

FEASTS FOR THE FORTNIGHT

Tuesday: St Anthony of Padua
Friday: St Richard of Chichester
Tuesday: St Aban
Wednesday: St Aloysius Gonzaga
Thursday: Saints John Fisher & Thomas More
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: The Nativity of St John the Baptist

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 8.00pm: (both weeks) Parish Prayer Group

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Grace Gibbs, Simon Leo, Paul & June McMahon, Michael Boyle, Eileen Hurley, Elizabeth O'Daley, Ellen Basci, Joan Gallagher, Kay Kennedy, Stephane Patten, John Sewter, Ryan Morison, Keith Fraser, Ronnie Xavier, Marie Elsey, Christopher Browne, Mary Wallace, Rosa Vitolo, Colette Patten & Michael Strong.

LATELY DEAD

Please pray for Sean and Doreen Claffey who died unexpectedly recently. The funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

AMEN

ANNIVERSARIES

Rowland Stimson, Mary Ellen Lewis, Marisa Davies, Mother Brigid Taylor, John Trelfer, Denis Carpey, James Lamb, Anne Pettifer, Beatrice Heaton-Harris, Norah Chilton, Stella Patterson, John Hall, Patrick Hogan, Louise Wild-Smith, James Fitzgerald, Bridget Massie, Eileen O'Connor, Robert Stimson, Sylvia Lewis, Ernest Hopkins, Mary O'Flynn, Mary Keefe, Alexander Cameron, Kevin Heighton, Lilly Brain, Anne Cullen, Ethel Mary Duckett, Norah Wiseman, Vincent Rogan, William 'Billy' Kilkenny, Gregory Serna, Rose Patricia Smith, Larry Drinkwater, Bridget (Bridie) Flynn, Keith Finn, Anthony Borg, Kathleen Peacock, Laurence Mussi, Bernard O'Neill, Nora Smyth, Kathleen Margaret Humphreys, Thomas Sheehan, James Anderson, Mary Bridget Clarke, Sarah McLynn, Mary McKeon, Ian Hamilton, Kenneth Powell, Dave Hope, Margaret Begley, Joseph Smyth, Charles O'Donoghue, John Norman, Cornelius Sheehy, Lilian Elizabeth Murray, Sirio Fiaschi, Yvonne Gawthope, Dennis Sweeney, Jane Egan, Peter Bolger, Brendan Patrick Hogan.

+++ May they rest in peace +++



Christ Yesterday, Today & Forever

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 11th June 2017 - The Most Holy Trinity

Sunday 18th June 2017 - Corpus Christi

Saturday	9.30am	Holy Souls
	6.30pm	McGory family's intention
Sunday	9.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am	Thomas Kerrigan RIP
	6.30pm	Balbina Saiz RIP
Monday	9.30am	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	9.30am	Kathleen Neville RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Maura & Michael Strong's intention
Thursday	9.30am	Gerald Appleby RIP
Friday	9.30am	Billy Kilkenny RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Mary Murphy RIP
	6.30pm	Welfare of Pat Appleby
Sunday	9.00am	In Thanksgiving
	10.30am	Paddy Waters
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Monday	9.30am	Gerry Quigley RIP
Tuesday	9.30am	Fr Thomas McElhone RIP
Wednesday	9.30am	Simon Shilston RIP
Thursday	9.30am	Fr Dominic O'Sullivan RIP
Friday	9.30am	Sydney George Alexander RIP
Saturday	9.30am	Desmond & Kitty Shier
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Confessions:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call	
Exposition:	Saturday 10.00-10.30am	
Baptisms:	By previous arrangement	

PARISH NOTICES

Fr Gerry's Retirement Celebration

As previously announced, this will take place on **Sunday 9th July** after the 10.30am mass. Envelopes for donations towards the cost of this event are now available at the back of the church, together with a box into which these may be placed. The event will not fund itself. Please be generous. More details will be made available shortly.

Retiring collections

This weekend's collection is for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales which supports the legal, financial and administrative work of the Bishops' Conference. The retiring collection next weekend is for the Day for Life, which helps fund the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities.

Parish Prayer Group

The Parish Prayer Group meets every **Tuesday** at **8.00pm** in the church for rosary, praise and intercession. All parishioners are most welcome to join us.

St Agatha's School

The school sports day will take place on **Saturday 1st July** on Dinton Field. This is a good and fun opportunity for the parish to support our school.

Celebrate – Twickenham

This Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend Conference will be held on **17th –18th June** at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill. The programme includes 4 main talks, praise and worship, seminars and workshops, theatre, adoration, prayer ministry and time for chatting over a cup of tea. So that parents with children can really benefit from the weekend, there is a full programme for all young people from the age of 4 upwards plus a warm, welcoming crèche. For further information and a booking form, please see the poster on the notice board or have a word with John de Quidt (0208 549 4175 or johndequidt@hotmail.com).

A Day with Mary

There will be a Day with Mary on **Saturday 17th June** at St Joseph's Church, Montem Road, New Malden from **9.30am** to **5.00pm**. The day will include the Angelus, sung litany, mass in honour of Our Lady, rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. For more details see the poster on the notice board.

The Life of Christ

This will take place at Wintershall daily from **20th to 24th June**, from **10.30am** to **3.30pm**. For more information see the notice board at the back of the church or contact www.wintershall-estate.com or 01793 418299.

Meditation for Corpus Christi:

What is the **bread of life** which Jesus offers to all who believe in him? It is first of all the life of God himself – life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. God sustained the Israelites in the wilderness with manna from heaven. This bread foreshadowed the true heavenly bread which Jesus would offer his followers.

Jesus is the "bread of life"

Jesus makes a claim only God can make: He is the **true bread of heaven** that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The manna from heaven prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist or Lord's Supper which Jesus gave to his disciples on the eve of His sacrifice. The manna in the wilderness sustained the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land. It could not produce eternal life for the Israelites. The bread which Jesus offers His disciples sustains us not only on our journey to the heavenly paradise, it gives us the abundant supernatural life of God which sustains us for all eternity.

The food that makes us live forever

Jesus chose the time of the Jewish Feast of Passover to fulfil what he had announced at Capernaum – giving his disciples His body and his blood as the true bread of heaven. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection – the new Passover – is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, which fulfils the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands His disciples to eat His flesh and drink His blood, He invites us to take His life into the very centre of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself.

Do we hunger for the "bread of life"?

Jesus offers us the abundant supernatural life of heaven itself – but we can miss it or even refuse it. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the **bread of heaven** is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in His body and blood and partakers of His divine life. This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward. When we approach the Table of the Lord, what do we expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for our soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist or Lord's Supper is an intimate union with Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

Don Schwager Servants of the Word Community