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THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday 19th June 2022

Holy Mass **Intention**
Saturday for Sunday
5:30pm Vigil Mass Donna Griffin

SUNDAY
9:00am Holy Mass John Fleming RIP
11:00am Solemn Mass Ann O'Rourke RIP

Weekday Masses
Monday 20th Saint Alban
9:30am Holy Mass Michael O'Sullivan RIP

Tuesday 21st Saint Aloysius Gonzaga
5:30pm Rosary & Novena
6:00pm Holy Mass John Salt 90th Birthday

Wednesday 22nd THE FEAST OF SAINT JOHN FISHER & SAINT THOMAS MORE
9:30am Holy Mass Pro Populo

Thursday 23rd THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
10:00am Holy Mass at Saint Andrew's (School only)
5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm Holy Mass Eddie & Winifred Toolan RIP

Friday 24th THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
11:00am – 12noon *Please note the change of times*
Eucharistic Adoration
12noon Solemn Mass Mary Anderson RIP

Saturday 25th The Immaculate Heart of Mary
10:00am Holy Mass Alice Simon & Santhamma Abraham
12noon Holy Baptism

Next Sunday 26th THE EXTERNAL SOLEMNITY OF SAINT THOMAS MORE

Saturday for Sunday
5:30pm Vigil Mass Mary McLoughlin RIP
SUNDAY
9:00am Holy Mass Donald Bennett RIP Anniv
11:00am Solemn Mass James Love RIP

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 10:30am – 11:00am & 4:45pm – 5:15pm
Rosary Monday – Friday before the morning Mass
Saturday after the morning Mass
Divine Mercy - After the morning Mass on Fridays



THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Pope Saint John Paul II, in his last Encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* ("The Church comes from the Eucharist"), wrote: "By giving the Eucharist the prominence it deserves, and by being careful not to diminish any of its dimensions or demands, we show that we are truly conscious of the greatness of this gift. We are urged to do so by an uninterrupted tradition, which from the first centuries on has found the Christian community ever vigilant in guarding this 'treasure.' Inspired by love, the Church is anxious to hand on to future generations of Christians, without loss, her faith and teaching with regard to the mystery of the Eucharist. There can be no danger of excess in our care for this mystery, for 'in this sacrament is recapitulated the whole mystery of our salvation.'" Holy Communion only reaches its true depth when it is supported and surrounded by adoration" For this reason, the practice of kneeling for Holy Communion has in its favour a centuries-old tradition, and it is a particularly expressive sign of adoration, completely appropriate in light of the true, real and substantial presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ under the consecrated species.

Saint Thomas Aquinas writes in the *Summa Theologiae* ". . . out of reverence towards this Sacrament, nothing touches it, but what is consecrated; hence the corporal and the chalice are consecrated, and likewise the priest's hands, for touching this Sacrament. Hence, it is not lawful for anyone else to touch it except from necessity, for instance, if it were to fall upon the ground, or else in some other case of urgency".

DAY FOR LIFE - Pope Francis' Day for Life 2022 Message

In a message sent to Bishop John Sherrington and the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland and Ireland, Pope Francis has offered his support and prayers for those celebrating Day for Life on Sunday, 19 June 2022.

Taking the theme 'Caring for the Older Person', Day for Life offers the opportunity to uphold the dignity of human life in all its forms from conception to natural death.

The Holy Father prays that our "efforts in the defence of the God-given value and dignity of every human life, in all its stages, will be fruitful in drawing attention to the particular worth of our elderly brothers and sisters".

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please take very great care as this is so sacred. As you approach the Priest remove you face covering so that you can receive the Host with great care and reverence. **Do not move while holding the Blessed Sacrament.** If you wish to receive on the tongue, please come to the communion rails last.

If you need the Most Blessed Sacrament brought to you at Holy Communion please sit at the front of the Church and in any case at the end of a bench so that the greatest amount of honour and respect can be shown to Jesus. It is not appropriate that the Priest or minister has to reach across other people.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Recently Deceased – *May they rest in peace*

Veronica Sheridan, Mary Abbey, John Shally, Mary Hawkins, Michael McGovern, Thomas Donnelly, Mary Towey.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS This week are sponsored In memory of James Love and the for the intentions of Maria Macklin.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS have been donated by Mary O'Malley

Please use envelopes provided for Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Lamp sponsorship.

WEEKLY GIVING TO THE CHURCH

12.06.22 – Gift Aid £117.11 Non-Gift Aid: £667.26
Total £784.37

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Mary's Meals - £280.45.

This Weekend – Day for Life

Next Weekend – Peter's Pence

GIFT AID AND NON-GIFT AID DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have agreed to change to standing order donations. For more information on how to do this please contact the Parish office. Paying by standing order reduces the bank charges for the parish.

Office Hours; The Parish Office is open between 10:30am and 2:30pm Mon, Tue & Wed. Any requests for Baptism Appointments, certificates, parish centre enquiries etc; should be made during these times. Tel. 0121 743 2367 or Email: stthomasmore.bham@rcaob.org.uk

PARISH DIARY JUNE

Wednesday 22nd **The Feast of Saint Thomas More & Saint John Fisher**
Mass 9:30am



Friday 24th **The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Mass 12noon Eucharistic Adoration 11:00am – 12noon

Sunday 26th **The External Solemnity of Saint Thomas More**
All Sunday Masses as usual
Afternoon Tea 3:00pm
Tickets available this weekend

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The prayerful commissioning of all ministers will take place at all three of the Sunday Masses the weekend of Corpus Christi. Please pray for all of the newly commissioned and for their ministry especially to the sick and housebound.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

This is an important part of getting ready for the actual celebration of Holy Baptism. The next meeting is **Tuesday 5th July, at 6:30pm**, after the evening Mass.

SAINT MARY'S HOSPICE - Street Collection

Friday **the 8th** and Saturday **the 9th** July

Boxes available this weekend after all Masses or contact Betty McDonald on 07769 835069