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## Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

### Sunday Readings: Year C

### Weekday Readings Year I: 12<sup>th</sup> Week of the Year

We offer a warm welcome to all new parishioners and visitors.

### Services This Week

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Cleary family (foundation Mass)
	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
		<b>Hymns for 10:00 Mass</b>
		Entrance: - Love Divine All Loves Excelling (337)
		Offertory: - Love Is His Word (338)
		Communion: - This Is My Body (556)
		Recession: - Holy God we praise thy name (213)
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		The Nativity of St John the Baptist
	9:30 am	Holy Mass – Janes family
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Feria
		<b>No Mass today</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Dedication of the Cathedral – <b>Mass in church</b>
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June		Feria
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June		The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
	9:30 am	Holy Mass followed by Benediction
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June		The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed virgin Mary
	9:30 am	Holy Mass
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	8:00 am	Holy Mass – Robert and Sean
Saints Peter & Paul	10:00 am*	Holy Mass
	6:00 pm	Holy Mass – People of the parish

\* Children's Liturgy will be celebrated during the 10:00 Mass on Sundays.

Tea and coffee will be available in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us!

## **Today's Gospel**

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. 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 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.

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## **Corpus et Sanguis Christi**

Today we honour our God present in the Holy Eucharist. This is a special feast designed to venerate the Blessed Sacrament, the living presence of God with us. Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the last supper on Holy Thursday and completed his ultimate Sacrifice on the cross on Good Friday. The joy of "the Holy Gift" is celebrated on this feast. Here is an invitation to meditate upon and appreciate this great Sacramental presence of God in our daily lives. This is also a day to specially pray for our First Holy Communion children.

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## **Saint Peter and Saint Paul**

Next Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Peter is the first head of the Roman Church, our leader in the faith and Paul the great missionary, scholar and fearless preacher. Paul's epistles give the earliest application of the Gospel message in everyday life. He brought the call of God to the nations while Peter raised the church from the flock of Israel. Both are very different in their character, talents and approach yet one in their love and commitment to the Gospel and the Lord. Both had a martyr's death. Both learned from their mistakes and are prototypes for ordinary Christians. Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for Peter's Pence. As a diocese in full communion with Rome, we support the Holy Father and his staff in their service to the universal Church.

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## **The Late Sybil Turnbull**

Magdalen and Leslie Jermy and all of Sybil's family would like to thank all the members of the parish who attended the Requiem Mass on Monday and for the many lovely messages of sympathy and support received.

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## **St Vincent De Paul (SVP) Walsingham Pilgrimage**

Woodbridge SVP is organising a coach to attend the SVP Pilgrimage at Walsingham on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July. If anyone would like to join the group the cost of the coach will be £12.00 per person and pick-up will be at St Mary's Church on Woodbridge Road, Ipswich at 09:00. Mass is at 13:30 at the Chapel of Our Lady of Reconciliation. If you would like more details please contact Wendy Hardinge on 01728 724429. You do not have to be unwell or a member of the SVP - everyone is welcome.

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## **Holiday Season**

As we approach the main summer holiday season, there will be a number of individuals absent and unavailable for duty on various rotas. If you are scheduled for a duty at church which happens to fall during your holiday absence, please arrange cover for yourself with one of the other team members so that there are no gaps left for others to have to fill at the last minute.

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## **The Sick of the Parish**

Please pray for those who are sick or housebound: Margaret Arbon, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Deacon Peter Coates, Fabiana Di Mascio, Ron Green, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Anna Nelli, Mary O'Reilly and Pippa Williamson.

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## 150 Club

The June draw for the parish 150 Club will be made today in the Guild Room after 10:00 Mass. This is one week early due to holiday absences.

Following the recent appeals in the newsletter for new members, we have had two new subscriptions taken out to offset the 23 subscriptions lost since last year, and last year was itself lower than the year before that. We desperately need new members. If you are not already a member, please do sign up today. If you are already a member, could you consider taking out additional numbers? All you need to do to join, or increase your membership, is complete one of the membership forms in the narthex and drop the completed form in the collection plate at Mass.

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## Offertory Collections

The offertory collection on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June was £305.45. The retiring collection for Life Charities amounted to £90.58. Thank you.

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## Holy Land Pilgrimage

Aglow Pilgrimages are organising a 7 night pilgrimage to the holy Land, departing 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The cost is from £1195 per person, which includes return flights from London, 7 nights accommodation in a four star hotel, breakfast and dinner daily, full religious programme, local guide, private couch and the services of a spiritual director. The trip can be booked online by visiting the web site [aglowpilgrimages.com](http://aglowpilgrimages.com) or more information can be obtained by calling Jonathan on 0800 6894792.

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## New Pilgrim Web Site

This website is inspired by Pope Francis' enthusiasm for the internet. He urges Christians to 'walk the streets of the digital highways ... in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ.'

New Pilgrim Path explores and shares the rich spiritual resources of the internet. Visitors are helped to find sites that are relevant to them at the particular stage of their journey. They have pages devoted to a range of resources, including daily prayer, online retreats, inspirational reflections, spiritual poetry, religious broadcasts and many others. Each week they also feature a *Website of the Week*. Please go to [www.newpilgrimpath.ie](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie) for more information.

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## Our Own Dear Departed

Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Francis Sutton, Leonard Keilly, Teresa Turner, Mabel Kavanagh, Frederik Albon, Hugh Scott, Michael Roch, Paolo Buglione, Catherine Cresdon, Clive Ivemy and Margaret Robinson whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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## Extraordinary Month of Mission – October 2019

The Holy Father has announced an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM) this October, with *“the aim of fostering an increased awareness of the Missio Ad Gentes and taking up again with renewed fervour the missionary transformation of the Church’s life and pastoral activity, and to help their communities grow in missionary and evangelising zeal”*. More information can be found on the Missio website: <https://missio.org.uk/emm/>.

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## Children’s Liturgy Group

Our Children’s Liturgy Group has been, and continues to be very popular. Each week, at the 10:00 Mass, the children go into the Guild Room for their own simple service of prayer, readings and activities following the same theme as the Sunday Mass. As with all things, there is a small amount of time required from the session leaders to prepare for these services, and in order that this should not become onerous, it would be wonderful if a few more would volunteer to assist in this ministry and spread the workload. We have had one new volunteer come forward, for which we are very grateful, but there is plenty of room for more! If you would like to get involved in this, helping to educate our young about our faith, please speak to Fr Mathew or, to get an idea of what is involved, why not sit in on one of the sessions to see if this is for you?

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## Tower Tours

Every Saturday until 28<sup>th</sup> September, St John’s Cathedral in Norwich is offering Tower Tours – climb the 230 steps up the tower to the highest vantage point overlooking Norwich, with views as far as Happisburgh to the north and Great Yarmouth to the east. Tours of the cathedral, including the cellars, narthex and hidden gardens, are also available. Bookings can be made on 01603 724381 or by email to [heritage@sjbcathedral.org.uk](mailto:heritage@sjbcathedral.org.uk).

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## Readings for Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Year C: 23<sup>d</sup> June, 2019

### Entrance Antiphon:

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

### Collect:

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament have left us a memorial of your passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: “Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.” And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 109:1-4

You re a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

**Second Reading:** 1Cor. 11:23-26 *Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death.*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, “This is my body, which is for you: do this as a memorial of me.” In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.” Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his 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!

**Gospel:** Luke 9:11--17 *They all ate as much as they wanted.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.” He replied, “Give them something to eat yourselves.” But they said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.” For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, “Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.” They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected, they filled twelve baskets.

### Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant your church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon:

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

### Prayer after Communion:

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.