PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

For Ivan Rebolledo, Tom Costello, Francis O'Connor, Antonio Rebolledo, Joseph McDonagh, Giovanna Muszynska; and all the faithful departed.

OUR SATURDAY MORNING MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 2025

Saturday 21st June

	6.00 pm	Ivan David Rebolledo (RIP)
SUNDAY 22nd	8.30 am Tor	n Costello (Anniv) & Dec'd of Costello Family
THE MOST HOLY	10.00 am	Francis O'Connor (RIP)
BODY& BLOOD	12 Noon	Antonio Arge Rebolledo (RIP)
OF CHRIST	6.00 pm	The People of the Parish
Monday 23rd	9.30 am	-

Tuesday 24th 9.30 am

NATIVITY OF 10.30 am Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

St JOHN THE BAPTIST 2.30pm St Anthony Prayer Group

Wednesday 25th No Mass today. Church is closed.

Thursday 26h 9.30am -

Friday 27th 9.30 am

THE MOST SACRED 11.30 am Funeral Mass of Maria Muszynska (RIP)

HEART OF JESUS

Saturday 28th No morning Mass or Devotions
Diocesan Ordination of Priests at the Cathedral

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 10.30 - 11.20AM (NB NOT 28TH June!!); 5.00 - 5.40PM OR BY ARRANGEMENT

THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY 11AM - 3PM, (Closed on Wednesday)



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Dear Brothers and sisters

Today's Feast is about the bountiful generosity of God and the deepest description of who we are as the Church; we *are* the Body of Christ. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are remembering in a sacred and profound way the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus; the Paschal Mystery. This is not some drama at which we are silent and passive observers. Church teaching on the liturgy calls us to be Full, Conscious and Active participants in the Eucharist at all times.

During the celebration of the Eucharist we present the most ordinary of things to God; bread and wine; fruit of the earth and work of our hands. God accepts, blesses them and through power of the Holy Spirit they become the Body and Blood of Jesus. God then surprises us even more and returns these new gifts to us out of love. The Eucharist is an expression God's ultimate bountiful generosity. Our response can only be gratitude which is why when we receive the Body of Jesus, we respond prayerfully, *Amen*. May we never take this greatest of gifts for granted. We didn't earn, it's not our right and we can't demand it. It is God's gift given freely out love to each of us. As Pope Francis reminded us; 'The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment form the weak.'

This wonderful feast also calls us to remember who we are: we are the Church, the Body of Christ. St. Augustine, (345-430AD) said, 'Believe what you see, see what you believe and become what you are: the Body of Christ. When you say 'Amen' we are saying, 'Yes, I believe that this is Body and Blood of Jesus and that I will become the Body of Christ to others.' At the meal we call the Last Supper during which he first offered himself to us through the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, he asked that when whenever we do this we are to do it in memory of him. At this same meal he also took the place of slave, washed our feet and asked us to do the same for each other; we are to serve each other. We can't do one without the other. Because we have shared in the Eucharist with each other, we are called and challenged by Jesus to care for and serve each other. If we celebrate the Body and Blood of Jesus in memory of Jesus, we are also to serve each other in memory of Jesus. We can't do one without doing the other! At end of mass, we hear words, Go in peace, glorifying the lord by your life. This is the invitation and challenge presented to each of us precisely because we have celebrated the eucharist with each other. We are to take what we have experienced around the altar out and live it in our ordinary lives with each other: The love of God made visible through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Dcn Wayne

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN GIVING

Don't forget you can also make an offering via the '*Touch & Tap*' at the door. For details of methods of Planned Giving, see the leaflet at the door of Church. Parish bank account details are below, and on the website *Donate* page.

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SATURDAY 28 JUNE: Please note on Saturday 28 June there will be NO morning Mass, Adoration and Confessions. This is because that morning at 10.30am at the Cathedral is the Ordination of Priests. All are invited to attend this important event in the life of the diocese. Church will open on 28 June at 4.30pm for the evening confessions and Mass.

BI CARLO ACUTIS CANONISATION: Pope Leo has decided that the formal Canonisation Ceremony will take place in Rome at the beginning of Mass on Sunday 7 September. Also canonised that day will be Bl Pier Giorgio Frassati, both significant figures in recent history.

Go to **CARLOACUTIS.COM** too see the detailed research done by Bl Carlo into the phenomenon of Eucharitic Miracles down through the ages, which Fr James speaks of at Mass today.

CENTRAL LONDON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: *TODAY!!* The Octave concludes on Sunday 22nd June at 11am with Mass celebrated by the Abbot of Farnborough, followed by the annual Corpus Christi Procession through central London. As last year, the procession will take place in two parts. The first half begins after the 11am Mass at Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane, with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street. Here will then be a period of adoration and the opportunity to lunch locally. The procession will then continue from Warwick St to St James's, Spanish Place at 3.30pm, where it will conclude with Benediction.

WE BELIEVE FESTIVAL, JULY: WeBelieve is a Festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, taking place on the beautiful grounds of St Mary's College, Oscott, on July 25th-28th. It is a festival of the whole Church, platforming its ministries, creatives and people, for the renewal of the Church in the UK. WeBelieve is for everyone, but it has been built with families and parishes in mind. This festival offers Catholic families the opportunity to meet other faithful families and offers dedicated content streams for children and teens. For parishes, WeBelieve is an opportunity to receive some inspiring faith formation together, to bond as a community and to celebrate the Jubilee in a really tangible way. The festival is bringing together a great line-up of contributors, including Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray OP, Monsignor Michael Nazir-Ali, The Southwell Consort and many more. See poster in church for more information.

EMMAUS JUBILEE YOUTH FESTIVAL: 2-3 August at SPEC Retreat Centre. Aimed at young people unable to travel to and coinciding with the Jubilee of Youth in Rome, the festival will offer an encounter with Christ and the opportunity to meet other young people on their journey of faith. For more information and registration please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/jubilee-year-2025/emmausfestival/

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR CARITAS BAKHITA HOUSE: On 30 June at 5.30pm, Cardinal Vincent Nichols will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the 10-year anniversary of the opening of Caritas Bakhita House, our safe house supporting women escaping trafficking and exploitation. The Mass will take place at Westminster Cathedral, and all priests and parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Find out more about Caritas Bakhita House at https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/bakhita-house/

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION: National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Sat 2 August, Led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland. All invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/. Details of the day and travel arrangements can found found at www.prolifepilgerimage.org

PATTERN OF WORSHIP NOW IN PLACE: The schedule is as follows: Sunday Mass: (6.00pm Saturday Anticipated Mass for those forced to work on Sunday) This time changes to allow Confessions before Mass instead of afterwards. 8.30am; 10.00am (with Children's Liturgy); 12 Noon; 6.00pm Weekday Mass: will continue as presently at 9.30am, except that there will be no Mass in the parish on Wednesdays, except Holy Days, to allow me a day off. Saturday Mass remains at 10.00am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The other important practical change to our usual arrangements will be the times that the church building is open for private prayer. As far as possible the church will open as usual at 8am on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and close on those days at 6pm. On Saturday we will open at 9am and Sunday at 7.30am, closing after the last Mass on those days. On Wednesdays at present, I regret, the church will be closed. On all weekdays, when nobody is present on site the building will be closed. At all such times a notice will be posted in the side door window with relevant information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The regular times will be on Saturday between 10.30 - 11.20am and 5.00 - 5.40pm.

Look for up-to-date notices about all this in the window of No.62 and on the notice board in church.

WEBSITE "E-ALERTS": On the Home Page of the website you can now subsribe to our "E-Alerts." This means we will send an email each week with the Newsletter and any notices.