

MASS INTENTIONS FOR w/c 11th June 2023

Sat. 10th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 11th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Charles Bews
Sun. 11th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	K V Joseph
Mon. 12th	*** NO MASS ***	
Tues. 13th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Samuel Cardoza
Wed. 14th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Priest's Intention
Thurs. 15th (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	People of the Parish
Fri. 16th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Alan, May & George Hutchinson
* Sat. 17th (St. Aidan's)	11.00am	Confession
Sat. 17th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 18th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Teresa Ball
Sun. 18th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	People of the Parish

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 18th June 2023 - The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is what is meant by living the life of Christ."

Second Reading: Reconciled to God (St Paul to the Romans 5:6-11).

CHILDREN'S PRAYER:

Loving God, we thank you for your care for each one of us. Move us to reach out and help one another in whatever way we can, as we try to follow you. Amen.

WE ASK THAT YOU PRAY FOR:

Those who are sick. Those who have died recently.
And all those within our parishes whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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Sunday 11th June 2023:

The Body and Blood of Christ

After listening to today's Gospel, The True Bread of Life (John 6:51-58), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection:-

This is the final section of Jesus' great discourse in the gospel of John on the Eucharist, delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum.

It is in the form of a synagogue-sermon, commenting in turn on the phrases of Psalm 78, 'He gave them bread – from heaven – to eat'. Jesus explains that these words are truly fulfilled not by Moses' historic gift of manna in the desert, but by the Father's continuous and repeated gift of Eucharistic bread. The discourse has the same pattern as the Mass, instruction followed by eating.

The first two sections of the discourse were about God's gift of revelation in Christ, which is accepted and assimilated by belief in the teaching of Jesus. Now we come to the final section on God's gift of Christ as food. Particularly striking are two points.

Firstly, the stress on eating: the word used for 'eat my flesh' is full of the reality of eating; it really means 'chew', and designates the sacramental eating as a real assimilation of the nourishing food. The second point is that 'my flesh for the life of the world' links firmly to the Last Supper: the Christ that we receive is the Christ at the very moment of his redemptive act of self-offering, an act which continues throughout time and into eternity.

What is the best way to prepare for Holy Communion?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

ALISON REBELLO'S ORDINATION

St Aidan's will be celebrating Alison's Ordination in the church hall on Sunday 10th July, following 9.15am Mass.

There will be refreshments and a presentation to mark this special event in our parish. All are very welcome.

It would be beneficial to know numbers for catering purposes so if you plan to join us please tick the form on our entrance table.

We look forward to a thoroughly enjoyable morning!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: (Minutes on our websites)

St Aidan's - Wed 14th June at 7pm

St Mary's - Wed 28th June at 7pm

Our council meetings are friendly, hour long sessions in which we look to support and grow our parishes. New members, suggestions, ideas and volunteers are always needed.

Parishioners interested in joining our parish councils are very welcome.

CONFESSION: Saturday 17th June at St Aidan's.

The first & third Saturday of the month at St Aidan's 11am - 11.30am

The second & fourth Saturday of the month at St Mary's 11am - 11.30am

Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP: (see www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk)

Tues 13th June, 10.30am at St Mary's.

Thurs 22nd June, 7pm at St Aidan's (also via zoom)

Reflecting together on the Readings for the coming Sunday. All welcome.

COLLECTIONS: w/c 4th June

ST. AIDAN'S - Loose Plate: £211.00 / Envelopes: £60.00 / Hall Hire: £34.00

ST. MARY'S - Loose Plate: £205.83 / Envelopes: £114.60

Donations: £90.00 / Fri Coffee: £71.00 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

Thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE:

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.'"

Where the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is not observed as a holy day, it is assigned to the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, which is then considered its proper day in the calendar.

Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament.

It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264.

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - Book now via www.diocesehn.org.uk

Sat 15th July at St Robert of Newminster Catholic School, Washington.

Do consider attending if you can, more detail from Fr Hall.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

A part time salaried role (22.5 hours per week – 3 days equivalent) working to support the Central Council in member recruitment & development. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the Diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Having your own transport is essential.

Closing date for applications is Sunday 25th June 2023.

For info & how to apply, contact Lance Philpott via lancep@svp.org.uk