

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE MOST BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

The SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (or *CORPUS CHRISTI*) celebrates the Eucharist as the Body and Blood of Christ. Although at every Mass we are effectively celebrating the Eucharist, which Jesus instituted at the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, it was decided a specific commemoration entirely dedicated to this key sacrament was required to acknowledge its fundamental importance to the doctrine of the Church. Although Christians hold each of the sacraments in high regard, the Eucharist holds a special place in Christian hearts, a view held since the Church's beginning. One of the great doctors of the Church, St Thomas Aquinas, considered the Eucharist to be the greatest of all sacraments. The Church itself has consistently considered the Eucharist as unique, even among the sacraments, a view reflected in the Catholic catechism, thus: *The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch"*.



THE DAY FOR LIFE – SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF JUNE IS DESIGNATED THE DAY FOR LIFE. The focus this year is the care of the elderly. This theme was chosen because of the present catechesis of Pope Francis on the topic, the tragic impact which COVID had on elderly people, the fact that elderly people are those who are most threatened by the possible legislation of Assisted Suicide and that they are most affected by the current health and social care crisis. The day also invites people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families, in parishes, in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. There will be a collection at the end of Mass to support, amongst others, causes that promote the interests of the elderly.

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST – THURSDAY 23RD JUNE



This Thursday (23rd June) we celebrate the **NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**, the greatest, and last, of the prophets who in the fullness of time prepared the way for someone greater than any prophet, Jesus, whom he later baptised. Much of the events surrounding John's birth are described in St Luke's gospel, from where the gospel reading of this solemnity is drawn from (LUKE 1:57-66, 80). Earlier verses describe the Annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist. Today's verses are concerned with events after John's birth. On his arrival, the friends and family of Elizabeth and Zechariah, John's elderly parents, shared in their joy. Late confusion arose about naming the newly arrived baby. Elizabeth's choice of John (which means "God has been gracious") broke with tradition as no-one in the family were called by that name. Zechariah confirmed the name, and in doing so was cured of the dumbness that had afflicted him from the day of the Annunciation, much to the amazement of those surrounding him. Little is said about John's childhood but the gospel reading confirms the John took to the wilderness to prepare for his missionary work ahead: as described by an angel "He will be great in the sight of the Lord. He will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God." **MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 10 AM**

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – FRIDAY 24TH JUNE

THIS SOLEMNITY is celebrated 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced devotions taking Jesus Christ's physical heart as the representation of His divine love for humanity. Pope Pius XII wrote in his encyclical, *Haurietis Aquas* (On Devotion to The Sacred Heart - 1956): 'Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on his interior life and on His threefold love: His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life'. Friday abstinence is dispensed on this day, so we may eat meat.

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SATURDAY 25TH JUNE

This celebration recalls the personal life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her joys and sorrows, her virtues and hidden perfections, and, above all, her love for God the Father, her maternal love for her son Jesus, and her compassionate love for all people. It might be regarded as analogous to the worship of the Sacred Heart of Jesus although there are distinct doctrinal differences.

DIOCESAN EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **THE 10TH WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES;** Virtual event between **JUNE 22ND – 26TH 2022** You are requested to download the **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES APP** to participate: <https://www.romefamily2022.com/en/> Seven catechetical lessons have been developed to accompany this meeting. To explore these further, the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Commission will be holding events for families throughout the year. If you are interested in helping to lead these events, please contact: mflc.eastanglia@rcdea.org.uk
- **DIocese OF EAST ANGLIA SUMMER CAMP FRIDAY, 26TH AUGUST TO MONDAY 29TH AUGUST:** The camp will be held at Ringsfield Hall, Hall Road, Beccles NR34 8JR. For ages 8 to 14 years. Come and join us for Faith, Food and Fun.

TESCO FOOD BANK COLLECTION

- THURSDAY 30TH JUNE; FRIDAY 1ST & SATURDAY 2ND JULY: 9.00 AM - 5.00.PM.

Can anyone manage an hour (more if desired) to help with our annual collection? Please ring Stephanie or Phil on 0300 120 9618, or Julia on 01842 761274. **MOST USEFUL FOODBANK DONATIONS:** are: **SMASH (INSTANT MASHED POTATO), TINNED TOMATOES, TUNA, CEREALS, LONG LIFE MILK, TINNED VEGETABLES & ALL TOILETRY ITEMS.** Donations can be left in the Church porch

MISSIO – SUMMER EDITION: are available in the Church porch for collection. Several have names on them, but anyone can take copies of the rest as some people pay by direct debit rather than the red boxes. If anybody has a red box ready to be emptied, please can they be brought to Church at 10 am Sunday Mass or on Tuesday, at 10am. If anyone would like to have a red box to save the odd coins for Missio, **PLEASE TO CONTACT MARY BIRKETT 07792 866069 OR 01842 761755.** Thank you.

DEFIBRILLATOR-ST MARY'S

The Diocesan Historic Churches Committee recently discussed the application for the Defibrillator to be installed at St Mary's. They have granted permission and the Defibrillator and external cabinet have been ordered from SADS UK. They will take c. 4 weeks to arrive. This has been a long process due the listing status of the church building. The Defibrillator will be installed at the side of the church, by the driveway. Thank you for your support and patience.

Paul, Chair of PPC

MASSES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE	<i>FERIA</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS	COVID PRECAUTIONS AT ST MARY'S PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A MASK DURING MASS, AND HAND SANITISE WHERE NECESSARY THANK-YOU
SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2022			
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - SOLEMNITY		10.00 AM MASS	
(CORPUS CHRISTI)			
MONDAY 20TH JUNE	<i>FERIA</i>	NO MASS	
		9.15 AM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	
TUESDAY 21ST JUNE	<i>ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA</i>	10 AM MASS	
WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE	<i>ST JOHN FISHER & ST THOMAS MORE</i>	10 AM MASS	
THURSDAY 23RD JUNE	<i>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - SOLEMNITY</i>	10 AM MASS	
FRIDAY 24TH JUNE	<i>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS - SOLEMNITY</i>	10 AM MASS	
SATURDAY 25TH JUNE	<i>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>	5.30 PM VIGIL MASS	
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE 2022			
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		10.00 AM MASS	

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER - DURING ORDINARY TIME (SUMMER) WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CHRISTIANS & JEWS; THOSE WHO SUFFER PERSECUTION; OPPRESSION & DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS; EUROPE; HUMAN LIFE; SEAFARERS

CONFESSION: Fr Peter is available for confessions between 5 pm and 5.20 pm on Saturdays, just before the Vigil Mass.

COFFEE & TEA IN CHURCH HALL: TUESDAY COFFEE: Tea and coffee will be available after the 10 am Mass each week. SUNDAY COFFEE: There will be coffee/tea in the hall after the 10 am Mass one Sunday per month. All PROCEEDS TO AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED-UKRAINE CRISIS.

ST ALOYSIUS DE GONZAGA, (1568-1591) was an Italian Jesuit. Whilst a student in Rome he died because of caring for plague victims. **ST JOHN FISHER** (1469-1535) was an English cardinal and theologian. He was executed during the Reformation for refusing to accept Henry VIII as Supreme Head of the Church of England and for upholding the Church's doctrine of papal supremacy. **ST THOMAS MORE** (1478-1535) was an English lawyer, social philosopher and statesman. He was a councillor to Henry VIII, & Lord High Chancellor of England. St Thomas opposed the Reformation. He refused to acknowledge Henry VIII's marriage annulment from Catherine of Aragon and as the Supreme Head of the Church of England. After refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, he was condemned. At his execution, he said: "*I die the King's good servant, but God's first.*"

ST MARY'S ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary and Angelus are said in the CHURCH GARDEN BETWEEN 11.30 AM & NOON ON MONDAYS. Those who are unable to attend, please join us in spirit knowing others are saying the rosary at that time. If people wish for the rosary to be offered for a reason, send your intentions to this email address: thetfordrosary@gmail.com. Requests will be acknowledged.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:	HE FED THEM WITH THE FINEST WHEAT AND SATISFIED THEM WITH HONEY FROM THE ROCK
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, 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 FOREVER. ALLELUIA!
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:	WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, SAYS THE LORD
READINGS	1ST READING: GENESIS 14: 18 - 20; 2ND READING: CORINTHIANS 11: 23 - 26; GOSPEL: LUKE 9: 11 - 17
MUSIC FOR SUNDAY	Entrance Hymn (Introit): 659 Father and Life Giver... Common: The Mass of creation.; 489 Glory to God; 490 Holy, Holy... (Sanctus); 491 Memorial Acclamation "We proclaim your death...; 495 Lamb of God... (Agnus Dei); Hymn after Holy Communion 663 Sweet Sacrament Divine...

IN MEMORIAM PLEASE PRAY FOR **JULIA CLIFFORD, CHARLES TOOMEY, BRIDGET LYNAM, SHEILA SARGENT, MICHAEL DUNN, PATRICK CROWLEY, FLORENCE BAILEY, PAULA ISAAMAN, PETER CARTER, MARK HENNESSEY, PEGGY COWAN AND JOHN WRIGHT** WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT NOW

PRAY FOR THE SICK PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME: **PEGGY LLOYD, MADELINE TANNER, HENRIETTA CONNOLLY, MERVYN DAS, FATIMA ANJO, MARY MATTHEWS, WINNIE CLARKE, PATRICIA AND VITTORIO COCUCCIO, EILEEN MOLONEY, ANNE HOOD, EMMA WRIGHT, ANNE STANLEICK, MARIE BARBER, ALFRED ROITS, PATRICIA ENGLAND, RAY MOLONEY**

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