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## CORPUS CHRISTI

2 - 8 June 2024

*First Mass of Sunday*

**Mass:** 5.45pm

*Matthew & May Millet RIP*

## SUNDAY 2 June CORPUS CHRISTI

**Mass:** 9.30am

*Ints of John and Lisa Delaney & Family*

**Mass:** 11.00am

*Ints of the Sewell Family*

**Polish Mass:** 1.00pm

**Confessions:** 5.50pm – 6.20pm

**Mass:** 6.30pm

*Pro Populo*

## MONDAY 3 June ST CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPS

**Morning Prayer:** 9.00am

**Rosary:** 10.00am

**Mass:** 9.30am

*The Hahn Family's Ints*

## TUESDAY 4 June

**Mass:** 8.00am

*The Hahn Family's Ints*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am

**Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am

*In honour of Our Lady of Sorrows*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm

**Rosary:** 6.00pm

## WEDNESDAY 5 June ST BONIFACE

**Mass:** 8.00am

*Hilary Taylor's Intentions*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am

**Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am

*Fr Des Millet RIP*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm *Praise & Worship: 12.30pm – 1.30pm*

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm

**Rosary:** 6.00pm

## THURSDAY 6 June

**Mass:** 8.00am

*Ints of Adelaide di Maggio*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am

**Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am

*Ints of Stan Ford*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm *(Prayer for Priests – 10.30am)*

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm

**Rosary:** 6.00pm

## FRIDAY 7 June SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Mass:** 8.00am

*Jacob Schweitzer's Ints*

**Morning Prayer:** 9.30am

**Confessions:** 9.40am

**Mass:** 10.00am

*Christopher Keaveney's Ints*

**Adoration:** 10.30am – 5.30pm

**Evening Prayer:** 5.30pm

**Rosary:** 6.00pm

## SATURDAY 8 June IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**Morning Prayer:** 9.00am

**Rosary:** 10.00am

**Mass:** 9.30am

*The Hahn Family's Ints*

**Confessions:** 10am – 10.30am & 5pm – 5.30pm

*First Mass of Sunday*

## SUNDAY X IN ORDINARY TIME

**Mass:** 5.45pm

*Pro Populo*

**THE WORD THIS SUNDAY:** The key to today's readings is the word "Covenant". A Covenant is a solemn and binding agreement between two parties, which establishes the way in which each party will behave towards the other. It establishes rights and duties, and forges a new relationship between two people or groups of people. In the Ancient World, a Covenant was always sealed with a sacrifice and a meal: the sacrifice brought divine blessing on the covenant, and the meal sealed the relationship between the participants. In the Covenant that God forged with his people in the Old Testament, it was expressed very simply: God said, "You will be my people, and I will be your God." God would remain faithful to the people, and they were to remain faithful to God (this is where the commandments come in). This Covenant was sealed in its greatest form on Mount Sinai, as we hear in the first reading. When the Old Covenant had been broken beyond repair, God sent his only Son to establish a New Covenant: the sacrifice and meal of this New Covenant is Calvary and the Last Supper, where Christ is both priest and victim and altar. When we eat and drink this sacred meal at every Mass we are renewed in the New Covenant and the relationship with God, because Calvary and the Upper Room are present once more and the New Covenant is sealed for us anew.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** This great feast which draws our attention to the gift of the Eucharist is celebrated this year on **Sunday 2 June**. We have been welcomed back to Prior Park again this year and will celebrate Evening Prayer at 3.00pm and then process to the front of the Mansion House for a blessing over our city. The College will offer us tea afterwards. Pass the word around.

**SCHOOL OF PRAYER:** This coming month, building on the prayer of St Benedict and his communities, we welcome the Dominican Sisters of St Jospeh, and Sr Hyacinthe who will unfold for us what St Dominic teaches us about prayer in our relationship with the Lord. This Year of Prayer given to us by Pope Francis allows us to refresh our understanding of prayer and our ways of praying. The Dominican Sisters will be with us on **Tuesday 25 June** at 7.00pm in the Church. Do come and join them if you can. It has been a great series so far!

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND:** The annual collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund is taken at all Masses **this weekend** (1 & 2 June). We are so fortunate here at St John's to benefit from the ministry of the four retired priests who live here. Our retired priests around the diocese continue to give so much to parish communities, supporting their brother priests and continuing to reveal the gentle love of the Lord in all they do. This important fund supports the retired priests with their accommodation and a little living, too. They are supported because of your kindness and your generosity. As they have given so much (and continue to give) we can show gratitude and an appreciation through the support we offer them. There is an annual draw of £300k to support our retired priests and this comes from your giving to support them. Please be as generous as you possibly can next weekend. The diocese has produced some little handouts which you might like to pick up this weekend.

## THIS WEEK'S VOTIVE INTENTIONS

**Sacred Heart:** *Bishop Bosco MacDonald*

**Lady Chapel:** *Dymphna Rose Fitzgerald*

**CHAPEL VOTIVE LIGHT INTENTIONS:** The votive candles that burn in front of the Lady Chapel and the Sacred Heart Chapel allow the wonder of prayer to 'burn' for a whole week. These candles can be 'sponsored' each week and each one holds a particular intention. They appear in strict rotation which is why your intention may take a while to filter through. Please use the envelopes at the gates of each chapel and hand in your intention to the parish office.

**AN OPEN CHURCH:** During this week, the church will open at 7.30am each morning and will close around 6.30pm. **Just check the times this week, though.**

**LANGUAGE SHEETS:** Those of you who might like to follow the Liturgy of the Word in either Italian, Spanish, French, Chinese 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.

**ADORATION:** Adoration continues each day (Tue-Fri: 10.30am until 5.30pm), as well as the added opportunities on Wednesdays (7.00pm – 7.45am), Thursdays (7.00pm – 7.45am), Fridays (7.00pm – 7.45am) and Saturdays (7.00pm – midnight). These are moments to savour and to cherish and they bring us into the peace of the presence of Christ. Adoration brings a stillness to our church... and it is so good to encounter people who cross our threshold being drawn into the tranquillity and peace that comes from being before the Lord. If you would like to offer an hour, then do 'sign up'. Catherine, Angelina, or George would be happy to help allocate you a time.

**FRIDAY LUNCHESES: Every Friday at 12.30pm...** You are most welcome to pop down to the hall for lunch each week. It is always a good opportunity to spend a little time with others enjoying the nourishment of a freshly made soup, some fresh bread and fruit. Come and meet other parishioners. It'll be good to welcome you!

**THURSDAY LUNCHESES WITH GENESIS:** Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1.30pm for some of Bath's homeless and vulnerable. The lunch is always looking for volunteers to be part of the rota to cook lunches – main course or pudding – just to ease the load on those who already volunteer. Please contact Janet in the parish office if you would like to help. Thank you. If you have rice you might like to donate, drop some into the parish office.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Each Sunday (except for the first Sunday in the month) as part of the 9.30am Mass. Do feel you can send your children to listen to God's word in the Adoration Chapel. They will be sent out at the start of Mass and will return at the time of the Offertory so that they can celebrate the 'second part' of the Mass with us.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024:** Details have been released for the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The dates are **Friday 23 August to Friday 30**

**August.** Accommodation in a 3- or 4-star hotel, full board, close to the Domain, including return coach transfer from Toulouse airport to Lourdes. For further information please go online to [lourdes@clifftondiocese.com](mailto:lourdes@clifftondiocese.com)

**THURSDAY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:** Don't forget that each Thursday morning, the first hour of Adoration (10.30am – 11.30am) is always a Holy Hour praying for our priests and praying for vocations. Do come and spend a little time before the Lord, holding this intention in prayer.

**GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE:** Bishop Bosco invites you to join him at this year's Glastonbury Pilgrimage taking place on **Sunday 14 July**. The rosary procession begins in the Abbey Grounds at 2.15pm with Mass celebrated in the Abbey ruins at 3.30pm. It is always a good gathering of the diocesan community and a wonderful witness to faith. There's an opportunity for Confession as well as for Healing Prayer and Adoration. There is a poster in the porch giving full details. Do join the Pilgrimage if you can.

**MISSIO - RED BOX:** The red box holders raised £1412.34 for the missions in 2023. Thank you so much. On **Wednesday 26 June** at 7.00pm Father Gary, the Diocesan Director for Missio, will celebrate Mass at St. Mary's, Julian Road. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Everyone is most welcome.

**THE CLUB - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Club isn't meeting during this month of May but they meet next on **Tuesday 18 June** at 2.00pm in the parish hall. Professor Julian Hughes, a parishioner of St. Mary's, will give a talk entitled 'Dementia: the person and ethics' based on his book *Dementia and Ethics reconsidered*. He will discuss the idea of personhood and consider an approach to ethical issues that arise from those living with dementia. This should be a superb afternoon and you will be so welcome. There will be tea, cake, and a little glass of sherry to bring you cheer!

**CAFOD:** Join CAFOD's International Programme Director, Fergus Conmee, to explore the power of leaving a gift in your Will to make a lasting impact in the world, at St John the Evangelist, Bath on **Wednesday 12 June**, 2.00pm to 4.00pm. To find out more and to book your place please go to [cafod.org.uk/legacyevent](http://cafod.org.uk/legacyevent)

**AUTUMN FORMATION:** This autumn will see us embarking upon some serious formation for liturgical ministers. Plenty of notice is given now so as to allow you to pop those dates in your diary. As we prepare to step into the Holy Year of 2025, this Year of Prayer allows us to enter into the spirit of ministry with prayer and reflection, seeking to offer ourselves to the Lord and place ourselves at the service of our community:  
**Welcomers:** Wednesday 11 September (7pm);  
**Readers:** Wednesday 25 September (7pm); **Servers:** Saturday 5 October (11am); **Musicians, Cantors and Singers:** Wednesday 9 October (7pm); **Adorers:** Saturday 12 October (11.30am); **Extraordinary Ministers of HC:** Wednesday 23 October (7pm).

**AN HOUR'S HELP:** Fr Christopher is looking for a little help for one hour each Friday lunchtime (1.30pm) just to get through the folding of all the liturgy sheets ready for the weekend. Each Mass has its own music sheet and a little team lending a hand folding them ready before the weekend would make a huge difference. The band of folders will meet in Presbytery each Friday at 1.30pm with the promise of a cup of tea. Come along if you can.

**THE BELL RESTORATION:** Thank you for the amendments and alterations that have been made over the last couple of weeks. The parchment draft have been edited and donor's names placed in surname alphabetical order and will be sent off to the printers and then the framers.

**FINANCE NEWS:**

Offertory: £960.90      Envelopes: £111.60  
Contactless Offertory: £319      Candles: £594  
Standing Orders: £1353      Gift Aid on S/O: £338.25  
*Thank you*

**THE NEW LECTIONARY:** As part of the continuing process of revising our liturgical texts, the Bishops are publishing a new lectionary which will be produced in time for Advent 2024. This will alter the readings at Mass as we begin to acclimatise ourselves with a new translation, similar to what we have been using but with noticeable changes to some of the language. More to come!

**CATHOLIC MOTHERS BATH & WEST WILTSHIRE:** There is a hope that a new group for mothers to meet once a month for Mass here at St John's might be started up with chance to gather afterwards in the hall to share tea, cake, faith and fellowship. Children are most welcome. The group will be a part of the wider 'Catholic Mothers' network. The plan is to meet for the first time on **Monday 15 July** after the 9.30am Mass. Contact Amy on 07872382979 to find out more.

**PARISH FORUM:** We come together as a parish each year to listen to reflections on the activity and ministry of so many of our parish groups and, of course, be appraised of our parish income and expenditure for the previous year. This year we will gather as a parish family on **Wednesday 26 June** at 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. There will be refreshments from 6.30pm. Do keep the date free if you can and come and join in the reflection upon parish life. There will be chance to glance at the running order of parish groups represented and also chance to meet the Pastoral Counsel Group, that has been in formation, at each Mass on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Valentina Crumlish** who was baptised here at St John's last Sunday. We keep her and her family in our prayers.

**RECEPTIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS:** Congratulations to **James Corbett** who was received into the Church and celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation alongside **Danilo Padiglioni** last Wednesday. Do keep them both in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith. **Helena Taylor** will be

received into the Church and Confirmed on Sunday 30 June at 6.30pm. We keep Helena in our prayers in the weeks of preparation.

**DIOCESAN DAY:** This year's diocesan day will centre around the theme of hope and each community in the diocese is invited to gather around our Bishop to explore the theme in anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025. There is a poster on the porch notice board giving full details. All are most welcome to be part of the day.

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL MINISTRY COURSE:** The Diocesan Department of Adult Education is now actively seeking to recruit for the next Pastoral Ministry Formation course which begins in the Autumn 2024. The course is ideal for ANY parishioner who seeks to develop their capacity to serve the parish in anyway which they believe the Lord is calling them. If you are a catechist – this course is for you. If you are a minister in any form – this course is for you. Interested? – you might like to come along to the information evening being held in our parish hall on Tuesday 11 June at 7pm. You will hear in more detail about what is being offered, time commitment involved, interview process and costs. Have a word with FrC if you are interested.

**CAFOD/SVP AND THE GENERAL ELECTION:** The SVP and CAFOD are working together in the run up to the General Election this July. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among some of the important issues politicians are asked to act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for more information. Do keep the intention of the General Election as part of your prayer over these next weeks.

**THE EUCHARIST – BOND OF LOVE:** There is an opportunity on **Saturday 8 June** at St Bernadette's Secondary School, Whitchurch, Bristol, for the whole diocese to deepen its understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as the Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. Fr Michael McAndrew will lead reflections and conversations. Poster in porch giving more details.

**BATH LIFE GROUP** meets again in the parish hall on **Wednesday 5 June** at 7.00pm.

**200 CLUB MAY DRAW:** The May Draw took place in the hall on Friday afternoon during the Friday Lunch. Congratulations to the lucky winners. **First:** (£100) Pamela Duggan (#64); **Second:** (£50) Bart Tappe (#49); **Third:** (£25) Marguerite Morgan Davies; **Fourth** (£25) Patrick McGuire (#102); **Fifth:** (£25) Mary Martin (#31). If you are interested in joining the 200 Club, contact Sheryllynn Farrel who will happily sign you up. You can contact her through the parish office.

**THIS FRIDAY** we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a feast that enables us to reflect upon the immensity and abundance of God's love for us.

## THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

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

### FIRST READING *Exodus 24:3-8*

#### A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### PSALM *Psalms 115(116)*

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

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?  
The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.  
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.  
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.

### SECOND READING *Hebrews 9:11-15*

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood,

having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

### OPTIONAL SEQUENCE *(Lauda, Sion)*

Behold the Bread of Angels, become the food of the pilgrims: truly the bread of the sons, which cannot be thrown to the dogs. It is pre-signified in types, when Isaac is brought to be sacrificed, the Paschal lamb is chosen, manna is given to the fathers. Good shepherd, true bread, Jesus, have mercy on us: feed us, protect us, make us see good things in the land of the living. You Who know and can do all things, You who feed us mortals here, make us there your table companions, coheirs and comrades of the holy citizens.

### GOSPEL *Mark 14:12-16,22-26*

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

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?"' He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.