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MASS TIMES

Sunday
8.00 am & 10.00 am

Weekdays
Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.30am
Thursday No Mass
Friday 7.00 pm
Saturday 5.30 pm (Vigil of Sunday)

Confessions on Saturdays 4.15-5.15pm in church,
or by personal arrangement with Fr Jonathan

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

18/19 June 2022

Saturday 18 June

17.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday
Alessia Annessa

SUNDAY 19 June

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year C)

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass**

Patricia Annessa

13.00 **Baptism** of Carolina Mol

15.00 **Baptism** of

Leonard and Penelope Hellinan

Monday 20 June

St Alban, Memorial

9.30 **Mass** Amelia Gomes RIP

Tuesday 21 June

St Aloysius Gonzaga, Memorial

11.00 **Funeral Mass** for

Anne McNamara

Wednesday 22 June

**St John Fisher and
St Thomas More, Feast**

9.30 **Mass** Sr. Margaret-Mary

Thursday 23 June

The Nativity of St John the Baptist, Solemnity No Mass

Friday 24 June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Solemnity

19.00 **Mass** with hymns

Nora Balfe intentions

Saturday 25 June

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Memorial
No Mass of the day

16.15-17.15 **Confessions**

17.30 **Vigil Mass** of Sunday

Donny Annessa

SUNDAY 26 June

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time
(Year C)

8.00 **Mass** People of the parish

10.00 **Parish Mass**

First Holy Communion

candidates and their families

Solemnity of the MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Year C) – ‘Corpus Christi’ *The readings for today’s Mass are to be found in the red Year C Parish Mass Book pp. 84–6*

The thing which Catholics – and indeed many Anglicans and certainly Orthodox – most missed most during the rollercoaster of lockdowns and partial liftings of measures was being able to *attend* the Eucharist on Sunday and *receive* Holy Communion. Many Christian news outlets that conducted research on how the Catholic and other ecclesial communities coped during the Covid-19 period have been without ambivalence in their conclusion: Catholics felt *deprived* of Mass and were *distressed* not to be able to receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord.

Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper, and He specifically asked his disciples to break bread in memory of Him. It was thus a *real* deprivation for parish communities not to be able to gather to celebrate the Eucharist especially on either day when *that institution* is especially remembered – Holy Thursday and this special feast. It was established in the 13th century precisely so that people would not forget that Jesus – His body, blood, soul and divinity – is really, truly and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine in the Eucharist. A huge debate raged from the eleventh century onwards among theologians at the medieval universities about precisely that issue: in what way can we understand, and what philosophical language can help us *articulate*, the belief of the Church concerning Jesus’s promised presence in the Eucharist.

St Thomas Aquinas helped solve the intellectual, academic issue by propounding the teaching of ‘trans-substantiation’. It was a means of understanding and articulating a reality: never anything more than the explanation that comes closest to the truth of the mystery, not, itself, dogma!). But it was Pope Urban IV who encouraged that the debate be solved through prayer and devotion, and in 1264 he thus instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi (for which St Thomas Aquinas wrote a set of now-famous hymns). Thanks be to God streamed and make a spiritual communion. The rest of us can rejoice that there is no reason why we should not prepare ourselves, confess our sins and be reconciled to God, and feed on the word and sacrament of God at Mass, as God invites and urges us to.

But how quickly some of us have forgotten that ‘pandemic feeling’ of being hungry for the Mass, for Christ’s unique transforming *presence* in our lives. How quickly some have all too readily returned to ‘normal’. ‘For this reason’, says St Paul to St Timothy (2 Tim 1.6) ‘I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you ... for God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-control.’ Today is an opportunity to renew our love for Christ.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 14.18–20 Melchizedek is a *very* enigmatic ancient figure. There is not space here to unravel the mystery surrounding him! ... but he represents one of three different ways of sacrifice we find in the Old Testament period (all of them mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer). Abel is associated with *blood* sacrifice, Abraham with *voluntary* sacrifice, *Melchizedek*,

who offers bread and wine, is associated with *sacramental* and *un-bloody* sacrifice (Gen 14:18). That Melchizedek's sacrifice is 'eternal' makes him symbolic of Christ (Heb 7:3); he is also a priest and a *king* (Gen 14:18); and, like Jesus, his ancestry is *different* from the Jewish priesthood of the tribe of Levi (Heb 7:14-18). Hence, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 11.23-26 This brief recollection of Paul concerning the Last Supper suggests that Eucharist is always something celebrated in common, something shared and that the one bread and one cup make us one in the mystical Body of Christ. The new Mass lectionary (used by more than Catholics) has often been criticised—and quite rightly!—for *omitting* a crucial Pauline teaching in verses 27-32, which *ought* to be read in church, but never is. It is a very important warning: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person therefore examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." It is one of the bases of confession of grave sin before communion. Worth us really taking very seriously, no?

Gospel: Luke 9.11—17 This is one of the many stories in the Gospels of a miraculous feeding by Jesus. The Eucharist was plainly a major theme in the infant Church's teaching and memory of Jesus – 'Do this'. From the earliest moment, was ever a command so obeyed?

Prayer of Preparation before each Sunday Mass

After this prayer until the bell at the start of Mass is an opportunity to pray silently together in preparation.

ALMIGHTY GOD, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Calling all Catechists

Fr Jonathan would be grateful if anyone who has previously served as a Catechist in the parish – for adults or children – would make themselves known to him. He has no inherited list of such people.

Fr Chris Vipers, the Diocesan Director of the Agency for Evangelisation, writes, "After two years of online Diocesan Summer Gatherings for Catechists, this year's Gathering will take place on Saturday 2 July at Sacred Heart High School, Hammersmith. All parish catechists are encouraged to attend. This year the Gathering will focus on the inclusion of children and young people in church, and on catechesis in and for the family. The day will run from 9.45am - 3.30pm and the cost of the day will be £10 per catechist. Please bring a packed lunch. You can book by email – catadmin@rcdow.org.uk. Then send cheque payable to "WRCDT" and mail to Warren Brown Agency for Evangelisation, Diocese of Westminster, Vaughan House 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN." A gathering specifically around RCIA will be held in September. Details will be shared as soon as we have them.

First Holy Communion 26th June 2022

Please keep Dylan, Gustave, Jedwil, Kevin, Lorenzo, Taison and their families in your prayers as they make the final preparation for their First Holy Communion Mass which will take place next weekend. They have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and now are excitedly practising their readings and processions.

Please come to the 10am Mass to support them and their families. Afterwards you are most welcome in the Parish Hall for a cup of tea whilst congratulating them as they are presented with the Certificates.

Repository

The Repository has a variety of gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation as well as children's books etc. Please pop in after Mass.

Readers Rota

<u>18 June 5.30pm</u>	Lily Meghji	<u>19 June 8am</u>	Freda Adzinku
<u>19 June 10am</u>	Readings John McIntyre, Bidding prayers Patrick & Joseph Arthur		
<u>25 June 5.30pm</u>	John McIntyre	<u>26 June 8am</u>	Audrey Da Costa
<u>26 June 10am</u>	Readings and Bidding prayers First Holy Communion children		

Counters Rota

19 June Eddie Whittaker, Anthony Owolabi, Mary Kehoe
26 June Walter Acuti, Beatrice McAdam

Church Cleaning Rota

25 June Team C: Dominick Martins, Elaine & Derrick Pereira and Elvira De Souza
2 July Team A: Caroline Boyle, Niamh Boyle, Lisa Harris, Beatrice McAdam and Zizo Ziwannah