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**Newsletter for the week commencing 22nd/23rd June 2019**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

**First Reading: Genesis 14: 18-20** Melchizedek, priest and king of Salem, blesses Abraham in the name of God the Most High. Abraham in return offers him tithes.

**Psalm: Response:**  You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedec of old

**Second Reading: The First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26** Paul gives an account of the institution of the Eucharist by the Lord Jesus the night before he suffered. Paul does it in order to curb the abuses prevalent in the Corinthian community regarding the Eucharist.

**Gospel: Luke 9: 11-17** Though the disciples try to discourage Jesus from procuring food for the large multitude that has gathered around him, Jesus multiplies the five loaves and the two fish that the disciples have into a sumptuous meal.

10.30 MASS OFFERTORY - The choir sing the motet "Ave verum corpus" (Edward Elgar)

**Father John writes:**

Since I came here over six years ago, I have been impressed by the number of parishioners who come to weekday Masses. It reflects your true devotion to the Eucharist. And I find it encouraging that there is a core of people at the heart of the parish who make it a priority to join us in prayer, especially when they stay on for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every Wednesday and Friday we have Adoration for an hour after Mass. Some people are not confident that they could pray for that length of time, which is very natural, but there is always a supply of booklets put out at the rear of the Church to help you focus when your mind begins to wander. Others use readings from their Bible to find food for prayer. When people have retired from their job, they usually seek things to occupy themselves so that they busy their minds – others look forward to the luxury of having time to pray, and to just open their hearts and minds to the God of infinite Love.

I am away in Ireland from Monday for two weeks- and all, being well, I will be back on Friday 5th July. Deacon Jolyon will ‘field’ any issues that arise.

**Your Prayers are asked for:**

**Those recently deceased:** Richard Charles Brignal

**Those ill or infirm:** Alan Davis, Ellie Lawrence, Anne Bryant, Eric Booth and Patricia Hook

**Those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:** Catherine Havre-Young, Stan Walcjzak, Lovemore Dzimati, Diana Wood, Peggu Russell, Dennis Tew, Hazel McQuirke, Patricia Privett, May Brooks and Alan Castle.

**This week’s events**

**New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week.** Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session based on Ignatian spirituality, designed

to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly when travelling to and from work, study, etc. You can download the app or listen on your desktop or laptop. A new prayer session is produced every day of the working week and one session for the weekend. It is not a 'Thought for the Day', a sermon or a bible-study, but rather a framework for your own prayer. Lasting between ten and thirteen minutes, it combines music, scripture and some questions for reflection. You can access it on [www.NewPilgrimPath.ie](http://www.NewPilgrimPath.ie/)

**This week’s services**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Feast** | **Time/Detail** |
| Saturday | 22nd June | Sts John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs | 6:00pm Vigil Mass of Sunday *Mary & Maurice Cowley RIP (Pat Sargent)* |
| Sunday | 23rd June | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST | 8:30am Mass  10:30am Mass |
| Monday | 24th June | The Nativity of St John the Baptist | Service of Word & Communion (Dcn. Jolyon) |
| Tuesday | 25th June | Feria |  |
| Wednesday | 26th June | Feria | Service of Word & Communion (Dcn Jolyon) followed by Adoration |
| Thursday | 27th June | Feria |  |
| Friday | 28th June | THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS | Service of Word & Communion (Dcn Jolyon) followed by Adoration |
| Saturday | 29th June | The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | No Reconciliations this am –Fr John away  6:00pm Vigil Mass Fr John Bosco Kamunga, Missionary priest. |
| Sunday | 30th June | SAINTS PETER AND PAUL | 8:30am Mass Fr John Bosco Kamunga  10:30am Mass Fr John Bosco Kamunga |

**Next week’s responsibilities (29th/30th June)**

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|  | **6:00pm Saturday** | **8:30am Sunday** | **10:30am Sunday** |
| **Reader** | Charles | Alexander W | Rachel H |
| **Extra-ordinary Ministers** |  | Louise Carter  Michael Payne | Kathleen Bishop  Martin Heinrichsmeier |
| **Flowers** | Suzanne | **Cleaners** | Liz & David Green |

**Regular activities**

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| Event | Where | When |
| Mothers’ Prayers | The Parish Room | Mondays at 4.30pm |
| Choir practice | St Andrew’s Church | Wednesdays at 7.00pm |

**Forthcoming events**

**Next Sunday** Fr John Bosco will be celebrating all the weekend Masses as I am away on holiday. He is a ‘Spiritan’ or Holy Ghost Father. He is making an appeal for their mission work, and I am sure, you will be generous as usual.

There will be a **second collection next weekend** for Peter’s Pence.

SATURDAY 13 JULY at the Unitarian Old Meeting House, our own Barnabas Sharp is presenting a short concert at 11.00 preceded by coffee and cakes at 10.30. All welcome -there will be a collection for a charity of Barnabas' choosing.

Inspirational thoughts…

A day wasted on others is not wasted on one’s self. **– Charles Dickens**

Practice kindness all day to everybody and you will realize you’re already in heaven now. **– Jack Kerouac**