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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Pray for Ukraine



11th June 2023



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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, which under its Latin tag is referred to as *Corpus Christi*.

The phrase, "The Body of Christ" can be used in a variety of ways, expressing different realities associated with the person of Jesus Christ. First of all, the phrase refers to the physical body of Jesus—the body which was conceived in his mother's womb; the body which was susceptible to hunger and thirst, and tiredness; the body which was hung on the Cross, and the body which was laid in the tomb. The reality of Christ's physical body is the fundamental evidence of the humanity of Christ who shared completely in our human nature.

A second understanding of the phrase, "The Body of Christ" comes to us from St Paul who uses the phrase as a way of describing the Church. The Church is not primarily an institution, or a society, or even a community of followers of Jesus. St Paul, in wanting to describe the Church as having a divine character, coined the phrase, "The Body of Christ" to express the deep union between Christ and the members of the Church:

Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead (Colossians 1,18).

A third way in which the phrase, "The Body of Christ" is used, is in referring to the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Sacrament of the Eucharist, more commonly known as Holy Communion, refers to the Eucharistic species, or the bread which has been consecrated in the Mass. Jesus himself spoke these words at the Last Supper, "This is my body which will be given up for you."

The focus for today's feast is that of the gift of the Body of Christ, presented to us as spiritual food in Holy Communion. Jesus who comes to us as the Bread of Life—the bread which has come down from heaven! Because, in Holy Communion, Jesus is fully present to us—body, blood, soul, and divinity—this Sacrament is recognised as the supreme gift of Christ to the Church, and is therefore worthy of the adoration owed to God alone:

O Sacrament most holy.
O Sacrament divine;
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine,

With love and prayers for all,

Fr Gerard



Mass schedule for week beginning Monday 12th June

Monday 12th June	Tuesday 13th June	Wednesday 14th June	Thursday 15th June	Friday 16th June	Saturday 17th June	Sunday 18th June
No Mass	MASS C.C. 10.00am	MASS H.S. 7.00pm	MASS & Exposition 10.00am C.C.	MASS C.C. 10.00am	NO MASS	C.C. 9.30am H.S. 11.15am

Date	Reader 1	Reader 2
This week: 11th June	Luke Mendoza	David Zycinski
Next week: 18th June	Tony Finnan	Monica McArdle

Children's Liturgy: C.C: **Margaret B & Molly** Holy Saviour's: **Lisa S, Ann P, Joanne T,**

FUNERAL

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Casson of Regent St whose requiem Mass will be celebrated at Holy Saviour's church on Friday, 23rd June at 12.30pm. May her husband, Ted, and all the family know the peace of the Lord in this time of loss.

CHURCH COLLECTION

4th June: £357.60
Standing Orders: approx.: £632 p/w
Thank you!

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

June 14th Daniel Donnelly (1994)
June 17th Alice Newell (1983)
Josephine Kelly (2008)



We pray for the repose of the souls of all who have died, that the Lord will receive them into the fullness of his resurrection life!

POUND DRAW WINNERS

£10.00: Doreen Batson
£10.00: Elliott Taylor
£10.00: Siobhan James
£10.00: Francis Ryan



£70.00 to Parish funds. Many thanks!

MASS INTENTIONS

Margaret Calderbank, died recently.
Celia Stanworth, anniv.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

This Sunday, we complete our Sacramental Programme with the final eight children, of the forty-seven in total, making their First Holy Communion.

GRAND SUMMER DRAW

1st Prize £100

2nd Prize £75; 3rd Prize £50, 4th Prize £25.

Will now take place on **15th July!**

Special boxes will be in place at both Churches for the next five Sundays. As usual, have as many goes as you want. Good Luck!!!

The Draw will be made on the day of the Parish Trip, Saturday, 15th July when parishioners from both Christ Church and Holy Saviour's churches will be present.

SUMMER DAY TRIP TO LYTHAM

Saturday, 15th July

Margaret Needham (Christ Church) and Maureen McDermott (Holy Saviour's) are now collecting monies, so please do start to pay: the charge for the trip is £10 per person with children and young adults travelling free of charge.

In order to subsidise the cost of the coach we will be having a **home-baking cake sale** after the morning Masses at Christ Church and Holy Saviour's on **Sunday 25th June**. Can you bake a cake, or a tart or some biscuits? Bring them along on the day and help to raise some money!

If you would like to make a donation to support the parish trip, then please put donations into a brown envelope and mark it, "Parish Trip" and put it into the collection box at the back of church. Thank you!