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## FEAST OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST ('Corpus Christi')



### **COME, EAT AND DRINK THE LORD'S LOVE!**

What an amazing gift! Invited to the Table of the Lord, to eat and drink with Him, to eat and drink of Him! He gives Himself as our food and drink, He pours the love of His own heart into ours! He shares all that He is with us, all His life!

This Feast celebrates His Presence, that He really is our food and drink. In the Eucharist we come into the Presence of the whole Christ, we absorb Him into our very life-blood, our growing and becoming now is His growing and becoming in our world - in our flesh!

Despite every challenge to believe less, the Church has always prized the Real Presence, the dynamic Presence, the utter reality of Jesus Christ in this transformed Bread and Wine. There can be no greater food, no more exquisite banquet - and it is free! Yet to live its Love can cost everything - but this is such a small exchange for this amazing gift!

**SUNDAY** PARISH MASS followed by Corpus Christi Procession 10am (*live Parish Website*)  
Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends at 3.00pm - all welcome

**MONDAY:** Adoration at 5.30pm Service of Word and Communion at 6.00pm

**TUESDAY:** Feast of St Alban, First Martyr of Britain (3rd Century)  
Adoration at 6.00pm Mass at 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY:** Feast of Ss John Fisher, bishop & Thomas More, politician, Martyrs (died 1535)  
Adoration at 8.30am Mass at 9.00am (NB change of time because...)  
Liturgy of Presentation of Diocesan Synod Report Clifton Cathedral 7.00pm

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**THURSDAY:** ***Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist***  
*Adoration* at 11.30am      **Mass at 12.00 noon**

**FRIDAY:** ***FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS***  
*Adoration* at 8.30am      **Mass at 9.00am**

**SATURDAY:** ***Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary***  
*Adoration* at 9.30am Lay Eucharistic Ministers Training until  
**Service of Word & Communion at 12 noon**  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** after Mass & 4.00-4.30pm

**TODAY:** [1] We celebrate the **Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ ('Corpus Christi')**, giving thanks to God for the 'inestimable gift' of all Jesus' love and life given us in the Eucharist we share Sunday by Sunday. In the Eucharist we meet the Crucified and Risen Christ, we enter into the liberation Jesus gained for us by his Death and Resurrection. There is no food or drink more wonderful, more life-giving than Jesus in the Eucharist. What could be more important than meeting coming and feasting on Him at Mass each Sunday?

[2] The **Mass will conclude with a Corpus Christi Procession** through the School Grounds (weather permitting). Let us express our love for the Christ we meet in the Eucharist and our gratitude for this most wonderful Sacrament by sharing in this Prayer Procession.

[3] **Mass with the LBGTQ+ community and friends** at 3.00pm - all welcome including those unable to attend our 10am Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY:** [1] Green vestments return to Sunday Mass with the **Thirteenth Sunday of the Year**. The Liturgical colour Green symbolises Hope and Growth - our hope in Christ's saving love and our growing as a global community of missionary disciples. We celebrate Jesus Christ who calls us to follow Him, work with Him, proclaim His love to our world. If we embrace His love, He sets us free to become His love in our world, bringing healing and the hope of justice and peace.

[2] Our parish was recognised a few years ago as the first 'Church of Sanctuary' by the City of Sanctuary movement. We welcome the Co-ordinator of 'Bristol City of Sanctuary' who will make an Appeal to support its work of advocating and serving our asylum community in the Bristol area. Please be generous.

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays for the Parishes in Communion for Mission of the Assumption of Our Lady, Chippenham and St Patrick's, Corsham served by Fr Michale Fountaine and both their communities.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION** This week we pray for the Ministry of our **SVP Conference (Society of St Vincent de Paul)** who meet fortnightly to co-ordinate care for the lonely and impoverished of our inner city. They offer practical help especially visiting. They really want to recruit new and younger members to carry on and develop this work of mission, seeking to be 'Good news to the Poor'. Please contact Peter Sorhaindo or Mary Otoo for further information.

### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK**

Env £161.00 + Loose £183.57 + Card Reader £49.15 + S/O £111.05 = £504.77 - thank you  
**Caritas Fund** £500.00      **CAFOD** £30.00 - many thanks for your donations

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

19th June      **Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) with Procession**  
 22nd June      Presentation of Diocesan Synod Report at Clifton Cathedral at 7.00pm  
 23rd June      Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training [catch-up 2] Church 6.30-8.00pm

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25th June	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training [3] 9.30am to after 12 noon Mass
29th June	<b>Feast of Ss Peter &amp; Paul (HolyDay of Obligation)</b>
30th June	Lay Ministers of the Eucharist Training [catch-up 1] Church 6.30-8.00pm
2nd July	Prayer Morning for all Lay Ministers of the Eucharist 9.30am-1.00pm
2nd July	Mass Celebrating Marriage with Bp Declan in Clifton Cathedral at 12noon
3rd July	Commissioning & Recommissioning of all Lay Ministers of Eucharist at 10am Mass
5th July	Newly-elected Parish Pastoral Council meets at 7.15pm (Assisi Centre)
9th July	Ordination of Joseph Meigh to the priesthood at Clifton Cathedral at 11.00am
10th July	<b>First Eucharist Sunday at 10.00am Mass</b>
10th July	Diocesan Glastonbury Pilgrimage
15-17th July	National Quest Conference in Bristol
20th July	St Nicholas of Tolentino School Leavers and End of Year Mass at 9.30am
20th July	Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meets Parkway Methodist 12.30pm

**MASS WITH BISHOP DECLAN IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE** As in previous years, we are invited to celebrate and value the vocation to Christian Marriage at this special Mass in Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 2nd July at 12 noon. He would like to invite personally couples who are celebrating their wedding in 2022 or are celebrating special anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60, etc). Please let Richard know if you have such an event this year.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** [1] To help Carol Strainge with re-opening and running our 'Repository Shop' in the Parish Hall during refreshments after Mass on Sundays. It will involve setting up, ordering items, occasional stock-taking etc. For information please contact Richard and Carol as soon as possible

[2] We need a couple of volunteers with some admin and person skills to give a morning (10.00-1.00pm) in the parish office. There are increasing demands as the ministry of the Parish Office grows as the 'Pastoral interface' with our local community in its many needs. At the moment there is no-one to staff the Office on Tuesday and Friday mornings. If you can help, please see Richard or Margaret. Thank you.

**ELECTIONS TO OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** This year we have had 12 nominations. Because we are electing 12 members there is no need for personal voting so voting will not be necessary and all those nominated are duly deemed elected to the Parish Pastoral Council. They are as follows: *Debo Ademuyewo, Marta Bolognani, Jacqueline Chenier, Christopher Chipato, Reagan D'Mello, David Maggs, Jennine Oldis, Eneyi Pemu, Mairead Samuel, Eustace Tameh, Ashley Tardivo, Margaret Ulloa. Ex-Officio members are Richard McKay (parish priest), Mary Hopper (pastoral assistant/catechesis co-ordinator), Andrew Bent (trainee deacon).* **I want to thank all those who allowed themselves to be nominated and are willing to serve our parish with servant-leadership at a very important period in our parish's development as we transition to a lay-led parish and embrace synodal practice into our decision-making. I want also to thank those PPC members who have served our parish so well and feel it is time to hand over to others.**

**CALLING ALL LAY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST** Would all existing Lay Ministers prayerfully reflect whether their circumstances have changed (eg, health and mobility, work patterns etc) and so they need to step away from this Ministry. **Please let me know as soon as possible.** Those existing Lay Ministers who are willing and able to continue in this ministry are invited to attend the Training Sessions with our new Lay Ministers. Your experience of this ministry is very helpful to those preparing to take on this ministry. **Saturdays 11th, 18th and 25th June 9.30am till after 12noon Mass. All Lay Ministers (both new and existing) are asked to attend a 'Retreat' Morning of Prayer on Saturday 2nd July and the Commissioning and Re-Commissioning at 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd July.** Let us all pray for those who serve our community in this Ministry.

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Because some people cannot attend all or some of the Saturday sessions, there will 'catch up' sessions on Thursdays 16th, 23rd, and 30th June 6.30-8.00pm. These are only for those who really cannot attend on the Saturday.

**OUR BISHOPS AND THE CALL TO SUNDAY MASS** The Bishops of England and Wales are calling us to rebuild our parish communities (as well as our own lives in Christ) by renewing our commitment to participating in person in Sunday Mass. While live-streamed Masses and Services have been really important when Covid prevented us from coming to Mass, and remain important for those unable because of illness, caring responsibilities or essential work, they must not become a convenient substitute for attending Mass, being part of the worshipping community gathered together and sharing in the Eucharist and the mission of service that flows from the Eucharist. Everyone, please make every effort to come and share with your Parish community our Mass every Sunday, unless unavoidably prevented.

**DIOCESAN GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE - Sunday July 10th** All are invited to participate in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Glastonbury. This year's theme is: Mary, Queen of Peace, asking Mary's intercession to bring an end to war and conflict, especially (but not exclusively) in Ukraine. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Shrine (parish) church from 12noon to 3.00pm; also the Sacrament of Reconciliation and private Healing Prayer are offered in two separate tents also 12noon-3.00pm; the Rosary procession at 2.15pm and Mass at 3.30pm. I am, sure our parish will be represented.

**HOWEVER, BECAUSE THIS IS ALSO OUR PARISH FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY THERE WILL NOT BE A COACH ORGANISED, SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN WAY THERE AND BACK - THANK YOU.**

**PRESENTATION OF DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT JUNE 22nd 7.00pm at Cathedral**

Our parish has made a very particular contribution to the Diocesan phase of the Catholic Church's Global Synod. Next Wednesday (June 22nd) there will be a special Liturgy during which each parish/community will be presented with the Diocesan Report, (gathering all the voices throughout the diocese) and St Nick's has been asked to sing expressing the cultural diversity of the local and Global Church. Please come in numbers! *Parish and Zimbabwean choirs and other singer invited & needed!* All singing will need to be there by 6.30pm **and we have been warned that because of a Mega Concert in Ashton Court there is likely to be heavy congestion through the city, so we must leave early, I plan to leave at 5.45pm and will have spaces in my car.**

**RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE OF LOURDES TO VISIT CLIFTON CATHEDRAL**

Bernadette was this poor sick child to whom Mary appeared at the Grotto in Lourdes and who brought to the Church the message of Repentance, Prayer and Healing. Since then millions go on pilgrimage to Lourdes and find peace and joy. **On Saturday 10th September, her relics will be brought to Clifton Cathedral this one day - a one day Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place here in our Cathedral, with Mass, Rosary, Anointing for Healing, a Torchlight procession etc.** More details of the timetable of events will be published later.

**'MISSION MASS' ON TUESDAY 12th JULY AT 7.00pm - Sacred Heart Church, Bristol**

We are familiar with the 'Missio' Red Boxes and the annual Mission Appeal. 'Missio' in Clifton diocese has organised this Mass to celebrate Mission and the Beatification of the young lay woman who founded 'Missio', Bl Pauline Jaricot. All are welcome to the Mass, especially 'Missio' (Red Box) members. Sacred Heart Church, Grange Court Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol BS9 4DR.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISATION 9-11 Sept @ Durham Uni**

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