholic school, please let Fr Julian or the school know. Please visit <https://education.rcdow.org.uk/governance-admissions/>

CONSULTATION ON FAITH DESIGNATION REFORMS FOR NEW AND EXISTING FREE SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL ACCADEMIES:



As you will be well aware the Catholic church has been pressing for many years for the lifting of the 50% cap on places for Catholic children in New Faith Schools if the School becomes over-subscribed. The Church has been working for some considerable time with officials at the DfE to bring about a change in policy to allow for the Catholic non-maintained special schools to be able to become academies which will be possible if the consultation allowing the opening of special faith-based academies is successful. Catholic education not only provides a high performing school sector and promotes the formation of children in values and virtues; it is more ethnically diverse than other schools, educates more pupils from the most deprived backgrounds, and builds social cohesion within our communities. The CES has filed an on-line response to the consultation and the responses to the substantive parts of the consultation are available on their website. In addition, a simple e-action response has been developed which provides for an email response to be submitted with very little input on the part of the respondent. The e-action response is now available on the Bishops’ Conference website and can be accessed through the following link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lifting-the-faith-schools-cap/>



SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

PARISH PICNIC will be held in the Presbytery Garden on **Sunday 11th August 12.30-4pm**. More details to follow. Please save the date!

SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP: The next meeting date for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 26th June** from 4.30-6pm in the presbytery.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: If you’ve experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6th June at 2pm** in the presbytery.

CHURCH CLEANING: Elizabeth Nsonwah, Tina Pegna, Sophie & Angelo Lenguito. Thank you for your help.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you to all who continue to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

NO CASH? You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



PRAYER OF THE WEEK

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Living God, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the heart of Jesus, Your son. Open our hearts to share His life and continue to bless us with His love. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PILGRIMAGE DAY TO WALSINGHAM ON 21ST SEPTEMBER

Name:

Contact no.:

Email address.....

Next-of-kin name & contact number:
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PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Your personal details will be held on file. After the Pilgrimage day, your details will be securely destroyed. You can read the full privacy policy on rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 1st June Saint Justin Martyr 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Domenico Crolla RIP	Page 85 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8 <i>This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Thomas Murphy RIP	Ps 115 — The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.
Sun 2nd June CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15am Mass Valerie Smith RIP 11.15am Mass For the Parish 1.15pm Confirmation Mass 7pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15 <i>The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.</i>
Mon 3rd June Saint Charles Lwanga and companions 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Maurice Cattini RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. 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! Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26 <i>This is my body. This is my blood.</i>
Tues 4th June St Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Kenneth Parker RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p>
Wed 5th June St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass Calogero Nicastro RIP followed by coffee in the crypt 11am Funeral Dario Minichiello RIP 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	1st Reading: Genesis 3: 9-15 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5: 1 Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35
Thurs 6th June Saint Norbert, Bishop 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass Rachel McKenzie NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 7th June SACRED HEART OF JESUS (NO abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 11am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament/11.50 Benediction 12 noon Mass Honor Miller 6pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7pm Mass Our sick Parishioners	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Saturday 8th June Immaculate Heart of Mary 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass Maurice Cattini RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass Assunta & Giuseppe Defeo RIP	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 9th June TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15am Mass For the Parish 11.15am Mass Antonio & Franco Martorana RIP anniv	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 4th 1pm Lunch club, crypt Tues 4th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt	Tues 4th 7.30pm RCIA, crypt Wed 5th 6pm Brownies, crypt

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** Si pregano tutti i parroccchiani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio