



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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# Newsletter

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING MASS, THANK YOU**

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## Mass times

Saturday: 6.00pm,  
Sunday: 9.00am,  
11.00am,  
1.30pm (in Polish),  
4.00pm (in Polish)

Live streaming access online:-

<https://www.churchservices.tv/whetstone>

& click on the play button.

Weekdays:

Mass Mon – Thurs

& Sat 9.30am

Fri 12.30pm

**Rosary:** after weekday &  
Sat 9.30am Masses



## **Communion**

*Please lead from the **front** when coming to receive the Eucharist.*

*It may take a little time for us all to remember this change. So, please stay seated if there is a queue forming and you find it difficult to stand for periods.*

## Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 4.45pm- 5.45pm

## Confessions

Saturday 10.15 – 11.00am  
4.45 – 5.40pm

The name for this Sunday is usually given as Corpus Christi, which is Latin for the Body of Christ. The full title for this Sunday's great Solemnity, as given in the Roman Missal, is The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We see that Blood is an essential part of this great Solemnity. The importance of Jesus'

Blood is particularly highlighted in the readings for this Sunday. In case anyone is not sure, each consecrated Host which is given to a Catholic in a state of grace to receive at holy Mass, is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The Priest or the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will say to you, "the Body of Christ", to which we respond, "Amen", and this includes His Blood, Soul, and Divinity, for this is Jesus, now fully glorified in heaven, and we eat this heavenly food.

The Body and Blood of Jesus are treated separately, and named separately because this is what Jesus did and said at the Last Supper. The Last Supper points to, receives its full meaning in the Crucifixion: this is my Body which will be given up for you – given up meaning sacrificed, and lifted up upon the Cross; and this is my Blood which will be poured out for you and for many – Jesus' Blood was poured out at the scourging, the crowning with thorns, the nailing, and the piercing by the spear. During His Passion and Death, truly His Body and His Blood were separated. But now in heaven, with His humanity glorified, what we eat at holy Mass, for those who are in a state grace, is the unified and eternal Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The sacred Host is the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, truly Corpus Christi.

Back to the Blood of Christ. In Leviticus we read, "for the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it for you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement, by reason of the life" (Lev 17:11). So blood is intimately connected with life, and the sacrifice of a life by the pouring out of blood takes away sins. We see; therefore, how limitlessly precious is the Blood of Jesus. The letter to the Hebrews, the second reading, speaks of the blood of goats and bulls only being able to atone for external sins: their blood cannot heal our hearts, cannot atone for the Original Sin which wounded human nature, cannot effect the writing of the Law of grace onto our hearts. Only the Holy Spirit can do this. The glorified Jesus in heaven, Whose Blood is victorious and all powerful, is made present for us, by the Holy Spirit, on the Altar. The eternal glorified precious Blood of Jesus is present in the Host.

In all the readings for this sacred Sunday we learn that the flowing Blood of Jesus not only takes away the punishment due to sin but also brings us into a covenant with the Trinity, which we need to freely choose. This is important: a covenant is a relationship between two parties, both have their part to play if the covenant is to be true and living. In the first reading the Israelites accept the covenant that God makes with them through the out-pouring of blood on the Altar and on them, "we will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey" (Ex 24:7), they say. Jesus at the Last Supper also speaks of the Covenant with His Blood. By approaching the Sanctuary to receive the Body and Blood of the Son of the Father, made present by the Holy Spirit, each of us is also saying, "we will obey", that we will obey Jesus' Commandments and His Covenant. To approach the Sanctuary to receive Holy Communion requires that we are in a state of grace, that we are coming to holy Mass every Vigil or Sunday, unless serious ill health or other equally serious reasons prevent us. Holy Communion is not a right for any of us, it is on God's terms that we approach. He loves us regardless, yes, but needs us to choose His Ways, to observe His Covenant, if we are to enter into communion with Him, to receive His Body and Blood. By receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus we are singing that Jesus is not only the Way (Jn 14:6), but is **our** way, too. Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Communion, is from heaven, let us **never** receive Him unworthily (1 Cor 11:27), but let us, rather, live the gift of our lives in His holy grace, keeping His Commandments of joy, abiding by His Covenant from heaven, ratified in His Precious Blood.

Fr Ben

There is only 1 week to go before a **Mary's Meals Recycling Box** is available for your donations of:

- Jewellery & watches:** In any material even if damaged or broken
- Electronics\*:** Mobile phones /iPads /Tablets /Sat-Navs/MP3 players/games consoles
- Cameras:** Old film, digital and video

Please have a good look in the loft, in cupboards and at the back of your drawers. Talk to friends and neighbours, maybe they these items too? We are more than happy to take them and turn them in cash.

Mary's Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities. We feed over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education.

\* Please remove all data from mobiles/ipads etc

### **New Mandatory Lectionary**

From Advent 2024, we will have a new mandatory lectionary, which has been approved by our Bishops' Conference. The readings; therefore, proclaimed at Holy Mass will have a different translation from the one to which we have all become accustomed. In preparing for this change, we have ordered four volumes for the Ambo, four smaller study volumes for everyday use, and a new processional book of the Gospels, all of which has amounted to £1,040. The Peoples' Mass books will also need to be purchased once they have been produced. If you would like to contribute towards this, please make offerings by cash, cheque, or BACs stating the reason for your donation. Thank you very much for your consideration, God bless you. Fr Ben.

**Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/2025** for existing users are available for collection in the Repository, and parish office when it is open. If you would like to have a set of planned giving envelopes for the new tax year, please let the parish office know. However, standing orders are the easiest way to contribute to the parish. Both planned giving envelopes and standing orders can allow your contributions to be Gift Aided. This means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. Details can be found at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whetstone/wp-content/uploads/sites/80/2022/08/WHETS20.pdf> or

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whetstone/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

Thank you for your incredible generosity whatever way you give.

### **CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

### **Refreshments after 9.00am Mass**

Please pop into the Parish Hall for tea, coffee and biscuits after 9.00 am Mass every Sunday, starting this Sunday. If you would like to help out and be put on the rota, please contact Anna Franchi on 07713 631389.

**Pre-Sacramental Classes for Children who attend non-Catholic Schools** Please email the Presbytery at [whetstone@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:whetstone@rcdow.org.uk) to register for your child.

(It is important to note that the Diocese of Westminster now asks for an extended period of preparation for the Sacraments for **all** who attend a non-Catholic school.)

### **Certificate of Catholic Practice**

Please email Fr Ben if you need a Certificate of Catholic Practice. The form states that the child and their family are a practicing Catholic family. The definition of 'practicing Catholic' is that the family attend Mass **each week** and that they attend Mass on Holy Days of Obligation.

**Friends of the Holy Land** would like to thank all parishioners for the church collection of £2,115.31, for Christians in the Holy Land. Your donation will help us to support the most vulnerable at this very challenging time. Please continue to pray for the Holy Land and a peaceful resolution.

### **Baptism**

Parents wishing to have their child/children baptised are asked, in the first instance, to contact Fr Ben. Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is a pre-requisite prior to preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament.

### **Parish Hall**

Our Parish Hall is available for hire.

Book it for exercise or tutoring classes, children's parties, celebrations or meetings. Services can include hourly or all-day bookings with kitchen facilities. Please contact the Parish Secretary on 020 8445 0838 for details.

**PRAY for those who are sick** especially Deborah Longford-Ross, Luciana Maestranzi, Patricia Rutt, Nora Prior, Elsie & Paddy Lyons, Peter Carney and Winnie Brady. We also pray for the housebound, and those in residential care and in local hospices and hospitals and the Faithful Departed especially Sebastian Carney, Peter Jackman, Bridget Gavigan & Lydia Thielamay.

### **Pay Car Park**

Free Parking for Mass goers is:- **Saturday 5.30pm-7.30pm and on Sunday 8.30am-5.30pm**, we must adhere to them, even by a few minutes!

**Please be aware that outside of these times, a penalty will be issued – with no appeal through the parish under the terms of the contract.**

**Hospital Admissions** The religious status of patients admitted to hospital can be overlooked or not registered. Please make sure that this information is registered with the ward staff.

The **SVP** are distributing **over 10,000 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support.

**St Michael's Catholic Grammar School** Secondary Transfer Entrance tests take place in September. Applications have to be completed by **2nd July 2024**. Full details of open day and admission process <https://www.stmichaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/admissions/admissions-2025-26/>

**Staff vacancies** at St Michael's Catholic Grammar school can be found at:

<https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/home/school/staff-vacancies-and-train-with-us/>

**Finchley Catholic High** are holding a Secondary Transfer Evening on **Tuesday 10th September** from 5pm -7.30pm Headteacher talks will be at 5pm and 7pm.