

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday 3 June 2018: Corpus Christi

6.30pm (Saturday)	Margaret Donoghue
9.00am	Peppina Sordillo RIP
11.00am	Parishioners
5.30pm	Frank Marshall RIP

Monday 4 June

7.30am	Friars & Benefactors
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Tuesday 5 June *St Boniface, Bishop & Martyr*

7.30am	<i>St Anthony</i>
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Wednesday 6 June

7.30am	John Downes RIP
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Thursday 7 June

7.30am	CMA
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Friday 8 June *The Sacred Heart of Jesus*

7.30am	Kieran Hughes RIP
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7.30pm

Saturday 9 June *The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

8.00am	Georgina Pereira's intention
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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:

Margaret Salcombe, Carmela Azzopardi, Augustus Quinn, Albertina Fernandez, Thomas Connaughton, Wilfred Ganter, Sybil Schmidt, Rebecca Goldsmith & Patrick Mannion.

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

COLLECTIONS:

No Second Collection today

Last week's collection:

Offertory £439.91 + *Gift-aided* £78.00

No second collection next week

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The Body and Blood of Christ—Corpus Christi

Today the Church observes the Sacrament of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this day we honour and commemorate the great mystery of the Eucharist: Christ, whole and undivided, Body and Soul, present to us in his Body and Blood.

And there is no better way to celebrate this great Solemnity than for the Church to come together, as the visible expression of the Body of Christ, head and members, gathered around the altar of the Lord.

There we hear the Scriptures proclaimed, we pray and intercede for the world, the Church, the poor. There the Church offers to God, in faith, the gifts of bread and wine, and through the Eucharistic Prayer God gives back to us his very Son—Christ Jesus, present in the Eucharist, the Bread of Heaven given for the life of the world.



1st Reading: Exodus 24:3-8

Response: **The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.**

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26

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.

Sunday 3 June 2018: Corpus Christi

Today is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, historically known by its Latin name, *Corpus Christi*, celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Today: North Oxford Deanery Corpus Christi Procession (2.30pm)

Starting at 2.30pm at the Oratory Church of St Aloysius, 25 Woodstock Road, with sermon at Blackfriars (3pm) and Benediction at the University Chaplaincy, Rose Place, followed by tea. First Communion outfits may be worn.

This week:

Church Cleaning:

Groups of dedicated volunteers keep the church clean and tidy. This week is the turn of Group B: Sam/John. Thank you.

Tuesday 5 June: St Boniface

Born in England, accepted into a monastery, Boniface eventually went to preach the Gospel in what is today Germany. He resigned as Abbot but accepted a post as Bishop of Mainz. He was martyred while travelling to administer confirmation.

Friday 8 June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus, Solemnity

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart celebrates not an event but the love of God manifested in the heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart grew through the late Middle Ages and reached its climax with the vision of St Margaret Mary Alacoque. The feast first appeared in the Church's universal calendar in 1856. It is celebrated each year on the third Friday after Pentecost.

Also on Friday 8 June: Holy Rosary at 7pm

Every Friday evening the Holy Rosary is recited in the church at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. "In the Rosary, we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may guide us to an ever closer union with her son Jesus, to grow into conformity with him, to have his sentiments and to behave like him." (Pope Francis)

After Rosary, there is an *additional Mass at 7.30pm to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.*

Saturday 9 June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a name used to refer to the interior life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections and, above all, her virginal love of God the Father, her maternal love for her son and her compassionate love for all people.

Also on Saturday 9th: Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore

The Friends of the College invite you to a Garden Party from 3pm–5pm on Saturday 9 June. Bring family and friends and enjoy the beautiful College garden with tea, cakes & ice cream, various stalls, games and live music, a guided tour at 4pm, and more. All

proceeds from the Garden Party will go towards maintaining Newman's College.

Looking further ahead:

Sunday 24 June, Parish Barbecue

On Sunday 24 June, from 12 noon to 4pm, we are having a parish BBQ, afternoon teas, strawberries & cream, cake stall, book and plant stalls, hook-a-duck, and face painting for the children. Tickets will entitle you to a burger or hotdog & salad. Tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses. Tickets in advance: £3 per adult; £1.50 per child. Tickets on the gate: £4 per adult; £2 per child. Preschool children go free.

The event is intended to bring the parish together and to raise funds for the development of the parish hall, but will also be a great social occasion.

Friday 29 June: St Gregory the Great School Garden Party, 6-9pm

The Friends of St Gregory's and the PTA present the annual St Gregory's Garden Party.

Cake stalls, strawberries & cream, pizza and barbecue. Prosecco tent & full bar. Fun and games for the whole family, including: Go-karts, face painting, welly wanging & Live Music. 50p entry or £2 per family.



Daily Mass

When Christ took bread and wine and proclaimed it his Body and his Blood, something extraordinary happened. In the same way, through the power of the Holy Spirit, every time a priest takes bread and wine and speaks the words of consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, something extraordinary happens. What looks and tastes like bread and wine has now become the very Body and Blood of Christ. The Eucharist, then, is not merely a symbol of Christ's Body and Blood; it is his very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. What a wonderful gift given to us.

Morning Mass

Morning Mass is celebrated on every weekday (Monday–Friday at 7.30am & Saturday at 8am) in the Friary Chapel. For morning Mass, please enter via the main door of the Friary at 182 Iffley Road. Once in the porch, follow the sign to the Chapel.

Mission Possible

Just like the director of the classic television show *Mission Impossible*, Jesus (in Luke 9:1–6, the Mission of the Twelve) seems to say to the disciples, "Your mission, should you choose to accept it..." But whereas the director in the television show labelled his mission as impossible, Jesus knew his mission was possible—though not always popular.

We, too, are asked to share in Jesus' mission. Sound easy? We know it is not. Doing what Jesus would do may mean sticking our neck out rather than following the crowd. The hardest part? It's not impossible, but it's certainly a challenge. Are you up to it? If you trust God, you will be.