



## St Joseph's Church

### Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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## Corpus Christi Sunday

**6th June 2021**



Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration is the source and summit of the Christian life.

The Eucharist is the heart of everything. It will be a pity if the Eucharist became just a ritual, an empty ritual. Jesus gives himself to us here, so that we in our turn may give ourselves to others.

### From the Cardinal

Dear Friends,

There are two things which draw me to write to you just now... The first is the marriage that took place in the Cathedral on Saturday. While it came as a total surprise to almost everyone, it had been carefully and fully prepared over a significant period. There has been a wide range of responses to it. I am most aware, and painfully so, of those for whom it has reawakened hurt and resentment about the impact on their own situations of the Church's teaching concerning the validity of marriages.

The second reason for writing is because we may be nearing the end of the restrictions laid upon us all because of this awful pandemic. I certainly hope so, as I am sure you do too. So I write to thank you again for all that has been achieved in the last fourteen months - a truly remarkable time and I am aware, as you will be, of all the difficulties that lie ahead, with likely increases in hardship and poverty, as well as all the challenges in ministry.

As we approach Corpus Christi my thoughts turn again to the centrality of the Eucharist, both during this 'lockdown' and in the months to come. Corpus Christi is the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, offered for the forgiveness of the sins of the world. It is also the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ given as our food and drink for eternal life. There are many rich reflections in each of those dimensions of the Mystery of the Eucharist but I have been holding them together in my own.

The readings for this coming Feast have added to my reflection. The Letter to the Hebrews, for example, contemplates true religion, seeing 'religion' as our coming into the presence of God in order to 'do our service to the living God'. Along with Exodus 24, the need for purification before entering into this covenant or communion with God is made clear. And the great gift of our faith is that this purification is achieved, once and for all, through the sacrifice of Christ. No longer bound by repeated outward blood offerings, we are made worthy of true religion through the blood offering of Christ made present and effective in the Sacrifice of the Mass. I offer these simple reflections to assure you of my thoughts and of my appreciation of all you do.

There is no doubt that the deeper our appreciation of the Eucharist, and our devotion to it, the stronger our ministry will be. So too will be our urging of our people to return, in thanksgiving, to the full celebration of the Mass as and when that is made safe and possible. In the meantime, I offer you my best wishes for a joyous Feast of Corpus Christi. With warmest good wishes and prayers,

Cardinal Vincent Nichols  
Archbishop of Westminster

## Restructure of the Church



As mentioned last September, we are now ready to move the Tabernacle back to the centre of the Sanctuary in order to develop a shrine to the new Blessed Francis Jordan, where regular devotions will take place outside of Mass. A bust is also planned to be placed

outside of the Church so as to permanently commemorate this event.

### Water for Kalamba

Thank you for all your generous donations so far. The people of Kalamba are still in great need for clean water and your support is much appreciated. You can help by supporting our appeal and enabling us to reach out to more families and communities in desperate need of help.

Please donate to Society of the Divine Saviour Mission (Acc. 20327833 SC 16-24-06), 191 High Rd, Harrow, HA3 5EE with as reference "Water for Kalamba." Thank you very much.



## St Joe's Youth Mass!

*Come and join us for a celebration Mass next Saturday 12th June at 6pm, with amazing musicians, a dynamic homily & delicious refreshments!*

### Pope's Intention for June

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### Rosary intentions for June

For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

### Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion

We would like to restart the rota system for Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion and so we will be contacting the existing volunteers for these roles to confirm if you are able to continue. If you would like to volunteer to be a (new) reader at Mass, please contact the parish office.

### Saturday 10:00 Mass

With restrictions beginning to ease we anticipate the end of Saturday 10:00 Mass being accounted for as Sunday Mass. We will announce when this has been confirmed.

## YOUR MASSES

### Cycle of Readings Year B; Weekday Cycle Year 1

Monday: **No Public Mass**  
Tuesday: 7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass  
Wednesday: 7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass  
Thursday: 7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass  
Friday: **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass

Saturday: **10.00am & 6pm: Public Mass**  
Sunday: **11th Sunday OT: 8:15; 11:00; 12:45**  
**Both Saturday Masses count for a Sunday Mass**

Below is the link (live streamed mass) to St. Joseph Church's Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access:

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>



### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Two lamps constantly burn before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The candles burn for 7 days - Saturday to Saturday. These may be offered for intentions at £10 each. Please enquire at the Presbytery.

1. **Stokes family (intentions)**
2. **Kathlyn Murphy (intentions)**

### Rosary

The Rosary is being prayed every weekday after the 10.00am Mass. All are most welcome to join.

### Mrs Pamela Singh OBE – Marathon Walk

See notice board and our Facebook page for pictures and ways to donate to these two great causes. A fantastic £2,374.75 has already been raised – donations can continue to be made until the end of June.

### Pilates with Mary

Limited spaces are available for Pilates in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays. See notice board for details. (Covid-19 safe).

### Recently Deceased

*Bridget Cunningham.* Funeral: Friday 11th June at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenter's Park Cemetery.

*Peter Monaghan.* Funeral: Thursday 17th June at 11.00am followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

*Kevin Scanlon* (husband of Regina, father to Keeva & Aaron) formerly of Vernon Drive, died peacefully after a short illness. Funeral has taken place in Ireland.

*May they rest in peace*

### Covid-19

Please see notice board for current guidelines and restrictions