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THE SUNDAY 10.30AM MASS AND ALL WEEKDAY MASSES ARE USUALLY LIVESTREAMED

Date & Liturgical Celebration	Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 22nd June 2025 The Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Solemnity)	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Parish Community Sr Jerome SSJ, RIP (E T) Theresa Adeyinka, Birthday Thanksgiving (T A) Our Lady's Lamp: Maggie Moris (C S)
Monday 23 rd <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am	Sr Jerome SSJ, RIP (B & D D)
Tuesday 24 th The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Solemnity)	9.30am	Elizabeth White, RIP (M A)
Wednesday 25 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am 10.00am	Sr Jerome SSJ, RIP (A LI) Coffee Morning
Thursday 26 th <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>	7.00pm	Veronika & Vladimir Ratkovski, RIP
Friday 27 th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)	9.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 28 th <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.00am	Holy Souls
Sunday 29th June 2025 Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)	6.30pm (vigil) 8.30am 10.30am	Sue Jenkins, Private Intention (C B) Peter and Pauline Stewart, RIP (S & M S) Parish Community Our Lady's Lamp: Jan Davies (C S)

CONFESSIONS: Saturday morning after 10am Mass, Saturday evening 6pm-6.15pm, and on request.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: Saturday morning after 10am Mass (Confessions also available)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Eimear Upton, Matthew Morgan, Martha Pass.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection next weekend for 'Peter's Pence'.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK - 6TH SEPTEMBER: March for Life UK is a major event taking place on Saturday 6th September in London. Thousands of people will join together, united in a show of unity for the value of life from conception and standing up for all those who have been impacted by abortion. If you are interested in taking part, two coaches will be travelling up to London on the day. For further information on the coach leaving from St Dyfrig's, Treforest contact Howard at Howard.bayliss@templebaptist.org.uk; for information about the coach leaving St Alban's, Cardiff and picking up from Newport, contact Clare on 07983 522 851

AWAY NOTICE: Fr Michael will be away 30 June – 31 July.

NEED CONFIDENCE TO SAFELY USE A COMPUTER AND THE INTERNET?: Our parish, in collaboration with **Cybervists**, is arranging a workshop for adults called "Secure Plug-in: Empowering Adults for a Connected World." This two-day event will help adult participants confidently use computers and the internet safely. It promises to be a fun and interactive experience! We encourage anyone interested to sign up by filling out the expression-of-interest form. **Dates: Friday 27 June, 5.30pm-7pm; Saturday 28 June, 11.30am -1pm.**

PARISH PRAYER GROUP: Now meeting every other week in the Church Hall. Please join our next meeting on **Tuesday 24th June at 7pm.** All are welcome.

PARISH BIBLE STUDY ONLINE: **Monday 23rd June at 7pm.** Text: John chapter 14. Zoom Meeting ID: 585 166 8513.

HOUR OF GRACE: 6pm - 7pm every other Wednesday. Led by a Dominican priest, this is a solemn moment of prayerful encounter with Jesus in the Exposition and Adoration of the Holy Eucharist. It will include an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Adoration, Talk, Worship Songs, Intercessions for Various Intentions, and Benediction. **Next on Wednesday 2nd July at 6pm.**

PRAYER INTENTION ENVELOPE (HOUR OF GRACE): If you would like us to pray for an intention during the Hour of Grace (Eucharistic Adoration), please collect a brown prayer intention envelope in the porch. It is NOT a Mass intention envelope. Thank you.

CATHOLIC ROUND TABLE: Explore Catholic teachings from a biblical background. The next meeting is on **Thursday 3rd July** at 7.30 to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall.

WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND, AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS: Roy Miller, Frank Bowen, Teresa Plunkett, Kath Bowling, Frances Traylor, Angela Matthews, Yvonne Richards, Bill Gill, John Mannion, Jill Griffiths, Karolina Ashton, Andy Payne, Allan Jones, Noreen Hyden, Rita Power, Mary Richards, Pauline Howard, Elizabeth Williams, Mike Bickerstaff, Caroline Solomon, Maureen Dooley, Arthur Barragry, Angela Miller, Sarah Leaman, Cecily Hughes, Anna Dutkova, Roger Eddy.

THE CYCLE OF PRAYER: During Ordinary Time (Summer), we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians & Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution, Oppression & Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE: That the world might grow in compassion.

SUNDAY OFFERING: £934	DAY FOR LIFE: £262.15	Thanks for your generosity
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**From the Parish Events Planning Team
UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS
(August 2025)**

Friday 29 August 7pm	PARISH FILM NIGHT	More information later.
Sunday 31 August 1pm	PARISH GARDEN PARTY	More information later.

ON THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

(Taken from the Homily of Saint John Paul II on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 22 June 2000)

2. Our gaze expands to include the other elements of the biblical triptych displayed for our meditation today: the sacrifice of Melchizedek and the multiplication of the loaves.

The first account, very short but of great importance, comes from the Book of Genesis and was proclaimed in the first reading. It tells us of Melchizedek, "king of Salem" and "priest of God Most High", who blessed Abram and "brought out bread and wine" (Gn 14: 18). Psalm 109 refers to this passage, attributing to the Messiah-King an extraordinary priestly character that God has directly conferred on him: "You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek" (Ps 109: 4).

The day before his death on the Cross, Christ instituted the Eucharist in the Upper Room. He also offered bread and wine, which "in his sacred hands" (Roman Canon) became his Body and his Blood, offered in sacrifice. Thus he fulfilled the prophecy of the old covenant linked to Melchizedek's sacrificial offering. For this very reason - the Letter to the Hebrews recalls - "he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek" (5: 7-10).

The sacrifice of Golgotha was anticipated in the Upper Room: the death on the Cross of the Incarnate Word, the Lamb sacrificed for us, the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. In Christ's pain every person's pain is redeemed; in his passion, human suffering acquires new value; in his death, our death is vanquished forever.

3. Let us now turn our gaze to the Gospel account of the multiplication of the loaves, which completes the Eucharistic triptych brought to our attention today. In the liturgical setting of Corpus Christi, this passage from the Evangelist Luke helps us to understand better the gift and mystery of the Eucharist.

Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, blessed them, broke them and gave them to the Apostles to distribute to the crowd (cf. Lk 9: 16). "All", St Luke remarks, "ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces" (cf. *ibid.*, v. 17).

This is an amazing miracle which marks in a way the beginning of a long historical process: the uninterrupted multiplication in the Church of the Bread of new life for the people of every race and culture. This sacramental ministry is entrusted to the Apostles and to their successors. And they, faithful to the divine Master's command, never cease to break and distribute the Eucharistic bread from generation to generation.

The People of God receive it with devout participation. With this Bread of life, a remedy of immortality, countless saints and martyrs were nourished and from it drew the strength to resist even harsh and prolonged sufferings. They believed in the words that Jesus once spoke in Capernaum: "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any one eats this bread, he will live forever" (Jn 6: 51).