

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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Corpus Christi (Year B – 2nd June 2024)

This Week		
Weekday Masses (this week)	Sunday Masses	Confessions
Mon Funeral Mass, details below	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Saturday 5:30 - 5:50pm
Tue - Fri 10am Mass followed by Adoration	Sunday 9:30, 11am	(and anytime, as possible, on request)

**Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,*

*And in the manna sent from heaven.
*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;*

These words from the Sequence beautifully describe to us what is the source and summit of our faith, namely the Body and Blood of Christ. Bread of *immortality* foreshadowed by the *sacrifice of Isaac*, *paschal food* of the Passing-over not anymore just from slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the promised land but from slavery of sin and death into the life of God in us. *Bread for pilgrims* (that is us on the way to heaven- parishioners), *manna from heaven*- food that does not only allow to stay alive in the desert where there is nothing else but that *keeps us* God's. This *bread divine* makes of us His Body. It gives us the life of God, his grace freely and abundantly. So that we can, today and every day, *see thy glories shine!*

News & Events

Coffee morning Thank you to Sue, Marguerita and Fiona for helping out last week and for the parishioners that generously donated cakes. Next coffee morning is **30th June**.

Offertory collectors Thank you to all those that signed up to this important ministry. Fr Rajiv will be in touch soon.

Requiescat in Pace Marie Therese Hayden's funeral Mass is at **11am 3rd June**.

Readers and Communion ministers. On Sunday **7th July** there will be a training session for **Eucharistic Ministers (2-4 PM)** and **Readers (4-6 PM)**. If you're interested in these important ministries, please get in touch! We're particularly short of communion ministers and readers for the Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass. New communion ministers need to be interviewed by the parish priest so come and chat with Fr Rajiv or Fr Jakub.

Retreat for Catechists. The Diocese is offering a Retreat for Parish Catechists on two dates. On **Saturday 6th July**, from 10am to 3.30pm, the retreat is at Sacred Heart School in Hammersmith, and **Saturday 19th October** will be at Welwyn Garden City. Those who help as readers and Eucharistic ministers would be welcome to go on this if you are interested as well. There is a suggested donation of £10 per person which can be refunded by the parish. Please register by sending an email to catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

Human Dignity and the Meaning of Suffering The J. H Newman Cultural Centre will host an event entitled “What is mortal man that You care for him? A dialogue about human dignity and the meaning of suffering” in St Wilfrid’s Hall at the Oratory on **Monday 3rd June** at 7pm. This will be a dialogue between two Catholic friends who deeply care about the value of life, and the meaning of suffering: Paolo Carozza, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and Fr Vincent Nagle of the Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of St Charles Borromeo, who is a chaplain to the Maddalena Grassi Foundation, who assists people at the moment of death. All welcome.

Episcopal Ordination of Mgr Jim Curry For Many years, Mgr Jim Curry was the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Victories in Kensington High Street. He has now been appointed Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Westminster. His episcopal ordination will be held in Westminster Cathedral on **Tuesday 18th June** at 12 noon. All our parishoners are very welcome to attend and no tickets are required.

Lifting the Faith Schools Cap Your response is needed. Since 2010 the 50 percent cap or 'rule' has prevented new Catholic free schools from opening, as the cap would have forced schools to turn away some Catholic pupils. The Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan has opened a consultation on lifting the cap for new free schools in England. This closes on **20th June**. Do take 2 mins to lend your support to the consultation, post your details at www.cbcew.org.uk/faith-schools-consultation-response/

Secondary school scramble will be upon us soon. Finchley Catholic High School are holding an open day on Tuesday **10th September** from 5pm to 7.30pm.

Gift Aid It would greatly help our finances if you could gift aid your donations! Please do take a moment, especially on the contactless terminal to fill out your details (once will do!); thanks, if you’ve done this already. Equally, please email oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk if you need to be removed from the Gift Aid scheme (if perhaps you no longer pay tax) and we can exclude you from our 2023/24 tax-year claims.

Last Call for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Registration for the Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage, **19th to 26th July 2024**, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now possible via the application form <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes/>

CAFOD pilgrimage for young adults, between 18 to 40 years, takes place from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July**. The 13.5 mile walk is to help pilgrims reconnect with their faith through worship and prayer as they journey together in preparation for the Year of Jubilee. 2 nights are spent at the Frontier Centre, NN9 5UH. For more info <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/young-adults-residential-pilgrimage>

The Bible Summit at St Patrick's Church, sees some big name speakers coming! Soho Square on Saturday **22nd June**, 10.30am-5.30pm. If you want to have a deeper engagement with your Bible, this is not an event to miss! More info at <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/summits>

“Understanding Islam” – a course for Christians run by Dr Chris Hewer, a Christian academic at Richmond on Tuesday 25th June from 10am-4pm. Dr Hewer has worked for almost 40 years in the field of Christian-Muslim relations. He will unpack key concepts in Islam as a means to helping Christians better understanding our Muslim neighbours. Please email James Holland(jamesholland@rcdow.org.uk), the diocese’s Interfaith Coordinator, for more information. Dr Hewer’s website is at <https://chrishewer.org>

The London Jesuit Centre at Farm Street offers regular, interesting courses, retreats and formation in spirituality. **11th June 2024** is the start of **5 weeks on the main themes of Catholic Social Teaching**, including reflection on: the Preferential Option for the Poor, the dignity of work, care of creation and the family. See <https://www.londonjesuitcentre.org/> for more details.