

Parish News

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28th/29th May, 2016

Corpus Christi Sunday

Before we eat a meal in our homes, we say a prayer, thanking God for the food prepared for us. Although we are so used to having food everyday, we still pray before eating, because we want to remember that this food is a gift from God.

Today we are doing something similar in church. Our celebration is called *Corpus Christi*, in Latin, which means "Body of Christ". We give special thanks today to God for giving us this holy food of the body and blood of Christ at every holy communion.



Responsorial psalm

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

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!



We pray for the souls of all those who have died about this time, including:

Priest of our diocese:

Father Frank Gavin

Member of our parish family

Gillian Frances Smith

Sunday and weekday services

Saturday for Corpus Christi **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(Martha Greene [Eamonn])

Corpus Christi **Mass: 10.00 am**
(our parish family, but especially the First Communicants and their families)

Monday Feria **Mass: 10.15 am**
(R. Woodward)

Tuesday The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Mass 10.15 am**
(Celia Bermingham's intentions)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the sacristy:
8.00 am to 5.00 pm

Wednesday St. Justin, martyr **Mass 10.15 am**
(Holy Souls [Margaret Crawford])

Thursday SS Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs **Mass: 10.15 am**
(Those souls named on our November list)
4.30 pm The reception of the body of Mark Bush into church)

Friday The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **Funeral Mass for Mark Bush: 11.30 am**
Followed by his cremation at Grantham Crematorium

Saturday The Immaculate Heart of Mary **Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11.00 – 11.30 am**

Saturday for Sunday **Mass: 6.00 pm**
(our parish family)

Tenth Sunday of the Year **Mass: 10.00 am**
(Philomena O'Brien)

Prayer to be said during the Year of Mercy at the end of the bidding prayers:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us, and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary..

V Pray for us, O holy Mother of God

R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Week ending
28th/29th May

Car park Philip Hunt
Nick Spolton

Welcoming Doreen Noble
Kath Duthie

Altar linen Marjorie Fitzgibbons

Church cleaning Group 1 Anne Hobbs
Jane McGovern
Anne McGrath

Flowers Imelda Elkington

Little Church Anne/Martha

Offertory collection Ben Hanwell
Jim Ryan

Offertory procession Ben Hanwell
First Communicants

Readers: Liz Peto

Saturday for Sunday Denice Middlebrook

Corpus Christi First Holy Communicants

Week ending
4th/5th June

Car park Eugene Krajewski
Nick Spolton

Welcoming Barbara Browning
Doreen Noble

Altar linen Maureen Mawditt

Church cleaning Group 2 Mike and Barbara Swaby

Flowers Liz Peto

Little Church Merla/Sheena

Offertory collection Colin Faria
Little Church

Offertory procession Anne Mear/
Marion Smith

Readers: Liz Peto

Saturday for Sunday Tom Martin

Sunday Krys and Jane Szokalo

The piety shop is open after the 6 pm Mass on Saturdays and 10 am Mass on Sundays.

The Year of Mercy

Spiritual and corporal works of mercy

To enter into the spirit of this special year of grace, monthly meditation and reflection sessions will be held to think about one of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, using them as the basis for prayer. The last two sessions will be on Mondays, 13th June and 11th July, from 2.30 to 3.30 pm at 52 Foxley Court, Bourne, PE10 9TY. You will be most welcome.

Celia Bermingham, 014778426310,

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Year of Mercy prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the Heavenly Father, and have told us that, whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved.

You are the visible face of the invisible Father. Let the Church be the visible face of forgiveness and mercy in the world. You willed that your ministers would feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with His anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Works of Mercy

The works of mercy for June are: Please see the leaflet that is provided for you. The June service of prayer and reflection is on 26th June at 3.00.

Amoris Laetitia

If you would like a copy of Cardinal Nichols' pastoral letter, which I read to you at last weekend's Masses, please sign the list in the church porch and it will be ready for you on the table at the back of the church next weekend.

I think it is well worth reading again and spending some time reflecting upon it.

Father Jude

We welcome Father Jude, who is with us for the weekend. It is lovely that he can join with us in the First Holy Communion celebrations.

Please pray...

... for Caleb William Carrington and William Herne, who will be baptised. "Through the sign of the cross they are claimed for Christ."

Please pray also for the sick of the parish: Theresa Abram, Tony Armstrong, Eric Blakeman, Christopher and Catherine Brown, Tony Brown, Mark Bush, Marcello

Calcagno, Paul Croker. David and Kate Davies, Mark Eddington, Vivienne Field, Christopher Fordham, Patricia Gainey, Veronica and John Garratt, Michael Griffith, Mimi Gunn, Peggy and Stan Hart, Jennifer Holdsworth, Eric Keating, Dianne Keaton, Sheila Morse, Eileen Mulrooney, Richard Neill, Roger Peto, Winifred Phillips, Gladys Powell, Maureen Renfrew, Mrs. Slattery, Delia Teszkowska, Teresa Todd, Bill Tupholme, Jane Walker, and Anne and Ken Woods. Please inform Father Michael if there are any other names to be added, **or, indeed, if someone has recovered.**

First Communion Sunday

Today is the second most important day in the life of fourteen of the younger members of our parish family and their families. They will be receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion. We hope and pray that they will be faithful to Jesus for the rest of their lives.

We thank you for all your prayers over the weeks and months since last September, when their journey to this wonderful day began.

We thank Jackie Griffiths, and Lesley and Tony Weldon, who have so generously given so much of their time to help the children and their families on this journey which reaches its climax at Mass this morning. They will most certainly be blessed by God.

Monday coffee mornings

In town on Monday mornings? Stop off for a cup of tea or coffee in our church hall; we're open from 10.00 am till 12 noon. Our next lunch is on Wednesday, 8th June, at 12 for 12.30 pm. Book now! *June Ellis.*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please try to come and spend some time in prayer and adoration with Jesus on Tuesdays in the sacristy from 8.00 am till 5.00 pm. We are so blessed to have this opportunity.

Know more about the Church

If you would like to know more about the teachings of the Church, come and join us in the presbytery at 6.30 pm on a Tuesday. Our next meeting is on 24th May.

Parish Bingo

Come and join us in the hall on a Tuesday evening at 8.00 for a couple of games of bingo. You won't win a fortune, but you will have a pleasant social evening. *Kath Duthie*

Christian Aid week – 15th-21st May

If, for whatever reason, you were not able to make a contribution to the Christian Aid collection at Mass last weekend, but you would like to contribute, you will have a chance to do so at a retiring collection after the Masses *this* weekend. Some spare envelopes are available on the table to the

right as you come into church. Many thanks to all who contributed in this year's Christian Aid Week. The total will be in next week's newsletter. *Marion Smith*

Fund raising appeal

We are running low on good quality saleable items for our fund raising for the church. For the tombola stall at the Leasingham fête on **Sunday, 26th June**, we need soft toys, of any size but in good condition, bottles of wine and small gifts, as well as wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift bags. Thank you for your help with the monthly bric-a-brac sales: we made £153 last month. We need items for these sales as well.

Sue Stodart and Barbara Carey

Churches Together in Sleaford & District

The CTSD annual general meeting will be held on **Thursday, 23rd June, at 7.30 pm** in St. Lucia's parish church, Dembleby; the speaker will be the Revd. Nicholas Munday.

All Welcome!

Pilgrimage in honour of Mary: 30th May

This is on bank holiday Monday in Lincoln. If you wish to join this pilgrimage, you can park in St. Hugh's or Our Lady's car parks. You must arrive at the cathedral's west door by 2.00 pm. The Mass, celebrated by Monsignor Tom McGovern, will start at 2.30 pm. After Mass, Deacon John Wilford will give a talk in the Wren Library, starting at 3.45 pm. Contact Deacon John for a ticket on 01522 800114. Or email jt.wilford@ntworld.com.

Walsingham pilgrimage

There are still some seats available on the coach for the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on 19th June. The coach will leave from outside Yorkshire Trading at 9.00 am and I expect it will arrive back here around 7.00 pm. The day includes the procession in honour of Our Lady, and Mass in the basilica in the afternoon.

The fare is £12, but we can come to an arrangement for families.

St. Barnabas Hospice ...

... is holding a Candle Day service in St. Denys' Church on **Thursday, 9th June**, at 10.00 am. This is a short service of music and readings with the opportunity to light a candle for departed loved ones. All are welcome. Refreshments are available afterwards. There is a notice at the back of the church.

Offertory giving – May 2016

Gift Aided standing orders	£2,272.50
Gift Aided envelopes	£252.00
Gift Aided other	£175.00
Total Gift Aided	£2,699.50
Non-Gift Aided standing orders	£141.00
Loose plate	£820.80
Total non-Gift Aided	£961.80
Total offertory giving	£3,661.30