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Corpus Christi

Prayers and Readings from p. 823 in the missal (Year A).

Entrance antiphon:

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

Responsorial Psalm:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.
 If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer:

Eucharistic Prayer III (5.30pm & 8 am). Eucharistic Prayer I (10 am).

Communion Antiphon

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

Readings:

Deuteronomy 8. Psalm 147. 1 Corinthians 10. John 6:51-58.

Marian Antiphon (at the end of each Mass)

Salve Regina – please see the Marian Antiphon prayer cards.

Daily Readings:

10th Week of the Year (Yr II)

Divine Office:

Week 2

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ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH THETFORD

Celebrating 200 years proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ

Sunday 7th June 2026 CORPUS CHRISTI

Saturday 6 th		1730	
Sunday 7 th		0800	<i>Elzita Guides</i>
		1000	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday 8 th	Feria	NO MASS	
Tuesday 9 th	Feria	0930 Adoration & Benediction	
		1000	
Wednesday 10 th	Feria	1830	
Thursday 11 th	St Barnabas	1000	<i>Irene Sheahan</i>
Friday 12 th	SACRED HEART	1000	<i>Pro Populo</i>
11TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR			
Saturday 13 th		1600	Confessions
		1730	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sunday 14 th		1000	<i>First Holy Communions</i>
		1145	<i>First Holy Communions</i>

Confessions Saturday at 4 pm, or **by appointment after any Mass.**
If you are anxious about going to Confession, come and speak to Fr Andrew first. Do not let the devil use your anxiety to keep you away from the Lord and His Sacraments.

Dates for your diary

- 7th June: Parish Jubilee meeting (after 10 am Mass)
13th–14th June: First Holy Communions
5th July: Mass with Bishop Peter to open Anniversary Year
11th July: Parish Day of Recollection: a day of prayer & Recollection
18th July: Ordination of Paul Gilbert to the Permanent Diaconate

Prayer Requests We pray for the sick: Fatima Anja, Patricia & Vittorio Cocuccio, Alicya Frydryk, Hazel Fullbrook, Albert & Maureen Huggett, Ann Jones, Theresa Lescott, Sheila Sheppard, Madeline Tanner, and Clive Townsend. We remember in our prayers those who have died recently, and their families and friends: Mavis Bassett, Delfim Bonfim, Olga Devonish, Luna Freitas, Ann Griffin, Mgr Peter Leeming, Irene Sheehan, and Greg Warwick.

The **Requiem Mass** for **Irene Sheehan** will be celebrated on **Thursday 11th June at 10 am.**

- **Refreshments after Mass** A reminder that coffee, tea and squash are available in the Hall after the Sunday 10 am Mass and the Tuesday 10 am Mass – come and see!
- **Gift aid.** If you pay UK tax on income or capital gains or a pension, please consider Gift Aiding your donations. For every £1 that you donate to the parish each week, we can reclaim 25p from the government. It's a great help for the parish, and it doesn't cost you a penny! Speak to John Robinson for more details.
- **Next Sunday** (June 14th) we have the great joy of **First Holy Communions** in the parish. Please note there will be **no 8 am Mass next Sunday.** There will be a said Mass at 5.30 pm on Saturday as usual. Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive the great gift of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



POPE BENEDICT XVI ON CORPUS CHRISTI

The Prophet Elijah sought refuge in the wilderness for fear of his enemies, and had made up his mind to let himself die (cf. I Kings 19: 1-4). But God awoke him from sleep and caused him to find beside him a freshly baked loaf: “Arise and eat”, the angel said, “else the journey will be too great for you” (I Kings 19: 5,7). When we go on a Corpus Christi procession, we set out on our journey with the strength God gives us through Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It reminds us that the Eucharist is a powerful gift which can free us from despondency and discouragement, and which can raise us up.

- The **26 Club** is a great way to support the parish, and there are prizes every month from June to November 2026. The next round of monthly draws begins in June, so if you wish to renew your subscription or join up then please give your contribution of £26 to Terry Powles, Mary Patrick or Deacon Justin by 7th June.
- **Jubilee meeting.** On **Sunday June 7th** after the 10am Mass we will have a **parish meeting** to discuss all the different ways in which we can celebrate our 200th Jubilee year. Please come along and join in!
- **Foodbank Collection.** Tesco's (Kidlington Superstore) is allowing us to have a collection to replenish stock for the Foodbank, on **June 12th 10-4.30**, and **June 13th 9-4**. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, please ring Judith on 01842 761274.
- **Start of the Jubilee Year.** The Bishop is coming to celebrate Mass to open the Jubilee Year on **Sunday 5th July**. After the Mass we will have a bring and share meal in the hall. If you are able to contribute any dish, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church – thank you!
- A reminder that the **Ordination of Paul Gilbert to the Permanent Diaconate** takes place at the Cathedral on **Saturday 18th July** at 11.30 am. There is a coach travelling from St Mary's to the Cathedral – sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. Please pray for Paul as he prepares to receive the grace of Ordination.