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**FEAST DAYS, MEMORIALS AND MASSES**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE –**

**MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD (C)**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Ss John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs, Feast**

9.30am Gerry White

6.30pm John Davis RIP

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord**

9.00am Fiona McArdle RIP

10.30am Elizabeth Halliday Birthday

6.30pm People of the Parish

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> The Nativity of John the Baptist, Solemnity**

9.30am Wellbeing of Teresa Dooley

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Mr SCH Joseph, Mrs B Joseph, Mrs S John

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Lawry De Sousa RIP

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Souls

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity**

9.30am Joe Vella RIP

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial**

9.30am Anne Laing RIP

6.30pm Vincenzo Straccialano RIP

Exposition: Monday to Saturday 8.30 – 9.20am.

Morning Prayer: Monday to Saturday 9am.

Confessions: Saturday 10.00-10.30am, 18.00-18.15pm and at call.

Baptisms: By previous arrangement on Sundays at 12.30pm.

Marriages: Six months' notice required – Diocesan rule.

*ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH (6<sup>th</sup> July) WE WILL HAVE ONE HOUR OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. BETWEEN 10AM AND 11AM.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish: Pat Appleby, John Sewter, Christina Ward, Bill Kerrigan, Tess Bird, Clare Horgan, Keith Fraser, Trish Taylor and Ryan Morrison. *Please let the Parish Office know in writing if either you or your relatives and friends want to be mentioned in our sick list.*

**ANNIVERSARIES**

John Norman, Cornelius Sheehy, Lilian Elizabeth Murray, Sirio Fiaschi, Yvonne Gawthope, Dennis Sweeney, Jane Egan, Peter Bolger, Brendan Patrick Hogan, Margaret Creely, Ellen Williams, John Owens, Paul Canton, Edwin Charles Clarke, Fredrick James Ricks, Fr. John Coleman, Mary Francis Cherry, Sister Lucy Staunton, Mary Gentry, Thomas Egan, Margaret King, John McCarthy, Charles Rabbitts, Maureen Patricia McArdle, Mary Farrelly, Hugh Glenn, Amelia Van Den Bosch, Maud Medhurst, Joseph Rocca, Gerald Appleby. **+++ May they rest in Peace +++**

**OFFERINGS**

|                            |          |         |       |         |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|-------|---------|
| <b>First collection</b>    | Gift Aid | £453.59 | Loose | £361.48 |
| <b>Retiring Collection</b> | Gift Aid | £59.50  | Loose | £77.94  |

**TOTAL £952.51**

The collection for last weekend was for Day for Life.

The collection next week is for the Peter's Pence Collection.

"Lord Jesus, who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity," ~ Pope John Paul II.

**BREAD AND WINE**

**A REFLECTION OF PSALM 109:1-4**

This is a psalm for the Coronation of a King. A Prophet speaks in God's name to the King, *sit on my right*, since the Royal Palace was to the right of God's temple in Jerusalem. Victory over his enemies is promised. The new King is reminded of his priestly role as a mediator between God and the people. He is not cultic priest like the descendants of Aaron, but a king-priest *like Melchizedek of old*.

Melchizedek, in the first reading, offered bread and wine before blessing Abraham. This offering, recalled in the first Eucharist prayer, prefigured what Jesus did at the Last Supper. In today's second reading, Paul writes of that supper. When Jesus took the bread, he said 'This is my body, which is for you, do this as a memorial of Me'. Then taking the cup, he said, 'This Cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of Me'.

Bread is a symbol with many ways of connection. It is the most common food, the staff of life, 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands. A companion literally means one who shares bread with you. The Lord chose it as the material mode of his presence among us as companion on the road, as food to sustain us, as sanctifier of the earth and human work.

Wine is a symbol of celebration and joy. But it also expresses suffering through the crushing of grapes. Jesus made it the sacrificial blood which ratified the new covenant.

'Do this as a memorial of me.'

*You are a priest for ever,*

*a priest like Melchizedek of old.*

The Responsorial Psalms of Sunday – Silvester O'Flynn, The Columba Press

**St Agatha's Church Youth Club**

We are excited to announce the launch of the brand-new St Agatha's Church Youth Club! The Youth Club will run every Friday (Term-time) from 6 to 8pm and will initially be open to all children in year 6 and above. Meeting in the Cloister at St Agatha's Church, the club will aim to offer a range of sports, music, arts, crafts and cooking activities, trips and excursions and much more! Once established the young people will play a major part in shaping the youth club and the activities that are run. We are looking forward to being able to offer a youth provision, offering a safe and fun place for young people to make new friends and take part in the activities we will offer.



We would like to thank our very own parishioner Paul Keane for offering to lead this new group, however, we still need more volunteers, of all ages, to help behind the scenes with the various tasks involved with running the club. Could you spare just a few hours a month? Please speak with Frs. Anthony or Pius or contact the parish office for further details.

We would also greatly appreciate any donations of any equipment, such as a multi sports table or rounders equipment to enable us to provide activities.

***Please do encourage any young people you know to come along and join in!***

**HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFUL WEEK!**

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## Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord Gospel Reading

Luke 9:11b-17

They all ate and were satisfied.

### Reflection

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: "You are the Messiah of God." In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

### Family Reflection

In our age of fast food and eating on the go, families often find that they are not eating meals together at a dinner table. As a family, look back over the past week and recall how many meals were eaten together and how many meals were eaten alone or on the run.

In the Bible, meals are seen as much more than a means to satisfy a physical need. The Hebrew people viewed eating a meal as a way of expressing and strengthening their relationship to one another under God's covenant. It is no coincidence that meals are often the setting of Jesus' teaching and miracles in the Gospels. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 people.

Read this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:11b-17. Talk about the kinds of hungers that people have in addition to physical hunger. Describe the hungers that a family nourishes (love, compassion, forgiveness, laughter, and so on). Together give thanks for the food that Jesus gives us that we celebrate on this Sunday's feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Make a commitment to share in this Eucharistic meal together as a family.

Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

"I held the Host with two fingers and thought: How small Jesus made Himself, in order to show us that He doesn't expect great things of us, but rather little things with great love." — Mother Teresa

### Important Upcoming Dates:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June    | Baptism Preparation Class |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June    | Flower Arranging Workshop |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June | Parish Men's Group        |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June    | Youth Club                |

### Parish Website

**Work is currently being undertaken to establish a new parish website. Please bear with us as this is a work in progress. All the events of the parish and any news will be included on this site and, hopefully, will be accessible in due course. If you are unable to find what you are looking for please contact the Parish Secretary.**

### Flower Arranging Workshop

Thank you to everyone who came along to our workshop, we had another great session. Are you interested in learning how to arrange flowers or wish to develop your skills further? You could be a complete beginner or already experienced. We will be holding 1 more flower arranging classes in June on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for one hour. These will be free of charge. If you are interested please contact the parish secretary at [kingston@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingston@rcaos.org.uk) or sign up in the church porch.

### Baptism Preparation Class

Our next baptism preparation class will be this **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**, at 2pm, in the cloister. If you are considering your child's baptism, please complete an application form and join us for this class. *Parents need to attend a Baptism preparation class before receiving a date for your child's baptism.* Our next class will be in September. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to attend the class. The Baptism preparation class is for the adults only; it is our experience that parents get more out of the sessions if they are not easily distracted.

### Parish Men's Group

The men of the parish usually meet together on the third Wednesday of each month but due to a clash with another event at the Wych Elm this has now been set for the fourth Wednesday of each month. Therefore, the group will meet on the following dates in 2019: 26<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please come along and join them from 8pm.

### Gift Aid scheme

*As the 2018/19 tax year has now ended, please let us know if, in the last year, you have changed your address or if you no longer pay tax so that we may update your details.* The new gift aid envelopes are now available; if you are part of the scheme, please do ensure you come and collect your envelopes from the old sacristy after any mass or call or pop in to the parish office during office hours. Gift Aid is an important source of income for the Parish and we can claim a considerable sum from the government on all donations by UK taxpayers. If you would like to join the scheme, please speak with our Parish Secretary on 020 8546 4633. A big thank you to all involved as the tax we can reclaim is a great help to the parish.

### Music at Masses

As we now have hymns at all Masses, we are still making an appeal for more musicians to lead the music. If you can play piano or organ and would like to take a turn at playing at one of the Masses, please contact one of the priests. Thank you!

Please see the Parish noticeboard for more details of the following:

- Request for Student Exchange placements
- 'The Gift' at St Joseph's Parish, New Malden.
- Knock Pilgrimage 2019
- The Mustard Seed
- St John's Seminary Chapel Appeal
- A Talk by Fr. Marcus Holden at Westminster Cathedral
- Job Vacancies at Holy Cross School and St Georges Cathedral
- Richard Challoner Summer Fun Day & Mini Beer Festival