

		Sat. 6.00 pm	Sunday, 9.00 am	11.00 a.m.
<b>Readers</b>	18/19 June	J. Rowland	D. Chappell	B. Tyrrell
	25/26 June	E. Andrews	S. Acton	R. Lewin

#### **FR CHRIS'S THOUGHTS FOR SUNDAY:**

Today we celebrate this most special of gifts of God the gift of Jesus himself in the most holy sacrament of the altar. The feast of the body and blood of Jesus who gives himself unsparingly to us in Holy Communion. We celebrated yesterday our first group who received our Lord for the first time. We need to have that same desire and anticipation as we come to Mass each Sunday or indeed during the week. Jesus gave us that gift for the first time at the Last Supper. It is true. But he anticipated it in this wonderful miracle of the feeding of the 5000. It is so rich in symbolism of our Mass. He first teaches the people about the Kingdom of God as of course he does each Sunday in the liturgy of the Word, and he also heals us at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite or when in confession when we ask for his mercy.

He then receives the offering of the young boy the fish and the loaves and performs the four actions of our mass. He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it. These same things the priest does as he takes the offerings of bread and wine he blesses them in the consecration and breaks them in the fraction of the host to be shared and then of course gives them. And so in this miracle he teaches us about this most holy Eucharist.

The people are hungry they have been following him all day and listening to him in a lonely place in the desert. This strikes us: there is nothing to feed on. Our world is similar in a certain way; it is a spiritual desert in that the world cannot give us a lasting satisfaction because it cannot satisfy our deepest hunger which is for a lasting love which is only fulfilled in God himself. So many are hungry. but so often they do not know what they hunger for. They seek it out in so many things which can never satisfy in the pleasures that our world offers, and they do not know sadly that they really hunger for God; they hunger indeed for the bread of life which Jesus gives superabundantly but we cannot give ourselves. It is beyond us. This indeed the disciples recognise; they have not enough resources to feed the people, it is beyond them. It is when they recognise this that Jesus performs the miracle and feeds everyone So that they may understand he alone can satisfy the human heart and soul. It is always him. And that later when they become the first priests at the Last Supper and celebrate the Mass in the early Church, it is Christ who takes blesses breaks and gives. This is powerfully symbolised in the 12 baskets that are collected afterwards. They symbolise the Apostolic ministry of priesthood of the church which will give the bread of life superabundantly throughout the ages and that of course this food will never run out. It is always there; Christ can always provide even when the need seems beyond our means.

Simply we are called to bring what we have - a few loaves and fishes to Christ. They do not seem very much, hardly anything. Yet when Jesus takes them and blesses them as he feeds us with the Eucharist, the bread of life, we are able to do much more we could possibly expect or imagine. As we break open our heart and give of ourselves great things come from the power of the holy Eucharist because Christ is in us. In giving himself in the form of the bread and wine, he was declaring himself to be our food and drink. In calling us to take and eat, to take and drink, he is asking us to take our stand with him, to give ourselves to him as he gives himself to us. He calls us with him to feed all those who hunger for Christ though they know it not.

The feast of Corpus Christi each year invites us to renew the amazement and joy for this wonderful gift of the Lord, who is the Eucharist.



## *Our Lady of Victories*

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19th June 2022  
12th Week of Ordinary Time  
Psalter Week 4  
Corpus Christi

#### Times of Services

#### **Sunday: THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - COPURS CHRISTI**

Sat. 6.00pm: Clive Blencowe RIP (Angela)

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Joey Maloney (Eileen)

4.30pm: Rosary outside Church

#### **Monday: Feria**

11.00am Nuptial Mass: Charles Haddock & Caroline Colacicchi

#### **Tuesday: St Aloysius Gonzaga**

10.00am Mass: Gerry White

#### **Wednesday: STS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE**

10.00am Mass: Mary Nolan RIP (Sisters)

#### **Thursday: THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

9.30am Mass: Norman Phillips RIP (Birthday)

Coffee after Mass

#### **Friday: THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

9.30am Mass: Sister Lucy Troy (diamond Anniv)

#### **Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6.00pm Mass: The Biddle Family (P. Biddle)

#### **Sunday: 13th Week of Ordinary Time**

9.00am Mass: People of the Parish

11.00am Mass: Mary Cunniffe RIP (Anniv)



*They all ate as much  
as they wanted.*

#### **CONFESSIONS**

11am &  
5.15 - 5.45pm  
Saturdays

***PLEASE NOTE: Please sanitise as you enter the church and we encourage people to wear masks but please respect those who do not. Please to not come to Mass if you have any symptoms of a viral infection***

**FR CHRIS WRITES:** Yesterday we celebrated First Communion for many of our Children. The 2<sup>nd</sup> group will receive Our Lord for the first time on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This weekend we celebrate Corpus Christi whose origins go back to St Juliana of Mont-Cornillon who received visions and mystical experiences from Our Lord. She died in 1258. Urban IV instituted this feast in 1264 during a period of great development in eucharistic Devotion. The Most Holy eucharist is the Source and summit of our faith as it contains Christ himself and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in Church is an extension of the Mass. We are privileged to be able to visit Our Lord at any time as our Church is always open during the day. How can we not come to visit Our Lord who is personally present in the Tabernacle? We will have rosary and Benediction at 4.30pm this Sunday Happy Feast day!!

Next week there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Peter's Pence.

There are **New Year Books** available for £4 with quite a few articles catching up since the Pandemic

### **Statement on the Future of the Catholic Club Building**

I have in consultation with the Parish Council been looking at options for the use of the Catholic Club premises. There are two viable options; to Sell it or lease it. Each option has its pros and cons which were explored in detail at various meetings. My conclusion is that the interests of the parish will be best served by choosing a 'Full Repairing and Insuring Lease.' This has the advantage of no up front costs to repair the fabric of the building. It will also (hopefully) get the building back into use. It means that the parish will retain control over the use of the premises. I must go through a rigorous process set out by the Diocese in order to conform to regulations and it will be done on a sound commercial basis in accord with the Charities Act. My intention is to use a reputable company highly experienced in managing this kind of leasing arrangement. This will involve paying them a percentage of rental income from the property. This proposal was unanimously agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 6 June. In summary the advantages of this approach are

- It gives the parish a say in the future use of the building and retains it as an asset for future generations.
- It involves no capital funding of repairs in order to lease the building.
- It restores the integrity of the building and produces a modest stream of income.

I will be looking to start this process as soon as practicably possible.

The first edition of **the brand new diocesan e-news** is on the horizon, sign up to make sure you don't miss it. It only takes 60 seconds! Register via [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/maillinglist), by emailing [naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:naomi.roberts@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or scanning the QR code on the poster.

Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass to celebrate the **Tenth World Meeting of Families**, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in the parish of Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln, with a BBQ and social afterwards. There is no cost to this, but please book to help with catering – see the poster at the back of church, or visit: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events). **There are also some zoom sessions: Parenting as a way to sainthood:** What we can learn from ss Louis and zelié martin. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 8:00pm on zoom. Also **Evangelising your children:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 8:00pm on zoom. this talk will look at how to pass the faith on to your children See the link for more information.

Also could People bring in their **Red Mission Boxes** for emptying. If anyone would like a box please let myself or Christine Shepherd know.



**COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH:** As we are now returning to normal post COVID we need to restart taking the Offertory Collection in Church during Mass again. We hope that those who did this ministry before will return and we are looking for new volunteers as well for each Mass: Men, women and indeed families!! There would normally be 2 Collectors at each Mass. If you could let me know your name and contact details and which Mass you attend. Many thanks

People have been talking about **SUNDAY COFFEE** and recently we discussed this at the PPC. I am hoping to see if we can have Sunday Coffee after the 9.00am Mass. I know some people have been meeting at Bars for a quick one after Mass or before going to the 11.00am. In the Past groups took responsibility for a particular Sunday in the month. So could the various groups in the Parish let me know if they would like to participate and we will see how it goes.

**HIDDEN TREASURE: Catholic Churches in England and Wales** The Friends of Nottingham Cathedral invite everyone to their inaugural Summer Lecture on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm, in the Cathedral, and given by Sophie Andreae, architectural historian. It will explore Catholic architecture from around the country, with particular attention to our Cathedral, St Mary's, Derby; Good Shepherd, Woodthorpe; and All Saints, Hassop. Tickets (£10, including a glass of wine) can be purchased at [friendsofnottinghamcathedral.eventbrite.co.uk](http://friendsofnottinghamcathedral.eventbrite.co.uk) All proceeds to the work of The Friends.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to support the work of Bishop Patrick as the **Bishop's Personal Assistant**. This role would suit someone with experience as a Senior Personal Assistant or Executive Assistant in a substantial complex organisation, who is willing and able enthusiastically to support the mission of the Catholic Church and with knowledge of its organisation and functions. For more information and an application pack email [office@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**SPRINGBOARD**, a hands-on workshop from Caritas, is coming to **Leicestershire and Rutland parishes on Saturday 25 June at Saint Joseph, Leicester** from 10.30 until 3.30 – you'll be welcome for the morning, afternoon or both. Following the Here: Now: Us workshop and Synod consultations last Autumn, the pandemic is giving way to a time of crisis for the poorest in society and for the planet. At **Springboard** we'll discern our call to mission in the 'new normal', build local collaboration for mission, and establish a local Caritas Hub as a platform for action – all inspired by Pope Francis's The Joy of the Gospel. For bookings and further information visit <http://bit.ly/2022Springboard>, email [caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:caritas@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or call 0115 648 1509.

**CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS** A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Wednesday 22 June** from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Please see the poster on the parish notice board. For further information, please contact: Julie Sweeney at the Diocesan Education Service ([julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)). This will be a on line introduction. **The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** takes place on Saturday 11 June 2022. to pray for vocations, peace in our world, and evangelisation. Join with Bishop Patrick on pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady to pray for vocations, peace in our world, and evangelisation. See Poster for details.

### **MARKET HARBOROUGH EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUNDRAISER:**

Ladies Lunch Returns!!! Ladies Lunch Marston Trussell Hall June 23<sup>rd</sup> 12.30pm £37.50/ticket All money raised to go to St. Joseph's Catholic Academy. For tickets please Contact Kate Crawford Tel 01858 446873 please leave a message if there's no answer.