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## CORPUS CHRISTI (Year C)

19 - 25 June 2022

*First Mass of Sunday*

**Mass:** 5.45pm *Ann Haskell RIP*

### SUNDAY 19 June CORPUS CHRISTI

**Mass:** 9.30am

**Mass:** 11.00am *William Randall (In thanksgiving)*

**Polish Mass:** 12.30pm

**Wedding:** 3.00pm *Sergio and Greta*

**Evening Prayer and Benediction:** 5.00pm

**Mass:** 6.30pm *Pro Populo*

### MONDAY 20 June

**Morning Prayer:** 9.00am

**Mass:** 9.30am *Joan King RIP*

### TUESDAY 21 June ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

**Mass:** 8.00am *For migrants and refugees*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am *Tony Sewell RIP*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm **Rosary:** 6.00pm

### WEDNESDAY 22 June

#### SS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

**Mass:** 8.00am *Ann Haskell RIP*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am *Ints of Hilary Cornwell*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm

### THURSDAY 23 June

#### NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Mass:** 8.00am

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm **Rosary:** 6.00pm

### FRIDAY 24 June SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Mass:** 8.00am

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am **Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am *For our priests*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm **Rosary:** 6.00pm

### SATURDAY 25 June

#### IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**Morning Prayer:** 9.00am

**Mass:** 9.30am

**Confessions:** 10.00am – 10.30am & 5.00pm – 5.30pm

*First Mass of Sunday*

**Mass:** 5.45pm

**THIS SUNDAY:** The Eucharist is not an invention of the Church: it is a part of God's plan of salvation from the very beginning: it is prefigured in the Old Testament, seen today in the food offerings of Melchizedek, priest king of Jerusalem associated with Abraham, choose bread and wine as the offerings. It is also revealed by the prophetic action of Jesus, in feeding the multitude, before he feeds the Church with the gift that is transmitted through the centuries. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is our communication with the Father, in the Spirit: it is the real presence in the Church's 'here and now' of the eternal God; it is Covenant, Memorial and Promise, Meal and Sacrifice, the heartbeat of the Family of Believers.

**AN OPEN CHURCH:** During this Week, the Church will open at 7.30am each morning and will close around 6.30pm.

**LANGUAGE SHEETS:** Those of you who might like to follow the Liturgy of the Word in either Italian, Spanish, French or Polish will be able to make use of the sheets that can be found on the table at the back of the Church. Please help yourself and take them with you as you leave.

**SUNDAY CONFESSIONS:** There will be a priest in one of the confessionals from about 5.50pm until 6.20pm ... but please don't turn up at the last minute - Mass begins at 6.30pm.

**VESPERS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI:** Corpus Christi is celebrated this Sunday - **19 June** - and we can gather for sung Evening Prayer at **5.00pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction over the city of Bath at the West Doors of the Church. It gives us opportunity to come before this great Sacrament of Christ's presence and to pray for the people of our city.

**FIRST COMMUNION 2022:** It was good to gather with the families and friends of the children who were receiving First Communion last Sunday. We continue to keep them in our prayers – Matvey Jaworski, Krzysztof Grzybowski, Gabriel Souza, Alicja Predka, Aleksander Nienaltowski, Ronnie Ogden, Kaizer Pio Gentallan, Patryk Zahora, Agata Kielcikowska, Laurie Mander, Oscar Mander, Rafferty Hulton, Frances Sy, Calogero Pace, Domenico Pace, Amelia Doroba, Lena Dukacziwska, Erin Daniels, Isabella Cox, Julia Knap, Aiden Sejas, Hudson Davies, Benitha Karleigh Co, Isabella Roberts, Filip Dabek, Nadia Szczypinska, Sophia Edwards, Daniel Kurdyk, Maisey Willis, Enrick Fernandes, Laura Krajewska, Lena Chelstowska, Aleksander Saja, Zofia Szemborska, Renee Campbell, Mariella Packer, Patryk Trebacz (Poland), Nela Trebacz (Poland), Aleksandra Gryglas (Poland). A great celebration for the children and their families; a great celebration for our parish and for the Church.

**ADORATION:** Adoration is most certainly a pulse in our parish community and a blessing for our city, too. With adoration each day (Tues-Fri), there are the added opportunities now on Thursday (7pm – 7.45am), on Friday (7pm – 8am) and Saturday (7pm – 8am Sunday). These three evening and vigil times allow us to watch before the Lord in those still and tranquil hours, longing for the dawn, longing for the Lord who comes. It is so

good to encounter people who cross our threshold to be drawn into the tranquillity and peace that comes from being before the Lord. It is good to see so many taking up the challenge of the giving of an hour or so during the night. If you want to offer yourself for an hour's prayer – either in Church during the day or in the Chapel for one of the evenings - do 'sign up'. Catherine, AJ, Angelina or George would be happy to allocate you a time.

**ORDINATION OF JOSEPH MEIGH:** Deacon Joseph has been at St Mary's this last ten months or so and is to be ordained priest at the Cathedral on **Saturday 9 July**. You are warmly invited to come along to the ordination and St Mary's have arranged a coach. The coach leaves at 9.30am from St Mary's and will return, leaving the Cathedral at 1.30pm. £10 coach fare. You'll need to contact St Mary's to reserve a space on the bus. [bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bath.stmary@cliftondiocese.com)

**WORSHIP AND PRAISE** during Adoration on a Wednesday from 12.30pm until 1.30pm. Do come along – prayer and music before the Lord.

**FRIDAY LUNCHESES:** Friday lunches have borne fruit in simply bringing people together across the weeks of Lent and Easter. They have been such a good thing – seeing 20, 25, 30 people sat down in conversation around a delicious meal – that they continue now beyond Pentecost. All you need do is turn up. A hearty fresh soup, with fresh bread, fruit and cheese await you... all served and laid up for you, too. Come and enjoy the conversation and the company. There is no charge for the lunch, just an offering that helps pay for the next week's lunch. **Every Friday at 12.30pm.**

**CHILDREN'S ADORATION** each Friday at 4.30pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel. This simple hour before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to draw families together in stillness and in prayer. Do come along if you can.

**THE SYNOD – A DIOCESAN PRESENTATION:** Bishop Declan invites every parish to an evening liturgy at the Cathedral on **June 22 at 7pm** (this coming Wednesday) when he will also present Clifton's Synod report to each parish. Fr Christopher will be accompanied by our three Synod Delegates in receiving the report on behalf of the parish... but it would be good if others were there in the gathering. You will need to register your 'presence', and to facilitate this, you are asked to book onto the event via this link: [eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897](http://eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-liturgy-synod-tickets-327123734897)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023:** World Youth Day will next take place in Lisbon in 2023. The Department for Adult Education and Evangelisation is organising an eight-day pilgrimage from **July 31 to August 8, 2023** for young adults [18-35] in our diocese. The provisional plan is to spend six nights in Lisbon and two nights in Fatima. There will be formation sessions for the group before the pilgrimage to build community and support one another in our faith journey. If you are interested in learning more about the Clifton Diocese World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage, and will be at least 18 years old on 1 April 2023, please register your interest at

[adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) - Please spread the word to any young adults you know who may be interested in attending World Youth Day!

**MARRIAGE MASS – SATURDAY 2 JULY:** Bishop Declan is celebrating Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 2 July (12 noon) and is inviting all married couples to join him. He will send a personal invitation to those couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries during 2022 or those who will marry during this year. If you are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, or 70th anniversary during 2022 or getting married this year please email [adult.education@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:adult.education@cliftondiocese.com) so that a personal invitation can be sent out, leaving details of your names, address, and the number of years you are both celebrating.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** If you would like to offer one for your intention for the week, please use the brown envelopes by either chapel and pop them into the parish office. They cost £5 and each candle will be labelled with the donors intention and hung in the votive glasses for the week.

### **THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE INTENTIONS**

**Sacred Heart:** *The Gibbens Family*

**Lady Chapel:** *The Dobson Family*

**A STAY IN HOSPITAL?** If you or a member of your family is going into the Royal United Hospital, please contact [ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net) or call the RUH Chaplaincy 01225 428331 on arrival. It can be such a useful thing to know so that the Chaplaincy team can call upon you.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS:** We remember **Colin de Paul** who died during this last week. His funeral will be here at St John's on **Thursday 7 July** at 12noon. We also keep in our prayers **Veronica Allerston** who died recently. Her funeral takes place at Haycombe on 29 June at 9am. May they rest in peace.

**A PARISH CENSUS 2022: Keep those census forms coming in!** The online facility allows you to fill in your details online and update as-and-when. If you are not connected... do not despair! There will be a laptop or two set up with folk to help you fill in the details. The system will also allow new arrivals and returners to be part of the process and also offer us a clear vehicle of contact and communication. We can use this opportunity to explore a harvest of skills and gifts that can be put to good use with a very clear *follow up* to ensure that what is offered is made good use of. The Parish Census team, drawn together, will begin to make things available for you. If you want to look here, then you can begin to 'sign up' [stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/parish-census/](http://stjohnsrcbath.org.uk/parish-census/).

### **FINANCE NEWS:**

Last Sunday's collection: £781.30

Online and Contactless Giving: £215

Standing Orders: £978

Gift Aid on S/O: £244 Candles: £217.81

*Thank you*

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES:** Don't forget that if you are putting cash into the collection and you pay UK tax, you can add an extra 25% in tax reclaimed to your gift simple because you fill out one of the white envelopes and pop your offertory into that. That GA bonus makes such a difference... at not extra cost to you! Just take the time to complete the simple form on the envelope.

**ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL:** Open Mornings which will be from 9am until 11am on Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 June. All visitors must book an appointment in advance via the school website at Saint Gregory's Summer Open Events – Saint Gregory's Bath (st-gregorys.org.uk)

**BATH ABBEY ANNIVERSARY CONCERT:** This year the Abbey are celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a girls' choir and the concert in July reflects this occasion. They are particularly excited to be performing a newly commissioned work 'God's Mirror' by critically acclaimed composer, Roxanna Panufnik. The concert also features works by other British women composers and the Abbey Girls are joined by the Lay Clerks in what promises to be an exciting and fresh evening of music! The Concert is on Saturday, 9 July. Tickets are now available from Bath Box Office (with reserved seating). Prices: £20, £15, £10 with age 16 and under @half price

**RECRUITMENT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – PRIOR PARK SCHOOLS:** Prior Park Schools is partnering with Nurole, the leading board-level hiring platform, to recruit new Trustees. You can find out more and register your interest here. For any questions please contact [william.prescott@nurole.com](mailto:william.prescott@nurole.com). For an informal and confidential discussion, you can also contact John Shinkwin who is the Chair of Trustees [jshinkwin@priorparkschools.com](mailto:jshinkwin@priorparkschools.com) or Emma Sandberg, Director of Operations and Finance and Clerk to Trustees [esandberg@priorparkschools.com](mailto:esandberg@priorparkschools.com).

**FR PRATAP'S AUTUMN VISIT:** Many of you support the work and mission of Fr Pratap through the Monsignor Kelly Fund. Fr Pratap will be making a visit to the UK in September and October and is due to visit Bath from **8 – 14 October**. He will be making an appeal whilst here for support for some projects he is involved within the Diocese. Remember, the best way and the safest way to send Fr Pratap your offerings is through the Mgr Kelly Fund. Money is transferred in a safe way.

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE:** Bishop Declan is inviting our diocesan community to gather together at the diocesan shrine of Glastonbury on **Sunday 10 July**. Keep the date free.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Natalie and Jason Ambrose who celebrate the blessing of their marriage this weekend and also Greta Zafferra and Sergio Molla Aracil who are to be married this Sunday afternoon. We ask the Lord to bless all our married couples as they come to celebrate the joy of his love and goodness. **Congratulations**, also, to twins France and Bella Ramos who were baptised here on Thursday. We keep their family and godparents in our prayers.

**A VIGIL FOR PEACE** and healing in our world takes place in our Cathedral in Clifton from 8pm on **Friday 24 June** to 8am on **Saturday 25 June**. You can take part in the vigil either in the Cathedral or via livestream. There's a poster in the porch giving details of the vigil.

**CREAM TEA AT THE BARN:** Friday 24 June at 'The Barn', the Life Project are inviting you to join them for this Nation Cream Tea Day. Poster in the porch with details.

**LGBT+ MASS:** The monthly Mass takes place at St Nick's, Lawford's Gate, on **Sunday 19 June** at 3pm. All welcome.

**EXHIBITION ON THE EUCHARIST:** St John's is hosting an exhibition curated by and flowing from the prayerful initiative of Blessed Carlos Acutis, a young Italian man with such a love for the Blessed Sacrament. Around our Church across this month of **June**, and **July and August** there will be a narrative of saints and places so touched by the Eucharist across the centuries. This pilgrimage around the Church enables us to deepen our understanding of the Real Presence of the Lord and a love that is revealed in this great gift of himself. The Exhibition, enabled here by Tom and Angelina, will feature panels around the north and south aisles and exhibits in the Lady Chapel and the Sacred Heart Chapel, too. There is also a display of some beautiful things that are always 'at the service' of our celebration of the Eucharist. There is a simple and beautiful guide to the exhibition and it becomes a prayerful trail in itself. You don't have to complete the exhibition all at once; you can come back! Use the trail in such a way that ends in the Sacred Heart Chapel during the week for a time of prayer.

**WELCOME** to Fr Fernando Grande Frias. Fr Fernando is here in Bath to study English across the next four weeks. He is a priest studying at the Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy in Rome, training for the Holy See's Diplomatic Service. It will be good to have Fr Fernando with us across the next couple of weeks. Do make him welcome.

**THE CLUB** meets next on **Tuesday 5 July** at 2pm in the Parish Hall. It is always a great opportunity to come together with others for an afternoon filled with conversation, tea, cake... and even a quick game of bingo! Just call into the hall... it would be good to see you.

**LOWER CAR PARK:** Renewals are due by the middle of July and those of you who make use of the fob system will need to get in touch with Patrick via the parish office over the next couple of weeks. From July 15, the annual subscription for the car park will be £165. You can either pay by cheque or arrange for bank transfer. Those who may not wish to renew can return their fobs to the parish office.

**DIACONAL STUDENTS** are here with us next Saturday for Morning Prayer, for Mass and for their day's formation.

**FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL** is celebrated on **Wednesday 29 June**. Mass at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm.

## BATH DEANERY CONFIRMATION 2022

Confirmation is being celebrated on Friday 11 November. The preparation course is open to any baptised Catholic in Y9-13 (from Sept 2022) living in the parishes of Bath Deanery. The preparation course begins at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 13 September** at St Mary's Catholic Church, Julian Road, Bath. Application forms are available from St Mary's parish website [stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events](http://stmarysbath.org.uk/news-events)



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### Volunteers Needed

Bath Foodbank is looking for Volunteers for the new Foodbank Centre opening soon in Odd Down

Opening in September 2022, we are looking for volunteers, ideally once a week/fortnightly:

**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
12:15pm-2:45pm**

St Philip's and St James' Church  
Odd Down

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, and one of the projects of Genesis Trust Bath.

Please email [office@genesistrust.org.uk](mailto:office@genesistrust.org.uk) for more information.

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## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

There are language sheets for the readings available at the back of the church – French, Italian, Spanish and Polish – as well as Mass cards to guide you through the Liturgy.

### First reading

Genesis 14:18-20

### A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 109(110):1-4

**You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

The Lord's revelation to my Master:  
'Sit on my right:  
your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

The Lord will wield from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes.

A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains;  
from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
'You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.'

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

### Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.