



Sunday 6th June 2021

# CORPUS CHRISTI



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## THIS WEEK

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| <b>Sun 6 June</b><br>6.15pm (Vigil)<br>8.30am<br>9.45am<br>11.15am<br>5.30pm | <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b><br>Holy Souls<br>Marg Thomas RIP<br>Dee Kelly Loader RIP<br>THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH<br>Gregory Motias Dias RIP &<br>Thomas Jose Dias RIP                                  |
| <b>Mon 7 June</b><br>9.30am  | <b>feria</b><br>Michael Crowley RIP<br>Jamira Dias (50th Birthday)   |
| <b>Tues 8 June</b><br>9.30am   | <b>feria</b><br>Zanaida Rivera (Thanksgiving)  |
| <b>Weds 9 June</b><br>9.30am   | <b>feria</b><br>Studita De Souza RIP   |
| <b>Thurs 10 June</b><br>9.30am<br>11.15am                                    | <b>feria</b><br>Mary Dawson RIP<br>FUNERAL MASS<br>Catherine Kevill RIP  |
| <b>Fri 11 June</b><br>9.30am   | <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED<br/>HEART OF JESUS</b><br>Frank O'Connor RIP   |
| <b>Sat 12 June</b><br>9.30am   | <b>The Immaculate Heart of the<br/>Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>Stefka Arabova RIP   |
| <b>Sun 6 June</b><br>6.15pm (Vigil)<br>8.30am<br>9.45am<br>11.15am<br>5.30pm | <b>11th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b><br>John Baptism Fernandes<br>& Matilda Cardozo<br>Patsy Donoghue RIP<br>Neil Cummins RIP<br>Deceased Family & Friends of Eva<br>Russo<br>THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH |

## TODAY'S MASS



Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Today is also called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present body, soul and divinity in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we are taken to the foot of the Cross at Calvary as if we were truly there ourselves and prepare for the Kingdom of God.

**First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8**

The covenant is established between God and the people.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15**

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

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

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

## SPIRITUAL QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"God dwells in our midst,  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."  
- St. Maximilian Kolbe*

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# GOSPEL REFLECTION

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK & HOUSEBOUND:** Margaret O'Shea, Marie Rego, Eileen Kidd, Christopher Browne, John and Angela McCarthy, Patrick McDonagh, Noel Gill, Tom Fernandes, Dee Auriol, Kathleen O'Brien, Allan Noronha, Fiona Power, Theresa Isaccs, Emma Fernandes, SMR, Aaran Thayaparan Jocalyn Almeida, Frances Sequeira

**RECENTLY BAPTISED:** Leoni Fonseca, Cora May Duff, Sanzio Monteiro

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** Catherine Kevill, Patrick Hogan

**ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DEPARTED** Dee Kelly Loader

### INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS FOR JUNE

**The Beauty of Marriage:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*For the Parish*

### LAMP AT THE ALTAR OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

*All preparing for Confirmation*

### A DAILY PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

given to us by Pope Francis for this Year of St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

The Eucharist  
is the supreme  
proof of the  
love of Jesus.  
After this, there  
is nothing more  
but Heaven  
itself



The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, which we call the Eucharist, is not just one of the seven Sacraments. It is the supreme Christian Sacrament and it is presented as such in all the Gospels. Mark makes it clear that Jesus instituted this Sacrament during a Passover meal, which in turn re-enacts the central Exodus event in the history of Israel. For Jesus, this Sacrament interprets his own dying and rising as the definitive Exodus—the supreme act of liberation from bondage—now intended for all people and for all time. This represents for us, therefore, the ultimate liberation from sin and death and therefore from the bondage of guilt and fear and despair.

In this profoundly symbolic action at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals to his disciples the meaning of his imminent death and resurrection. He will not be dying as a misguided idealist, who loses everything at the end and who is believed by some naïve persons to have been somehow victorious. Rather, he is one who freely gives his life for others and whose love leads directly to his resurrection, since God cannot ignore such generous and unselfish love.

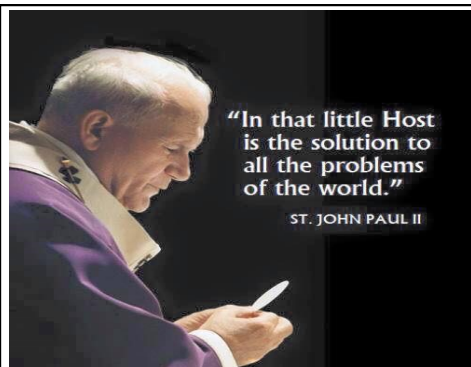
It is important to take seriously the words of Jesus about the reality of his presence among us in the Eucharist. It is a mistake, however, to think that the profound symbolic meaning of this Sacrament is in any way incompatible with its reality as the very Body and Blood of the Lord. In fact, if the reality alone is emphasized, there is always the danger of a simplistic and magical understanding of this Sacrament.

When we truly appreciate the symbolic and universal meaning of the Eucharist, we will see it, not only as the supreme example of the love of Jesus, but also as a claim on all who receive it to make that unselfish love the central feature of their own lives. In other words, we must by all means reverence this Sacrament and receive it with great devotion, but it is even more important to live its meaning when we return to our working lives. Receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord and continuing to be self-centred and insensitive at home or at work is clearly a serious contradiction.

It is very difficult, of course, to be truly and consistently dedicated to unselfish service. When we receive the Eucharist with profound awareness of its true meaning we experience the reality of God's love for us and, as that experience deepens, we become ever more free to be the kind of loving presence in our world that Jesus calls us to be.

The importance of all this becomes clear when we realise that our participation in the victory of Jesus will ultimately depend on how well we have lived his message of love for God and concern for others. In other words, in the end it will be the quality of our loving that will be decisive and not just the frequency of our reception of the Eucharist. It is precisely that dedication to unselfishness in all we do that will enable us to join Jesus in his glorious resurrection. Honouring and receiving the Eucharist will surely help us to live in that way, but it is recognition of Jesus for who is truly is and our loving care and concern for others that will make the Eucharist victorious in our lives.

# NEWS UPDATE



"In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world."

ST. JOHN PAUL II

**MASS TIMES:** We are now keeping again our traditional Mass routine for both Sundays and weekdays. i.e. Saturday 6.15pm (Vigil) Sunday 8.30am, 9.45am, 11.15am, 5.30pm

**The church will open on:**

**Saturday (Sunday Vigil)** Open 5.45pm close at around 7.00pm

**Sunday:** Open at 8.00am close at 9.00am

Open at 9.15am close at 10.15am

Open at 10.45am close at 11.45am

Open at 5.30pm close at 6.15pm

**Weekdays:** Open at 9.00am close at 10.00am

After each closure the church must be cleaned. Needless to say this involves a huge undertaking on the part of volunteer stewards/cleaners. Could you help? Maybe one mass each fortnight. Volunteers must be under 70 years of age and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help either with cleaning or stewarding talk to one of the parish team.

**CONFESSIONS** by appointment

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT with BENEDICTION** Fridays 9.00-9.30am

Mass at the usual time of 9.30pm.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN DALEY** who will be ordained deacon in Westminster Cathedral this Saturday. We are proud of him as a very much "home grown" vocation from St George's. He will be here to deacon the 11.15am Mass next Sunday.

**FUNERAL MASS of Catherine Kevill** on Thursday 10 June at 11.15am followed by burial in Greenford Cemetery. May she rest in peace

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT...** Last week we wrote that there were one or two people not happy with the Covid measures in church. A person who works for the NHS said: "I was horrified to read in the newsletter that people were grumbling about Covid measures. They have obviously never watched anyone die from Covid as I have: what a terrible way to die".

**NEW CHANGES TO OUR MASS TIMES & LITURGY**

After 17th May the government rules for places of worship have slightly changed.

- ◆ The use of hand sanitisers will continue to be available for those entering churches and people are encouraged to use it.
- ◆ The wearing of face coverings, remains at least for now in place (apart from those who are exempt).
- ◆ Cleaning once a day for most surfaces people touch. Cleaning more often on a Sunday.

- ◆ Social distancing continues.
- ◆ Holy water stoups remain out of use.
- ◆ Track & trace remains in place.
- ◆ Congregational singing is still prohibited; small groups may sing. More guidance will be provided before 21st June.
- ◆ The Sign of Peace remains suspended.
- ◆ Holy Communion remains under one kind only.

**AFTER 21st JUNE If all goes according to plan...**

- ◆ We will reintroduce the second reading at Sunday Mass and relax any other recommendations in the guidance given to use.
- ◆ Confessions and Benediction will return on Saturday evening.
- ◆ The Church will be open daily.
- ◆ Altar Servers will be encouraged to return.
- ◆ Choirs & singing are dependant on the government guidance. Nothing is allowed at present except a few socially spaced cantors.
- ◆ The daily rosary and other devotions will be permitted again in church.

**IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS NOT BEEN TO MASS FOR A LONG TIME WHY NOT GENTLY ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN. YOU MIGHT EVEN ACCOMPANY THEM TO MASS.**

**DID YOU TAKE COMMUNION TO SOMEONE AT HOME BEFORE THE LOCKDOWN?** If so we are now allowed to visit people at home for the giving of Holy Communion, though only ONE visit per day. Please speak to Mgr Jeremy of Fr Julio if you'd like to resume visits. We can then share with you the new guidelines that are set by these visits.

**ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -**

**Spaces are currently available in Year 2 and Year 4** at our popular successful Parish School. For further information please contact the School Office by email at [office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stgeorges.harrow.sch.uk) or by phone on 020 8422 1272.

**ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?** Please do fill in a Parish Registration Form which you can find at the back of the church. You can return it in the presbytery letter box or by post. This is important for us to know who you are and help you when the occasion arises.

**WHEN WILL THE PARISH CENTRE BE OPEN AGAIN?**

We are awaiting new guidelines after the proposed date of 21st June after which we will need to take risk assessments for each group. We anticipate it will remain largely closed until the beginning of September. Let's hope that by then we will be back to normal!

**HAVE YOU HAD THE VACCINE ?** Please do think carefully about it as it protects you and also you infecting others. This is important for us as a community and now moving forward.

**HOLY BAPTISM:** As from 17th May we can recommence celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism in Church. We are currently working through the list

of families awaiting Holy Baptism for their children. Some now have dates in the diary. If you are still waiting for a date, please contact us. Parents should be trying to attending Mass here, as a matter of course, before requesting this important Sacrament for their children. Fr Julio is coordinating all baptism requests so please be in touch with him.

**CONFIRMATION 2021 -** Parents/Carers should have received an email last week with details of the revised Confirmation Dates with Bishop John Sherrington. Thank you for helping the Candidates remember to bring along the **Parent/Carer Consent Form & their completed Letter to the Bishop** to the next session on **Monday 7th June at 7.30pm** where the Candidates will be reflecting on Christian Values.

**CHURCH LAMPS:** These can be booked each week in memory of someone. Just contact the parish office.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** remains closed. If you wish to book a Mass and for a Mass Card, the best way to get one is to give us all the details, your offering and an SAE and we will post it back to you ASAP.

**GIFT AID DETAILS:** In order to gift aid your donations you need to be a UK tax payer, if you are one you can gift aid your donations at no extra cost to yourself, we would be able to claim 25% of your donations from HMRC. It is also important that we keep our donor records up to date as we do not want to cause anyone any trouble, if your circumstances have changed or you are no longer a tax payer please inform the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. If we claim on behalf of someone who is not paying taxes HMRC may ask that person to refund the amount claimed.

**RCIA—Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults.** Do you know anyone (or it may even be yourself) who would like to explore what it means to be a Catholic Christian? If so, please speak or contact to Fr Julio.

**BORIS & CARRIE'S MARRIAGE..** The Cardinal writes "The first is the marriage that took place in the Cathedral on Saturday. While it came as a total surprise to almost everyone, it had been carefully and fully prepared over a significant period. There has been a wide range of responses to it. I am most aware, and painfully so, of those for whom it has reawakened hurt and resentment about the impact on their own situations of the Church's teaching concerning the validity of marriages. In replying to the many communications that have been received, an outline of this teaching has been included. A synthesis of the reply is now on the Diocesan website at this link: <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/wedding-in-westminster-cathedral/>

*PRAYER FOR CORPUS CHRISTI*  
*O God, Who in a wonderful Sacrament has left unto us a memorial of Thy passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood; that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.*

# SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

## Entrance Antiphon: *Cf. Ps 80: 17*

He fed them with the finest wheat  
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

## Collect

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament  
have left us a memorial of your Passion,  
grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your  
Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves  
the fruits of your redemption.  
Who live and reign with God the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

## First reading: *Exodus 24:3-8*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord  
and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one  
voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has de-  
creed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing,  
and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the moun-  
tain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel.  
Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts  
and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices.  
Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other  
half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant  
he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will ob-  
serve all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses  
took the blood and cast it towards the people. This he said 'is  
the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you,  
containing all these rules.'

## Responsorial Psalm: *Ps. 115:12-13,15-18*

*R/. The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.*

1. How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name. *R/.*

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds. *R/.*

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people. *R/.*

## Second reading: *Hebrews 9:11-15*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings  
which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the  
more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's  
hands because it is not of this created order; and he has  
entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not  
the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won  
an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and  
the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred  
defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives;

how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered him-  
self as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit,  
can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our  
service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the  
people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually  
receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the  
sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

## Gospel Acclamation: *Jn 6:51*

*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!*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb  
was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want  
us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the  
Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go  
into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water.  
Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters,  
"The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat  
the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper  
room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the prepara-  
tions for us there,' The disciples set out and went to the city and  
found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Pass-  
over.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had  
said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he  
said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had  
returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and  
he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant,  
which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall  
not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the  
kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

## Prayer over the Offerings

Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray,  
the gifts of unity and peace,  
whose signs are to be seen in mystery  
in the offerings we here present.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon: *Jn 6: 57*

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains  
in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,  
that we may delight for all eternity  
in that share in your divine life,  
which is foreshadowed in the present age  
by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.