



ENTRANCE
ANTIPHON

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.
Psalm 80.17

COMMUNION
ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them, says the Lord.
John 6.57



CORPUS CHRISTI
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
YEAR C 22ND-23RD JUNE 2019

1st Reading: **Genesis 14.18-20:** Giving and receiving hospitality, sharing a meal together, is one of the constant features of the Scriptures. Here Abraham, a nomad and stranger, eats and drinks with the great king of Salem.

Response to the Psalm: **You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.**

2nd Reading: **I Corinthians 11.23-16:** Like every generation of Christians, Paul hands on what he received. Here, it is his experience of the Eucharist. He emphasises that it both looks back to what Christ has done and looks forward to when Christ will come again.

Alleluia! 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Luke 9.11-17: The miracle of the loaves and fishes. Luke contrasts the welcome Jesus gives to the people with the disciples' desire to turn them away; their feelings of inadequacy, with the power of the Lord. Jesus is portrayed as feeling comfortable in the midst of the crowd



while the disciples feel lonely. The Lord sees possibilities while they see obstacles. From his abundance everyone receives.

Thanks to all of you who have signed up for *Together in Christ* in the autumn. Over 80 parishioners have chosen to take part—a wonderful response! You will be contacted in due course with more information about the week. Everyone can participate however by saying each day the prayer on the card distributed, asking the Lord to guide and direct us and bless our efforts.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I begin my summer break this week. Fr Bill Harrison will be here for the next four weeks. Our Primary 7 children have their Leavers' Mass in the school this Monday so we pray for them as they prepare to begin the High School, that they will always know God's unending love for them and will continue to follow Christ their Lord.



The annual diocesan Corpus Christi procession takes place this Sunday in Carfin Grotto beginning at 3pm.



The builders have now begun their work in the church and are due to complete the project by the end of August. Remember all Masses will take place in the hall during that time. The Sunday Masses are at the usual time and the Masses Monday-Friday begin at 9.30am

Useful online sites for summer prayer and reflection:
Centre for Action and Contemplation
Pray-as-you-go
Thinking Faith
Try them out!

The month's mind Mass for Bishop Devine takes place in Motherwell Cathedral this Tuesday 25th June at 7pm. All welcome.

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Pope Francis' prayer intention for June: *That social networks may work towards that Inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.*

The Internet is a gift of God, but it is also a great responsibility. Communication technology, its places, its instruments have brought with it a lengthening of horizons, a widening, for so many people. It can offer immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity. May the digital network not be a place of alienation. May it be a concrete place, a place rich in humanity.

Thank you for last week's collection and for your continuing generosity to the refurbishment fund. See the noticeboard for details. Next week is the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul and there will be a 2nd collection for Peter's Pence. This goes directly to the Holy Father for his works of charity.

Some of our parishioners would like to re-establish St Athanasius' Boys' Club. If you have a child in P3-7 and would like to find out more about the proposal, please come to the meeting in the hall this Monday 24th June at 7.30pm.

The St Athanasius' AA Group celebrates its 7th birthday on Wednesday 26th June. There will be an open Meeting and everyone is welcome to join them to celebrate in the hall from 7.30pm.

Welcome once again to MARY'S MEALS. One of their representatives will say a few words at the end of Mass. Raffle tickets on sale afterwards.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH REFURBISHMENT

Yahweh, Divine Architect,
Creator of our Human Family;
Risen Jesus,
Cornerstone of our Faith,
Lover of us all;
Spirit of Wisdom,
Builder of community,
Our Inspiration and Guide;
You call us to build up Your Kingdom.
Bless us with
generous hearts, open minds,
greater unity,

renewed vision,
as we seek to renew this house
for celebration and worship.
May it be a home where all are
welcomed, nourished, and
empowered to be Christ for others.
Bless the workers, protect them from harm and
keep them safe. Guide and direct their labours that
what they do will give glory to you, who live and
reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God
for ever and ever. Amen
*"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labour in
vain who build it." Psalm 127*

The blessing of the Memorial Plaques and the consecration of the parish garden for the burial of ashes will take place after Mass this Sunday.

On sale in the shop: *"Dementia. Hope on a Difficult Journey."* Practical and spiritual care from a Catholic perspective. £9

Prayer for our sick and housebound. Lord our God. For you have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick and housebound today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have recently died and whose month's mind and anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret McAllister, Ann Mangan, Kathleen Mangan, James Ross, Dick Haddow, Phil Haverstock, Charles McCrossan, Tommy Gold & Frank Meehan



HOLY MASS: Vigil of Sunday: Saturday, 6pm; Sunday: 11am.

Monday-Friday: 10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30-5.55pm and on request.

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