

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST– YEAR C

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus’ miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod’s question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter’s response to Jesus’ question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus’ compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha’s feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul’s account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

## MASSES DURING THE WEEK

### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – YEAR C

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday	9.00am	Molly Smith R.I.P	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	11.00am	Tommy Regan	
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Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Confessions</b>

### SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	5.30pm	Joanna McCarthy R.I.P
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Thomas and Ellen Mc Manamin + Family Intentions
June	11.00am	Sharon Carley and Joan Kinnally R.I.P

**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Gloria Simmons R.I.P and Denise Hodges R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**IICSA UPDATE:** This week the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) has published its report on the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We apologise to all victims and survivors of child sex abuse. We hope that with this Inquiry they feel that they have been listened to. Even so, words are not enough. We are committed to continuing to improve our safeguarding procedures and to listen to and learn from victims and survivors. Past failings must never happen again. The diocesan response to the report can be found at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> If you have a safeguarding matter to report please contact the Archdiocese safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or via email: [safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:safeguarding@rc-birmingham.org).

**UN DAY OF SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE:** This will be on 26<sup>th</sup> June. There is a green A4 sheet available at both ends of the church, for you to pray for and write to give hope to these Victims of Torture. Remembering the words, "When did we see you Lord?"

**ST BERNARD'S IN BLOOM:** The event will be held next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in aid of the Stroke Association from 1pm-5.30pm in St. Bernard's Road, Olton. A variety of gardens will be open in addition to a plant stall, tea room, live music and children's activities. Entrance costs £5 per adult with no cost for children.

**FRIDAY CLUB** will meet on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm in the Parish Centre for the annual Strawberry Tea. Homemade scones, strawberries and cream and a glass (maybe two) of Prosecco will be served. Tea/coffee will also be available. A group of children from OLV school will entertain us with some singing. Senior parishioners are welcome.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** A second collection will be taken next weekend for Peter's Pence. Thank you.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** We welcome Archbishop Bernard Longley who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm**. Everyone welcome.

**PIETY STALL:** Confirmation cards and gifts are now available. Parents may order items from the catalogue in School.

**CAFOD** is looking for a new staff member to work with volunteers in our parishes and schools around the Archdiocese. The role is based in Walsall but with flexibility. The role is full time, permanent and a great opportunity for someone who cares passionately about poverty and injustice. Please see [cafod.org.uk/jobs](http://cafod.org.uk/jobs) for details. The closing date is 17 July.

**OLTON FRIARY CEMETERY SAFETY NOTICE:** After a recent Cemetery health & safety survey some pre- 1980 headstones were found to be unstable & therefore a risk to visitors. This is a sensitive issue but we must prioritise safety. **Memorials identified need prompt repair! Please see the list of names in the narthex and graveyard.** If your family owns one of the memorials identified and/or you are worried about its stability & wish to seek a permit for repair work you should **contact the Parish Office 0121 706 0505 for advice on how to proceed**, and update the ownership records to include you as owner of a memorial. Then we'll be able to consult you if we need to carry out further work (for H&S or other reasons) in the graveyard. **Church Cemetery Rules state:** 'Monuments that fall into serious disrepair or become a danger will be removed or buried on site after a period of 1 year or immediately, if posing a H&S risk, if relatives or personal representatives cannot be contacted.'

**COLLECTION:** 16<sup>th</sup> June. Gift Aid: £216.06 Loose: £ 388.15 Standing Order: £613.00. TOTAL: £ 1,217.21  
Day for Life - Second Collection: £484. 72 Father O'Mahony Trust: £

### **TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20 He brought bread and wine.

**Responsorial Psalm 109. R. You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

Second Reading: St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 11: 23-26 Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death.

**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!**

The Gospel according to Luke 9: 11-17. They all ate as much as they wanted.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

### **Dismissal of the Children**

*Lord, send your blessing down, down upon your children that they may hear your word, hear your word with gladness.  
Lord, send your blessing down, down upon your people that we may hear your word, hear your word with gladness.  
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