

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday 18 June 2017: Corpus Christi (Year A)

6.30pm (Saturday)	Kieran Hughes
9.00am	Fathers Carlos, Santana Pereira & Manuel Pires
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Jose Manuel Madeira & Nelia Madeira

### Monday 19 June

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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### Tuesday 20 June

7.30am	CMA
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### Wednesday 21 June *St Aloysius*

7.30am	<i>Gonzaga</i>	Joanne Rodrigues
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### Thursday 22 June *St John Fisher & St Thomas More*

7.30am		Br. Loarne
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### Friday 23 June *The Sacred Heart*

7.30am	<i>Of Jesus</i>	Intention of Bishop Ricardo & Fr Antonio Monteiro
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### Saturday 24 June *The Birth of John the Baptist*

8.00am		<i>In Honour of Our Lady</i>
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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 11.30am-12 noon; 5.30-6.25pm**

**Please pray for those members of our community who are sick.**

**Pray, too, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, including:**

Alice Paintin, Edward Kelly, Carol Waldock, Anthony Cunningham, Norah Bourke, Hector Wakeham, Sister Joan Tonks, Maureen Flynn, Valerie Riordan, Elsie Barrett, Margaret Watson, Alina Sztohryn & Beatrice Rose.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## COLLECTIONS:

**Second Collection today: Day for Life**

**Last week's collection:**

<i>Offertory</i>	£520.83	+ <i>Gift-aided</i>	£85.00
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**Second collection next week: Peter's Pence**

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## The Body and Blood of Christ

'The Body of Christ' refers to the Church as well as to the Holy Eucharist. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, we have communion with God and with one another.

Jesus is present to us in many ways. We hear his voice in the Gospel. We experience his love in our community. We receive him in the Holy Eucharist. We are called the Body of Christ because Christ dwells with us. As St Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."

When we receive Holy Communion we experience our communion with one another. Many though we are, we are one in Christ. Jesus unites our community.

If our Holy Eucharist is to be sincere, our communion must be real. We eat the Body of Christ. We drink the Blood of Christ. We are the Body of Christ.



1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Response: **O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6: 51-58

**Entrance Antiphon:** He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

## **Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Year A).**

As we celebrate this great feast, we also wish all fathers a **Happy Father's Day**. May God bless you today and always!

*There will be a second collection at all today's Masses: Day for Life.*

At today's 11am Mass our lay ministers of the Eucharist will renew their commitment.

### **This Week:**

#### **Church Cleaning:**

This week is the turn of Group D: Norbert & Leonel. Thank you.

#### **Wednesday 21 June: St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious (1568-1591)**

Aloysius joined the Society of Jesus and was praised for his simplicity and piety. During a plague he cared for the sick in hospital. These efforts brought on the sickness that claimed his life at the age of 23.

#### **Thursday 22 June: St John Fisher & St Thomas More, Martyrs**

John Fisher and Thomas More both became influential in the English royal courts and suffered martyrdom during the reign of Henry VIII. When John was locked in the Tower of London, Pope Paul III made him a Cardinal. Thomas, a husband and father, an author, and ultimately Lord Chancellor, also denied the King's authority in matters of faith and suffered arrest and martyrdom.

#### **Friday 23 June: Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

A latecomer to the liturgical calendar, this Solemnity celebrates not an event but the love of God manifested in the heart of Jesus. Devotion grew throughout the late Middle Ages and reached its climax with the vision of St Margaret Mary Alacoque.

#### **Also on Friday 23 June: Holy Rosary at 7pm**

Every Friday evening at 7pm the Holy Rosary is recited in the church. You are invited to attend.

"In the Rosary, while we repeat the Hail Mary we meditate on the mysteries, on the events of Christ's life, so as to know and love him ever better." (Pope Francis)

#### **Saturday 24 June: The Birth of John the Baptist**

Six months before the birth of Jesus we celebrate the birth of John the Baptist, the midsummer nativity. Together with the preceding feasts of the Annunciation and the Visitation, this celebration is part of a complex of feasts throughout the year that are associated with Christmas. As we celebrate his birth, we recall that he was the prophet of the Most High and would go before the Lord to prepare his way and to proclaim salvation through the forgiveness of sin. We too are called to proclaim God's mercy and to prepare a way for him to come into our world.

#### **Looking further ahead:**

#### **Wednesday 28 June: Padre Pio Prayer Group Meeting**

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 28 June at 7pm in the Friary

Chapel. Rosary, Mass and intercessory prayer to Padre Pio. All are welcome to join us. The entrance to the Chapel is via the Friary door (182 Iffley Road).

#### **Thursday 29 June: Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul**

**Please note:** This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the church will be at 7.30am & 7.30pm.



#### **New Altar Servers**

Altar serving is an important ministry in the Church, and the priest relies on having a team of dedicated, well-trained and committed altar servers available for every Mass. If you would like to become an altar server, registration forms will be available from the church porch next week. Altar servers must have made their First Holy Communion.

#### **Children's Choir**

The children's choir meets on Saturdays in the hall from 12 noon to 1pm. Do you have a child who likes to sing? We have a perfect opportunity—join the children's choir. Remember, Saturday at 12 noon. Hope to see you there!

#### **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

There are several places available for September 2017 at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, which is one of our parish schools. For further information, please contact the school on 01865 763357 or email [admin.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:admin.3838@st-josephs-pri.oxon.sch.uk).



#### **The Invitation**

"Take it, this is my body.... This is my blood." Those words make me feel guilty, Lord, because I should be hearing them at Mass. And you know I often find excuses not to go to Mass: the church pews are uncomfortable; I'd rather sleep late; I don't like the music or the homily; it's too nice outside; it's boring.

Why is it so easy to forget that you gave us this special invitation to share in the Eucharistic meal? It is a way of participating in your death and resurrection and of strengthening our faith and renewing our hope until you come again in glory. It is a privilege to be invited to the Eucharistic table and to connect with both the present-day Church and all the saints of the past who have shared this sacred meal.

Thank you for your invitation, Lord. Help me to value the Eucharist more, and give me a great desire to meet you there.

#### **Preparing for Mass—Fasting**

The Church has a discipline of a Eucharistic Fast. For Catholics this means an obligation to abstain from all food and drink (except water) for one hour prior to Communion. This minimal requirement serves to remind us that the Eucharistic Banquet is an event to prepare for.