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The Most Holy Body and Blood Christ Year C, 22nd June 2025

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY AND ST JOSEPH

Monday 23rd June: Weekday. No Morning Mass

6pm: Vigil Mass of The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Tuesday 24th June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solem.)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

10.30. Mass at Our Lady and St Paul Prim. Schl.

Wednesday 25th June: Weekday

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

1.30pm: School Trust End of Year Mass

Thursday 26th June: Weekday

9.10am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

Friday 27th June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

9am Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

9.30am Mass:

6pm: Evening Mass

Saturday 28th June: Immaculate Heart of Mary (Memorial)

10am Morning Mass:

10.30am. Reconciliation Service and Confessions. **NO Adoration**

6pm: First Mass of Sunday:

Sunday 29th June: The Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul

9.30 am Mass:

11am Mass: Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

21st/22nd June: Readers: 6pm S. Gibson, 9.30am: S. Skinner, 11am: G. DaSilva. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: J. Matthews 9.30am: D. Sharrock, 11am D. Tierney.

28th/29th June: Readers: 6pm J. Matthews, 9.30am: M. Schofield, 11am: D. Doyle. **Eucharistic Minister:** 6pm: B. Doyle 9.30am: L. Mather, 11 am C. Shore.

Thank you for your generosity. **Last Weekend:** £311.00 (Gift Aid) £294.32 (Loose Change) & CAFOD 40.18.

200 Club If you would like to join it is only £5 a month which needs to be paid at the beginning of every month. The more members we have, the bigger the prize and more money going back into our church. Winners are on the Notice Boards.

Confirmation 2025: Compulsory catechism sessions for all candidates: Tuesdays 24th, from 4pm –5pm in the parish meeting room. **AND** Service of Reconciliation with Confessions on Saturday 28th at 10.30 am, in the church.

Do you want to learn more about our faith? RCIA is the process, and specific ceremonies, which leads adults to Christian baptism and into full Communion with the Catholic Church. **ALSO**, if you are already Catholic but would like to learn more about our beautiful Catholic Faith you are **MORE** than welcome to join us.



Be an Altar Server: Being an Altar Server is an honour and a privilege. It is a wonderful opportunity to draw closer to God and grow in faith. Your service at the Altar is a gift to the Church. If have done your First Communion Please the Registration and return to the parish.

Golden Birthday Celebration: You are cordially invited to a Thanksgiving Mass in Celebration of the 50th Birthday of Fr Augustine Franklin, MSP, on Friday 11th July 2025 at 6.00 PM at Our Lady and St Joseph Catholic Church Heywood. Reception follows Immediately after Mass at St Joseph Pre Nursery.



**CHURCHES
TOGETHER
in HEYWOOD**

Churches Together Summer Coffee & Cake:

1.30pm –2.30pm Wednesday
2nd July at Our Lady & St Joseph's. As we are hosting this Summer's Coffee

and Cakes, we appeal for your attendance. We are also asking for support with cakes. Please contact Margaret Schofield, if you would like bake some cakes for the day.

Let us pray for tfor those who live and work on Green Lane, Roeacre St, Omrod St, Penhurst Cresc & Gort Way.

For The sick of our Parish.

For William Armstrong, Elaine Delon, Maria Chambers, Monica Murrell, Maureen Slattery, James Campion, Anthony Williams, James Keenan, Helen Worral, and all who have died recently.

For David Pearson, Angela Morrison, Richard O'Dowd, Sheila O'Connor, Marina Coles,, Theresa Feerick, Neal Wareham, Cathrine Johnston, Frank & Clara Taylor, Ernest, Colet and Brian Leach. Kath Pickering, Charli Quayle, Joe Goss, Mike Logan and all we remember at this time.

St Joseph's RC Primary School Summer Fair 2025: On Tuesday 15th July 2025, we are holding a Summer Fair. We want to invite all our families, friends, parishioners and community to come and have some fun and raise some money for our school fund. We are currently fundraising to develop a school library and a school prayer garden, as well as many other amazing things for our wonderful children. We are asking for your support to ensure our event is a success. We are collecting raffle prizes. If anyone has anything to donate, please can you bring them into school by Friday 4th July.

Madonna Del Rosario Procession: The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 6 July. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from The Halle St Michael's, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square, where Mgr Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

Local Pilgrimage Opportunity: The Diocese of Salford's Pilgrimage Office has organised a day pilgrimage to Ladyewell Shrine in Lancashire to encourage all to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage this Holy Year. The pilgrimage takes place on Saturday 28 June and costs £26pp, including coach pick up from St Bernadette's, Whitefield at 10.30am. Call 0161 817 2209 or email pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and register.

Word of The Week: The Eucharist is not an invention of the Church: it is a part of God's plan of salvation from the very beginning: it is prefigured in the Old Testament, seen today in the food offerings of Melchizedek, priest king of Jerusalem associated with Abraham, choose bread and wine as the offerings. It is also revealed by the prophetic action of Jesus, in feeding the multitude, before he feeds the Church with the gift that is transmitted through the centuries. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, is our communication with the Father, in the Spirit: it is the real presence in the Church's 'here and now' of the eternal God; it is Covenant, Memorial and Promise, Meal and Sacrifice, the heartbeat of the Family of Believers.

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SUNDAY *Plus*

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ **Divine Office Week IV** Year C

God-within-us

Every time we invite Jesus into our homes, that is to say, into our life with all its light and dark sides and offer him the place of honour at our table, he takes the bread and cup and hands them to us saying: "Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink, this is my blood. Do this to remember me." Are we surprised? Not really! Wasn't our heart burning when he talked to us on the road? Didn't we already know that he was not a stranger to us? Weren't we already aware that the one who was crucified by our leaders was alive and with us? Hadn't we seen it before, that he took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to us?... He has done it countless times when we have come to the end of a long day and he joins us


around the table for a simple meal.

The Eucharist is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. That is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing! But that is the story of Jesus... It is the story of God who wants to come close to us, so close that we can see him with our own eyes, hear him with our own ears, touch him with our own hands; so close that there is nothing between us and him, nothing that separates, nothing that divides, nothing that creates distance.

Jesus is God-for-us, God-with-us, God-within-us.

Henri Nouwen, With Burning Hearts: a meditation on the eucharistic life



My Lord and my God,
I love you and I adore
you.  Amen.



Lord Jesus,
I give you my hands to do your work.
I give you my feet to go your way.
I give you my eyes to see as you do.
I give you my tongue to speak your words.
I give you my mind that you may think in me.
I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
Above all,
I give you my heart that you may love in me
your Father and all humanity.
I give you my whole self that you may grow in me,
so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work and pray in me.

Grail



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

20-22 June
Jubilee of Governments

Dear brothers and sisters, as believers it is our responsibility to help eradicate hatred from human hearts and to condemn every form of violence. Let us unambiguously urge that arms be set aside and military spending reduced, in order to provide for humanitarian needs, and that instruments of death be turned into instruments of life. May ours not be empty words, but insistent appeals for the welfare of our brothers and sisters, opposing war and death in the name of the One who is peace and life. Fewer arms and more food, less hypocrisy and more transparency, more vaccines distributed fairly and fewer weapons marketed indiscriminately. Our times demand that we be the voice of all those believers, ordinary people, defenceless and weary of violence, so that those who have responsibility for the common good will commit themselves not only to condemn wars and terrorism, but also to create the conditions to prevent them from flaring up...

Brothers and sisters, be courageous! We have before us a vision, the same vision shared by so many young people and men and women of good will: the earth as a common home, in which peoples dwell as brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis

READINGS

Today:
Genesis 14:18-20
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17

Monday:
Genesis 12:1-9
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday:
Isaiah 49:1-6
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday:
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday:
Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16
Matthew 7:21-29

Friday:
Ezekiel 34:11-16
Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7

Saturday:
Genesis 18:1-15
Luke 2:41-5

Next Sunday:
Acts 12:1-11
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19