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**Charity Number: 234092**

## **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**



Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel opens on the ancient Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread. It celebrates the journey of God's people through the wilderness. Today's feast of Corpus Christi embodies the symbols of the Jewish feast-when Christ becomes the lamb of sacrifice and the Bread of Eternal Life. Our Sunday is a time to pause, pray, ponder. It is a day when we become aware that we are part of the gift of God's creation, part of the natural order, whose integrity we are called on to respect.

The Lord chose bread to represent him. He spoke about the grain of wheat falling to the ground, remaining alone and dying, it then bears fruit. Jesus offered us an earthly image to convey what his own life was all about. Bread made of grounded-grain flour hides the passionate intensity of the Lord's sacrifice and sacrament of love for us.

Sunday-Sabbath kept faith alive. Even in the depths of poverty, persecution and the recent pandemic, we saw where we were unable to be the guests at God's banquet-where everyone is welcome and has a place around the altar of covenant,

celebration, communion and community. No-one should ever feel exiled or be shown the exit, or have to endure a personal exodus or excommunication on a desert-wilderness, away from the people's altar of the Lord's presence of promise and peace.

We are the Body of Christ (*Corpus Christi*). We need to be always looking to see who is not around the altar-because we are incomplete by their absence. 'Do this in memory of me' is an invitation and not a rigid regulation to be enforced and adhered to.

Today's feast celebrates how one life lived for others can make a difference. Yes, people have a sense of powerlessness, of a world running out of control and a politics of despair that leads to futility, problems too great to solve and hatreds too deep to cure. This feast tell us that God empowers us to take risks (as Jesus did), lift us when we fall, believes in us more than we believe in ourselves, forgives our falling, feed our famished hearts with the food of forgiveness and friendship and stays with us faithfully and forever.

 (Canon. Niall)

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**MARRIAGES:** By appointment. At least six months' notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

**Volunteers:** We need some volunteers for the Presbytery gardening; those who wish to help, please meet any one of the priests.

**Baptism Courses:** First Monday of every month at 6.45 p.m. in our Church.

**Baptism Ceremonies:** Third Sunday of every month 1.15 p.m., we recommence Baptism Ceremony from June 2021.

**Adoration and Confessions:** Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:30 am.

**Repository Opening Times:** Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 a.m.

This weekend 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Comboni Missionaries.

**Cynthia Davis, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Cynthia Davis, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Cynthia's soul will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30 a.m. in Our Lady and St. George Church.

## Guidelines to Observe in the Church

- Please follow one way system, social distancing and the guidance by the volunteers.
- If you have an illness/feeling unwell, please remain at home until you are fully recovered.
- Entrance only through the front door and exit only through the farther right side door near the sanctuary.
- You will be signed into Mass - Name and Telephone.
- Use Sanitizers, gloves and face coverings/masks.
- Please observe all the signs of social distancing regarding where to sit/kneel in the church.
- No Altar-servers, and deacon for the liturgies.
- Come to receive Holy Communion only under the guidance of the stewards.
- Offertory donations to be placed in the basket as you exit Holy Mass.
- Please leave the church promptly.

Until we hear different from the Church authorities and government the restrictions for attendance remain:

**Baptisms:** 30 people at a stand-alone celebration; Reassessment of covid – 19 restrictions.

**Weddings:** 30 people are allowed.

**Funerals:** half of the capacity of the Church.

**Reader:** Permitted on Weekend Masses.

**Prayer of the Faithful:** Reintroduced.

**Procession of Gifts:** Reintroduced.

**Holy Communion:** Under one kind only and in hand.

**Congregational Singing:** Not permitted.

Please continue to pray for all who work in the National Health Service.

**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda.**

**Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	National Health Service
<b>Sun 06 June</b>	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Jaison Dias's Intention (Family)
<b>10:00am</b>	Blessed Sacrament Confraternity (Foundation)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Paapan Varkey (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
<b>Mon 07 June</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	Christopher Almeida (Rest in Peace) (Cesar and Nelly)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Special Intention (Frances)
<b>Tue 08 June</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Frances)
<b>06:00pm</b>	The Bereaved
<b>Wed 09 June</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	For Persecuted Christians
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Thu 10 June</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Fusi's Family Intention
<b>06:00pm</b>	Reade Family Intention
<b>Fri 11 June</b>	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions of the Barnabas Society (Byron)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Deceased of the Willox Family(Alma)
<b>Sat 12 June</b>	<b>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Special Intention (Carol and Conrad)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Clarinda O'Gorman (Rest in Peace)(Keane)
<b>Sun 13 June</b>	<b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Christopher Almeida (Rest in Peace) (Conrad and Carol)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Hazel Hames (Allison)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Private Intention

### Prayer List

The Prayer List in the newsletter needs updating. If you wish to place a name or names, please give the names to the priest in writing.