

Timetable and Intentions for Sundays and Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 22 nd June	9 am	<u>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u>	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 22 nd June	11.15 am	<u>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</u>	Jamie Bryce (LD)	Our Lady V
Sun 29 th June	9 am	Ss. Peter & Paul	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 29 th June	11.15 am	Ss. Peter & Paul	S.I. The Riley Family	Our Lady V
Sun 6 th July	9 am	14th Sunday in O.T.	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 6 th July	11.15 am	14th Sunday in O.T.	Hannah Georgiadis B.R.(died aged 8 y.o.)	Our Lady V
Thurs 10 th July	9 am	Weekday in O.T.		Our Lady V
Fri 11 th July	9 am	St Benedict		Our Lady V
Sat 12 th June	12 noon	Our Lady on Saturday		Our Lady V
Sun 13 th July	9 am	15th Sunday in O.T.	Parishioners	Holy Family
Sun 13 th July	11.15 am	15th Sunday in O.T.		Our Lady V

Sun 29th June: Special 2nd Collection for St. Peter's Pence (Mandatory)

THANK YOU to Fr Tony Frain SDB who will cover for Fr Sergio in his absence. Fr. Sergio will attend his **Annual Spiritual Retreat** in the Shrine of Merciful Love (Italy) with other 250 priests from all over the world, who are members of the Marian Movement of Priests.

The Church in Hightown will be open at usual time during weekdays for Celebration of the Word and Sacrament, depending on availability of Ministers of Eucharist. Please see Notice on the front door of the church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments. [Wednesday Club / Tuesday Nursery](#): You are welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly: Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Terry Mottram, John Evans-Freeke, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Natalie Kavanagh, Sue Swift, Hannalor Mainey.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time: Tony Gandy, Steve Pickard, Beaty Deaves, Bob Cater, Con O'Neill, Marjorie Worthington, Cecilia McKenna, Doreen Moore, Jennifer King, Mary Rafferty, James Shaw, Nicky Mainey, John Shaw, Edna Baybutt.

We pray for those who have passed away recently: Joseph Kershaw RIP

“The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.”

– Pope Francis

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Corpus Christi: 22nd June 2025



Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper as a Sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist is an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares his life of grace with us. “In the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained” (CCC#1374). In this Sacrament of the Eucharist, we do meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life. The Eucharistic Meal is a great mystery because during the Eucharistic celebration the substance of bread and wine are converted into the substance of the risen Jesus' Body and Blood, while their appearances (or “accidents”) remain. We believe in this transformation of bread and wine (called Transubstantiation), because Jesus unequivocally taught it and authorized his apostles to repeat it. As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist imparts to us Jesus' abiding presence in our souls. In addition, we share in his Divine life, which is an assurance of eternal life and the basis for the conviction that we are children of God the Father. God shares His life with Jesus and with all other people. The Eucharist is the Sacrament of our union with Jesus. In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us his own Body, broken for us on the cross and his precious Blood poured out for us, in order that our sins may be forgiven. The Eucharistic celebration is also a sacrifice because it is the re-presentation or re-living in an unbloody manner of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday. By means of signs, symbols and prayers, we share in Christ's passion, death and Resurrection made really present for us in an unbloody manner. This re-presenting, this re-living of the One Sacrifice of Christ, which is the heart and point of every Mass, assures us of Jesus' love for us and of his forgiveness of our sins. Through this sacrifice, the risen Jesus becomes present on the altar, offering himself to the Father through the ministry of the priest.

The Eucharist, (the Body and Blood of Christ), teaches us the importance of community, the bond that results from this sacrifice. John Chrysostom says: “What is the Bread actually? The Body of Christ. What do communicants become? The Body of Christ. Just as the bread comes from many grains, which remain themselves and are not distinguished from one another because they are united, so we are united with Christ.” Just as numerous grains of wheat are pounded together to make the host, and many grapes are crushed together to make the wine, so we become unified in this sacrifice. Our Lord chose these elements in order to show us that we ought to seek union with one another, to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into Our Lord Jesus Christ and to work with Him in the process. Christ is the Head and we are the Body. Together we are one. That which unites us is our willingness to sacrifice our time and talents to God in our fellow members in Christ's Mystical Body. This is symbolized by our sharing in the same Bread and the same Cup. Hence, Holy Communion should strengthen our sense of unity and love.

The Story Behind the Feast of Corpus Christi

In 1263 a German priest, Fr. Peter of Prague, made a pilgrimage to Rome. He stopped in Bolsena, Italy, to celebrate Mass at the Church of St. Christina. At the time he was having doubts about Jesus being truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. He was affected by the growing debate among certain theologians who, for the first time in the history of the Church, began introducing doubts about the Body and Blood of Christ being actually present in the consecrated bread and wine. In response to his doubt, when he recited the prayer of consecration as he celebrated the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, blood started seeping from the consecrated host and onto the altar and corporal.



Fr. Peter reported this miracle to Pope Urban IV, who at the time was nearby in Orvieto. The pope sent delegates to investigate and ordered that host and blood-stained corporal be brought to Orvieto. The relics were then placed in the Cathedral of Orvieto, where they remain today (see photo above). This Eucharistic Miracle confirmed the visions given to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon in Belgium (1193-1258). St. Juliana was a nun and mystic who had a series of visions in which she was instructed by Our Lord to work to establish a liturgical feast for the Holy Eucharist, to which she had a great devotion.

After many years of trying, she finally convinced the bishop, the future Pope Urban IV, to create this special feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, where none had existed before. Soon after her death, Pope Urban instituted Corpus Christi for the Universal Church and celebrated it for the first time in Orvieto in 1264, a year after the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena. Inspired by the miracle, Pope Urban commissioned a Dominican friar, St. Thomas Aquinas, to compose the Mass and Office for the feast of Corpus Christi. Aquinas' hymns in honor of the Holy Eucharist, *Pange Lingua*, *Tantum Ergo*, *Panis Angelicus*, and *O Salutaris Hostia* are the beloved hymns the Church sings on the feast of Corpus Christi as well as throughout the year during Exposition and Benediction.

*O Salutaris Hostia
Quae caeli pandis ostium.
Bella premunt hostilia;
Da robur, fer auxilium.*

O Saving Victim opening wide
The gate of heaven to all below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow

*Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino,
Nobis donet in patria.*

To Thy great name be endless praise
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee.

*Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedit ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.*

*Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.*

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! the ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honor blessing,
Might and endless majesty.

First reading: Genesis 14:18-20

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, 'Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!' And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

The word of the Lord

Second reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, 'Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.' But he said to them, 'You give them something to eat.' They said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, 'Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App – New Lectionary

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 110(109)

R./ You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD's revelation to my lord:
'Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.' **R./**

The LORD will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes. **R./**

With you is princely rule on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn, I have begotten you. **R./**

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
'You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.' **R./**

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Sick Lists and Mass Intentions:

If your name or the name of a friend or relative of yours is on the parish list of prayers for those who are sick, and you would like that name to remain on the list, would you please contact the Parish Priest.

We need to make sure that you or your friend or family member has consented to their name being on that list. This is because the list can be seen by a lot of people, as it is put up on the noticeboard at the back of church, it is available for anyone to pick up in church and is also published on the internet through the parish website.

In a couple of weeks' time, the list will be restarted **with the names of all for whom the parish have consent**. This is necessary to make sure the church takes proper care of your information and **complies with current data protection law**.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS – FORMATION & REFLECTION

Are you a catechist looking for spiritual refreshment? No matter what kind of ministry you are serving, there is a good opportunity for you to refresh your vocation of being a catechist. On **27 September**, the Day for Catechists will be organised from 10.00 – 16.00 at Carmelite Monastery L18 3NU. With the facilitation of Sr Carino and Sr Hyacinthe from the Dominican Sister of St Joseph, there will be spiritual input and practical discussion on the mission of catechesis. If you're interested, sign up here Day for Catechists Link For more information, please contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk

BLUNDELLSANDS SAILING CLUB
THE FORESHORE HIGHTOWN

SUNDAY 13TH JULY
LIFEBOAT DAY

Bar Opens: 12:30pm
BBQ Starts: 2:00pm

Live Music throughout the afternoon
Stalls & Raffles
High Water: 13:46 ~~~~~
Weather permitting local
Life Boats will be in attendance.

All Welcome

**CASH PAYMENTS
WELCOME FOR
FOOD & DRINK**