

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SUN 6 JUNE	+THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	6.00pm Vigil	Maurice Jude Malig, RIP
		8.00am	John Lyons, Anniv
		9.30am	People of the Parish
		11.00am	Bob Hayes, RIP
		12.30pm	David O'Brien, Int
MON 7 JUNE	feria	2:15pm	Polish Mass
		8.30am	George O'Hagan, RIP.
TUES 8 JUNE	feria	8.30am 12noon	Private Intention NO MASS
WED 9 JUNE	feria	8.30am	Ann O'Brien, RIP
THUR 10 JUNE	feria	8.30am 12noon	Fr Andrew Gallagher, Int Christopher Malig, RIP
FRI 11 JUNE	The MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	6:00pm	In Thanksgiving
SAT 12 JUNE	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11.00am	Dixon Quma, RIP
		6.00pm	Michael Barry, RIP
SUN 13 JUNE	+11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8am	People of the Parish
		9.30am	Victor Daniel, RIP
		11am	Pacino Garcia, Annv.
		12.30pm	Adelina Kertesz, RIP
		2:15pm	Polish Mass

HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION FOR JUNE— The Beauty of Marriage— Let us pray for all people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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Important new app: <https://www.hestia.org/brightsk>

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**SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2021
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST**

**Sunday cycle
Readings
Year B**

**Weekday
Readings
Year 1**

**Psalms
Week 2**

**Holy Rood
Catholic Church, Watford**

When we adore Christ present in the Sacrament, we should remember that His Presence derives from the sacrifice and is directed towards both sacramental and spiritual communion." We are all encouraged, as Christians, to regularly visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God, thanks to him who is with us until the end of time. In contemplation, we perceive ever more profoundly that the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of all Christian life. This practice leads us to join more intensely in the Paschal Mystery and to make the Eucharistic sacrifice, the perfect gift, the centre of their life in accordance with our specific vocations, for it "confers an incomparable dignity upon the Christian people" (Paul VI.) In fact during the Eucharist we are welcomed by Christ, we receive his forgiveness, we are nourished by his word and his bread, we are then sent out on our mission in the world; thus each of us is called to witness to what we have received and to do the same for our brethren... The Eucharistic mystery is in fact the "summit of evangelization" (Lumen Gentium 28), for it is the most important testimony to Christ's Resurrection. **All interior life needs silence and intimacy with Christ in order to develop.**" (St. John Paul II).

Today on the Feast of Corpus Christi we will have the opportunity to ADORE our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during Mass. There are weekly opportunities to do this too – **Tuesday mornings 9-11.30am. Friday evening 6.30-7.30pm.** Soon our church will be open in the daytime. Always pop in when nearby, even just for a moment. THE LORD INVITES US TO BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH HIS PRESENCE. IF WE SPEND TIME WITH HIM, OUR TROUBLES BECOME MANAGEABLE AND OUR LIVES BECOME COMPLETE.

My Day by Day prayer booklets for June on sale in church— £1.

BOOKINGS FOR MASS

From now on there will be **no need to book for weekday Masses—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday or Saturday morning. You will still have to write your name, telephone number and the number of attendees on a sheet when you arrive or use the QR code via your mobile phone. The QR code is on the noticeboard. Please continue to book for Sunday vigil Mass and Sunday Masses.**

You can access our LIVESTREAMED MASS by going to YouTube website. And in the search space type Holy Rood Watford livestream and click on the picture with 'LIVE' on it.

The following Masses/ liturgy only will now be livestreamed.

Sunday Masses - 9.30am & 12.30pm.

Tuesday Masses – 8.30am and 12 noon, to include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in between.

Friday Mass, 6pm including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm. And any special services as required.

BENCH CLEANING/COVID-19—Can we please ask you to bring some antibacterial/disinfectant wipes with you when attending church and wipe the area you have used before leaving the church.

CHURCH FLOWERS are most welcome until Advent and for Our Lady's Chapel in this month of May. Also flower arrangers needed. Contact the office.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—Tuesday 9am-11.30am & Friday—6:30pm-7.30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION— On Fridays at 6:30pm and Saturdays at 11:30am & 5pm – 5:30pm. Or contact Fr Gerard or Fr Joseph to arrange another time.

CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT DAY—Maybe a good way to ease back into parish life, post

pandemic. The retreat will be led by Fr Matt Blake, a Carmelite priest and renowned speaker and authority on Carmelite spirituality. Sunday 27 June, Pinner. He will explore how we can apply Carmelite spirituality, a trusted path to get closer to God and deepen our experience of the Divine Mystery, in a day to day basis. For more information: https://www.pulse-retreats.com/catholic-family-retreat?fbclid=IwAR0q00iHoO-hvF5NQDZywp08vKko2Gh9SdRO_fCuLbZ6yMR_L0hE_CHzLWZA

HOUSEBOUND— Please contact the parish office so that the clergy can make contact.

CHURCH KNEELERS – Please be very careful with the new kneelers. We need many years use out of them. Please do not walk on them and always fold them up after use, to protect them and to help with the church cleaning.

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE SACRED HEART. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 11 June. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart was, and remains, one of the most widespread and popular in the Church. Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, Saviour, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, an infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers and sisters. On Sunday 13th June we will have a Holy Hour in honour of the Sacred Heart, 3.30-4.30pm. All are welcome.

BAPTISM COURSE. Sat. 4th July 2021 at 2-5pm in the parish hall. Please contact Deacon Neville on **01923224085** or email neville@rcdow.org.uk

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Dear St Joseph accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me purity of heart and a love for the spiritual life and let all my actions be directed to the greater glory of God. Amen
St Joseph ... pray for us.

RIGHT TO LIFE. Please check this website regularly www.righttolife.org.uk Offering support, that we may help to protect human life, created by God, from conception to natural death. We are duty bound to do this by the very fact that we are baptised Christians. Continue to pray for all those affected in anyway. The repercussions/pain goes on for many years or even a lifetime.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE? – Retrouvaille is a programme for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend on ... **1st-4th July 2021.** Call or text +44 788 7296983 or + 44 797 3380443 - or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CHILDREN AND TOILETS. Parents/Guardians, please do not let your children go to the toilet unsupervised. The back door to Percy Road is open during Masses.

Catechism Corner
When did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist? The evening before his death. The night he was betrayed, when he gathered the apostles in the upper room and celebrated the Last Supper. Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it saying, 'this is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, also the chalice, saying 'This chalice is the new covenant in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me.' The celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of the Christian community, in which we receive the Body of Christ and are increasingly being transformed into the Body of Christ.

FROM 7TH JUNE, YOU CAN NOW ATTEND MASS IN PERSON ON MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS. MASS TIME: 8:30AM

Thank you for all donations.
Loose plate collection April- £779.66
STANDING ORDER
May 2021—£7241.00

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT LAMP
is sponsored this week for
Michael & Anthony Kelly, RIP

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Jai Guyapersaud, Minnie Fernandez,
James Brennan, Adelina Kertesz,

ANNIVERSARIES
John Lyons, Parcino Garcia

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord