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THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND 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 with First Eucharist Celebration at 10.00am (*Live-streamed*)
Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm - all welcome

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: Feast of St Ephrem, Syrian monk and deacon & St Columba, Abbot
No Liturgy

'Eat My Flesh and drink My Blood and live!' Lord, may I always recognise you in the Breaking of Bread and become bread in Your Hands to be broken and given for the life of the world

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Feast of St Barnabas, Apostle, co-worker with St Paul

Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12.00 noon

FRIDAY: FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12noon

SATURDAY: Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary & St Antony of Padua

Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation none today

7/06/2026 [1] We celebrate the **great Feast of the Eucharist, Corpus Christi or The Body and Blood of Christ**. Jesus gives himself totally to the Father and to us in his sacrificial offering of His whole self on the Cross. In the Eucharist we enter into the fulness of that sacrifice so that nourished by His Body and Blood, we become Him, His Body, His loving of the world. NEVER STAY AWAY FROM THIS BANQUET, NEVER STARVE YOURSELF OF SUCH AN INFINITE AND INTIMATE LOVE.

[2] We have the joy of celebrating four of our children **welcoming Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time**. Please pray for Charon, Jayxia, Yorkabel and Emmanuela and their families. And thank you to their catechists, Mary Hopper and Liz Colville

[3] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all very welcome

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION

We pray for our **Ministry of Catechesis**, which seeks to grow understanding of our Catholic Christian Faith and form our children, young people and adults as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. Co-ordinated by Mary Hopper, catechists prepare our children for baptism, First Eucharist and First Reconciliation, our young people for Confirmation, and our parents for the baptism of their children. This is an essential ministry, the bedrock and foundations of members of our Faith Community now and into the future. **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY TO OFFER THEMSELVES FOR THIS WORK OF FAITH FORMATION**. Training and support will be provided - please contact Mary Hopper or Richard.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parishes in communion for mission of Christ the King, Thornbury and Holy Cross, Wotton-under-Edge, served by Fr Frank Waters SDS Deacons Kingsley Fulbrook, Lawrence McCarthy, Parish Administrators Lawrence McCarthy, Debbie Nichols and both their communities.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY: PARISH SERVICE OF WORD & COMMUNION at 10.00am (Live-streamed)

MONDAY: No Liturgy

TUESDAY: Feast of St Richard of Chichester, Bishop

No Liturgy

WEDNESDAY: No Liturgy

THURSDAY: Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12.00 noon

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SATURDAY: Feast of St Alban, First Martyr of Britain

Adoration 11.30am Service of Word and Communion at 12.00 noon
Sacrament of Reconciliation none today

14/06/2026 [1] We return to the Green Vestments symbol of Hope and growth as disciples of Christ. On the **Eleventh Sunday of the Year A**, we celebrate Jesus the shepherd who takes pity on the crowds and calls His Twelve Apostles to share His work of giving them hope and bringing them healing and freedom. As the 'Catholic and Apostolic Church' we are called to the same compassion as Jesus and the same mission of Hope and Healing as the Apostles. Will we be true to our calling as today's apostles?

PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION We pray for our **Ministry of St Nicholas Bread Foodbank**, led and managed by Lahiru Gunatilake. It is a vital ministry providing food and toiletries to families and individuals most afflicted by the cost of living crisis. The foodbank is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am to 12.30pm and needs supporting, not only donations of food, toiletries, nappies or money etc but also with volunteers, especially from the parish community. Please contact Lahiru Gunatilake. (07438976736) for more information about supporting this life-giving mission.

DIOCESAN PRAYER We pray for the parish in communion for mission of Sacred Heart, Tisbury with All Saints Chapel, Wardour, served by Fr Anthony Paris, Fr Thomas Krejci, and both their communities.

COLLECTIONS **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR PARISH'S MISSION**
 GA: £17.30 + Loose £186.80 + Card Reader £137.25 + S.O. £206.35 = £547.70

DATES FOR THE DIARY

7th June	FIRST EUCHARIST SUNDAY & FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 10am Mass
28th June	Youth Mass for Ss Peter & Paul with Rite of Adult Catechumen at 10am
2nd July	School Mass for SS Peter & Paul 9.30am - all welcome
4th July	Diocesan Celebration Day at Downside Abbey 10.00am - 4.30pm
5th July	Parish Pastoral Council meeting 12.00-1.30pm
8th July	Ashley Churches Together Serving meeting at In Hope 12.30pm
9th July	Parish Finance Committee at 7.30pm (on Zoom)
16th July	School Leavers & End of Year Mass at 9.30am - all welcome
30th Aug	Baptismal Sunday - names to Richard or Eustace now please
4th Oct	Parish Synod Meeting 12.30-2.00pm - for everyone please book it

CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONFIRMATION At last we are now able to prepare our young people (aged 13 +) for the vital Sacrament of Confirmation. **It is the Church's wish that Confirmation is delayed until an age when our young people can decide for themselves to take this step of commitment as disciples of Christ.** Parents can encourage, but must not make this decision for their children. We wish to gather the names of your young people who would like to explore the possibility of receiving Confirmation. We will have a meeting with them in early September and begin a Programme of Preparation (along the lines of the Journey of Faith) in October and hope to arrange with Bishop Bosco a date for Confirmation in February/March. Young People, please approach Richard or Mary as soon as possible.

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URGENT NEEDS OF OUR FOODBANK

THIS IS AN UGENT APPEAL Food and Toiletries needed - It has become much more difficult to source suitable food and other items and often we have little to offer those with great need. Please bring anything you can and ask your friends and neighbours to help and share with those who have so little. We need fresh meat (which can be frozen), bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables; pasta, rice, breakfast cereals, milk, sugar, tea/coffee, pasta sauces, and tinned fruit, vegetables, meat and fish, baked beans etc. Some vegan foodstuffs also needed as well as some pet food. And of course also washing powder, cleaning materials and toiletries. Please bring what you can at the Offertory on Sundays - larger deliveries by arrangement with Lahiru our foodbank manager, (mob: 07438976736). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

GOD'S CALL TO SERVE THE LIFE AND MISSION OF YOUR PARISH

Our parish, together with nearly all churches and voluntary organisations around the country, has not yet recovered fully from the effects of the Covid Pandemic. A significant number of our community are not coming to Mass here for a variety of reasons. It is a joy to welcome new families and individuals who have found their way to St Nicks. However we need to draw more members into being part of the many ministries and tasks of the parish. **Whether it is the Welcoming Ministry, Church Cleaning, the Foodbank, Catechists, Parish Office Ministry too few are doing too much in support of the parish's life and mission.** We are all called by our baptism to serve, to sacrifice time and energy to build our parish community and support the Mission of Christ entrusted to us. However difficult, I do ask everyone to reflect whether you can give some time can be given to sustain the parish's life and mission.

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

June is dedicated to pondering the immensity of divine humanity - God with a human heart Who loves us beyond the breaking of His Heart. God is at least as vulnerable and tender, open to experiencing our pain (such is the depth of His love) as He is all-powerful. He is both creator and pain-bearer. The Sacred Heart of Jesus calls us to enter into His opened, pierced Heart and find there our home, the source of our poor loving, and the woundedness that will heal every wound of our hearts and lives. Not only does His love pour out like water of life on the dry ground of our desert love-less Earth, but He invites us to come and enter in to His own pain-bearing, ever forgiving and peace-making Heart and become a flame of His love cast upon the Earth, a co-worker with Him in the endless task of re-shaping the world and our sisters and brothers in the gentle power of the Divine Love in us and through us! ALLELUIA!!

PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Fr Richard as soon as possible. Next Baptism celebration:

BAPTISMAL SUNDAY 30th August at 10am Mass

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

Each week on **Thursdays at 6.00pm** come & share reflections, questions, insights on the Scripture Readings used at Mass on the following Sunday: ideal for all of us, but especially for Lay Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, and Catechists. Contact John Flannery (email: j.flannery@btinternet.com) or Richard (email above) for the Zoom link.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE IN HOSPITAL: Can I remind everyone that when a Catholic goes into hospital, the patient or their family **MUST** request a visit from the Catholic Chaplain - data protection and confidentiality rules in hospitals prohibit the passing on of information to chaplaincies otherwise.

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