

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The Sacred Heart of Jesus



June

## Mass Intentions

**Sat: – Church opens at 7.00am with Exposition**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Holy Father's Intentions

**Followed by Confessions until 11.00am**

**2.00pm – First Holy Communion Celebration**

5.00pm – Cathy McCarthy – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intention

**Sun: – Church opens at 7.00am**

8.00am – Kate Sutton – RIP

9.30am – Esther, Joseph, Georgina & Francis Wilson-RIP

11.00am – Intentions of the Okechukwu Family

5.00pm – Innocent Jonathan Akagha - RIP

**Mon: – Church opens at 8.15am**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Ify Ubuane – Birthday Thanksgiving

**No Exposition today**

**Tue: – Birthday of St John the Baptist - Solemnity**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Sidney & Mary Pearce - RIP

**Wed: – Church opens at 8.15am**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Baby Veronica Baio-Gbane

**No Exposition today**

**Thurs: – Church opens at 8.15am**

**40 hours continuous Exposition the Blessed Sacrament**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Patrick Keighrey - Sick

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Intentions of Ida Barnet & Family (RIP)

**Exposition continues through the night**

**Fri: – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - Solemnity**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Intentions of St Mary's School

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Intentions of Catholic Priesthood

**Exposition continues through the night**

**Sat: – 8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary**

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

**Followed by Confessions until 11.00am**

5.00pm – Stephanie Molloy - Anniversary

**Sun: – Church opens at 7.00am**

8.00am – Intentions of Cecilia Obiweleozor

9.30am – Michael McGrath - RIP

11.00am – Intentions of Chuka Okechukwu - Birthday

5.00pm – John William & Alice Shewring - RIP

## CORPUS CHRISTI

*"Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore, masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more."*

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The phrase 'source and summit' is a rather awesome one. It is as if in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the entire spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Passover Lamb. St Irenaeus put it so beautifully when he said, 'Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.' One way of understanding this is to read the account of the feeding of the Five Thousand as pointing to the Eucharist – the Bread of Heaven. The word 'Eucharist' has its roots in the Greek word *eucharistein* which recalls the Jewish blessing prayer – especially during a meal – giving thanks for God's works of creation, redemption and sanctification. At the very heart, then, of the Eucharist is giving thanks to God. The Eucharist is a celebration of praise and thanksgiving at which Christ is made real and present. This is why, on entering a church where the Eucharist is in the tabernacle, we recognize the Real Presence of Christ by genuflecting. We must try and cultivate a genuine sense of Eucharistic wonder and awe. This will happen as we allow the Holy Spirit to help us grow in awareness of the fact that it is truly Christ himself that we receive.

### REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

We are now accepting registration forms from parents of children who are to be prepared for the above sacraments for **2026**. Registration is for children who are entering year 3 and above in September 2025. Registration forms are on the table in the porch. There will be an Enrolment meeting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in the parish hall. The children should be accompanied by their parents.

### REGISTRATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FOR PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We are now accepting registration forms from the parents for young adults who are to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation for **2026**. Registration is for young people entering school years 9 & 10 and up to the age of 18yrs. Registration forms are on the table in the porch. There will be an enrolment meeting on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm in the parish all for parents and their young people.

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

The most important of the prophets, the precursor of the coming of the Messiah and the bridge between the Old and New testaments. Mass times are **9.30am and (6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary) 7.30pm**

### Quarant'Ore

### THE FORTY HOURS

Forty Hours continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church

### The Two Alliances

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

&

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

The Forty Hours will begin at 9.30am Mass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June and finish on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at the 9.30am Morning Mass. During this time there will Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass and devotions. Please check the programme for details

Think about giving a little time to watch before the Blessed Sacrament so that the church is always covered while the Sacrament is exposed on the altar and particularly during the night time periods. Please put your name to the list on the table in the porch of the church. Masses will be celebrated at 9.30am & 7.30pm on Thursday and at 9.30am & 7.30pm on the Friday and 9.30am on Saturday.

### NOTICE

Please note that all of our masses and services are live streamed.



### PARISH GIVING

If you use Planned Giving Envelopes please do try and keep up with your giving. The parish relies on a regular income from these envelopes each week. If you are away or do not attend church please can you make up your giving – that is what Planned Giving means. Please, if you can, take out a Standing Order to the parish. Our bank details are **HSBC Bank plc**. To credit our account: WRCDT – Mary Mother of God Ponders End: 81308432. Sort Code : 40-05-20. Add the surname and first name as a reference. Many thanks.

### PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LEBANON 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025

£1350 single room, 1250 twin shared rooms. Includes flights, 23kg luggage, hotel full board & transport. Contact: Nada Daoud for info on 07886234113.

### YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

The idea is for young adults (18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield Deanery on a Friday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at the Church of Christ the King, Cockfosters, N14 4HE. Worship, Music, Speaker, Social please contact; annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk

### A DAY WITH MARY

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**at Mary, Mother of God Church**

The day begins at 9.30am with a procession and Mass in honour of Our Lady. The day includes, Confession, Rosary, Exposition, Meditations on the Passion, Enrolment in Brown Scapular

### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP

The Diocese have encouraged us to upgrade our Internet and telephone s by integrating the house, the church and the hall into one system – which will cause us less problems in the future and will be cheaper to operate. This will cost a big amount of money – almost £6000 – large chunk taken from our finances. Can I ask for your help in donations and also in helping us to fundraise so that we are able to cover our costs. You helped wonderfully in fund raising for our church roof, please can you help us now in raising money for this essential work to be done. If you would like to make a one off donation please use a blue envelope.

### LEGION OF MARY

**Our Lady Seat of Wisdom**

**Meeting on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
At 2.45pm in the parish hall**

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past few weeks or so. Attendance and meetings is an important aspect of our lives as Legionaries.

**The date for the Curia/Praesidium Retreat has been set for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Tyburn Convent.**

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

**June: *Thar the world my grow in compassion***

Let us pray that each one of us might find compassion, in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from the Heart, learn to have compassion on the world

***And please pray for intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Leo X1V***

### RETRouvaille

**Rediscover Your Marriage**

Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme begins with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.

Call/text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443

Email: [retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrovailleukinfo@gmail.com)

### PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Do you want to know more about the biblical origins of the Jubilee Year? We will be exploring this together in a faith-sharing group on Monday mornings after the morning Mass at 10.30am in the parish hall. The sessions will last approximately one hour.

### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a person or an occasion on a particular day and time then you will have to pu your request in well in advance of the day if you are not to be disappointed. Thanks.

### Sts PETER & PAUL

**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

We give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of the Most Holy Eucharist. After the 11.00am Mass we will a procession of the Eucharist and then Benediction in church.



Mass times:

8.00am (Quiet)

9.30am (Family mass)

11.00am (Sung Mass)

5.00pm (Quiet)

**Please visit our parish shop for all kinds of devotional items and gifts.**

### PRAYERS PLEASE

**For the Sick:** Agnes Robinson, Joe Harper, Mary Conway, Lily Bleach, Margaret Felgate, Declan Culbert, Eileen Lacey, Bernard Woghiren, Gloria Conway, Agnes Guvaya, Liz Freeman, Nancy Brady Faustina Smiley, Mary & Gordon Hayden, Patrick Galavin, Pat Paul

**For the Recently Dead:** Fr Bernard Scholes, Sean Swanton, Fr Francis Press, Veronica Crawley, Hannah Falco, Jeanne Walsh, Vincent Desir, Fr John Wiley, Alice Orumwense. Sara Malaki, Alma Francois, Pauline Ntaji.

**Anniversaries:** Arnurio Ramos, Solomis & Eleni Djerallis, Marianna Amato, Sheila Nellis, Alice McCourt, Dominic Omovbude, Pat & Ciss Carberry, Ezeudeny Ojinnaka, Serge Poisson, Les Conway, Craig Paul, Cora Coman, Stephanie Molloy, Jan O'Brien

**Morning & Evening Prayer** – is said before all weekday Masses Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings and on Friday evenings at 6.30pm before Mass at 7.30pm.

**Friday Lunch Club** – Lunch is served free every Friday morning in the parish hall from 11.00am onwards. It is open to anyone – just come along for good food.

**The Legion of Mary:** Meets next on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 2.45pm in the parish hall.

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Pilgrimage 21-26 July 2025. York and the North: Heartland of Faith and Hope. The pilgrimage will be led by Fr Dominic Robinson SJ and Suze Matthews, historian. Total cost is £285. For more info please contact: [bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org](mailto:bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org)

**Westminster Pilgrimage to Lourdes.** 25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August. Elizabeth on 0207 798 9173

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like and intention for a particular day and time, then please let us know well in advance. Thanks

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday evenings from 5.00pm to 7.15pm, Saturday mornings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm and most weekday morning from 8.30am to 9.30am.

**The Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul** – this year falls on the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> June.

**A Celebration of Sacraments** – this year will be on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at the 11.00am Mass

### JUBILEE – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**St Edmund's College – Pilgrimage**

St Edmund's College, the oldest Catholic College in England, is a continuation on English soil of the famous college at Douay, France, founded in 1568. Intended to prepare priests during the Reformation.

**10.15 – Coach departs parish**

**11.00am – arrive at St Edmund's – confessions available.**

**12noon – Solemn Mass – celebrated by Cardinal Nichols in school grounds**

**1.30pm – Picnic lunch, tours of College, Adoration & Confession in Chapel.**

**2.45pm – Procession of the Blessed Sacrament  
4.00pm – Departures**

A coach will leave from the church at 10.15am. Cost £25 (inc £5 donation to Jubilee Fund). Sign up please and pay. Bring suitable clothing in case of rain/



# SUNDAY *Plus*

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

## God-within-us

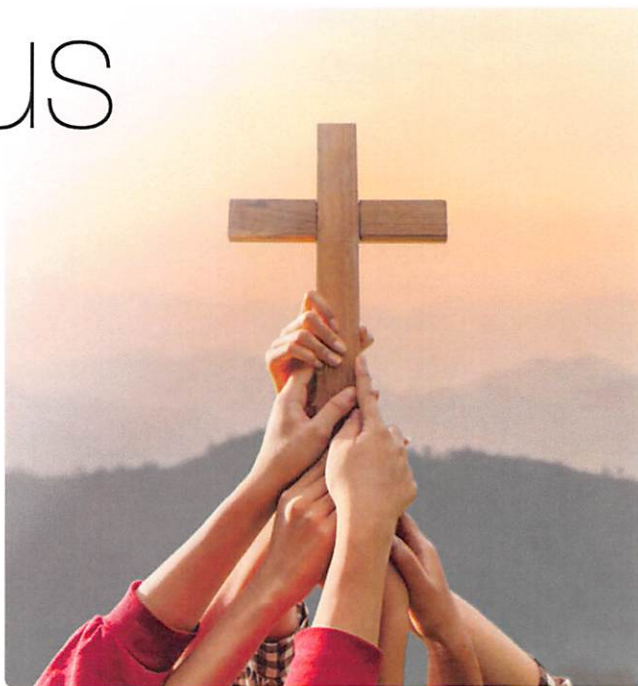
Every time we invite Jesus into our homes, that is to say, into our life with all its light and dark sides and offer him the place of honour at our table, he takes the bread and cup and hands them to us saying: "Take and eat, this is my body. Take and drink, this is my blood. Do this to remember me." 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.

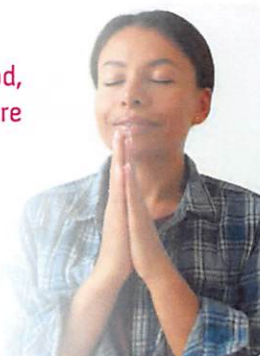
The Eucharist is the most ordinary and the most divine gesture imaginable. That is the truth of Jesus. So human, yet so divine; so familiar, yet so mysterious; so close, yet so revealing! But that is the story of Jesus... It is the story of God who wants to come close to us, so close that we can see 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



# THE Wednesday WORD



## Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

*Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families*



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

### 1

#### Read

#### The Gospel for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

##### JESUS GIVES FOOD TO THE CROWDS

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 the 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.

**Taken from Luke 9:11b-17 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

### 2

#### Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ should we not have the gospel reading about the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper? No, the Church puts before us this reading of the wonderful gift of food from Jesus. It is a sort of open-air picnic Eucharist. It begins with Jesus talking to the crowd about the Kingdom of God; this is what happens in the earlier part of our Eucharist, as we listen to the Word in the readings and to the homily which interprets the Word for us. Then the Lord heals those who are in need of healing, and that means all of us, for we are always in need of healing in various ways. Only then does Jesus raise his eyes to heaven, bless the bread and distribute it, just as he gives himself to us in the Eucharist. A sign of the generosity and plenty of Jesus' gifts in the Eucharist is represented by the twelve baskets of left-overs, ready for consumption by the twelve tribes of the new Israel. In the same way, on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we share joyfully in the sustenance which Jesus gives to us and to the huge numbers of his followers across the world.

**How can I participate more fully in Jesus' gift of the Eucharist? Perhaps I could make better preparation before Mass begins; take time for reflection afterwards; give fuller attention during the Mass.**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

### 3

#### Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

### 4

#### Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is **NOURISH**!

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**The Jubilee  
Year of Hope**

**Share the Prayer:** Why not forward a digital copy of this Parish Version to your friends? Also, to see a sample of your primary school's *Family Version*, visit: [wednesdayword.org](http://wednesdayword.org)



# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 22nd June 2025**



# 1

**1st Reading: Genesis 14:18-20**

## **The Blessing of Melchizedek**

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.

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Melchizedek is a historically mysterious figure; designated a king of Salem, he suddenly appears from nowhere to greet Abraham and bless him. In gratitude Abraham gives Melchizedek a tenth of the spoil he has just won in battle. The only other mention of Melchizedek in the Old Testament is in Psalm 110, where he is the priest-king of Jerusalem. The early verses of this Psalm are frequently cited in the New Testament as a fore-shadowing of the exaltation of Christ to the right hand of the Father at the resurrection: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool". In the New Testament the whole Psalm is understood to point to Christ, and so in the Letter to the Hebrews the verse, "You are a priest according to the line of Melchizedek" is interpreted as a reference to Christ's priesthood. Christ is a priest not in the line of Aaron, but in the line of Melchizedek. The Letter further argues that, since Melchizedek blesses Abraham, Melchizedek's priesthood is superior to that of Abraham and Aaron. So, by this slightly involved explanation, we are celebrating in this first reading the priesthood of Christ, a priesthood superior to that of the Old Law.

**What does it mean when we say that all Christians share in the priesthood of Christ?**

**The Eucharist is a celebration of the Body of Christ, in which we are all united in love.**

# 2

**2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

## **The Lord's Supper**

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that 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.

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From several points of view this is one of the most significant passages of the New Testament. To begin with, the terms 'received' and 'passed on' are technical terms in the rabbinic process of oral transmission of tradition; they show that what Paul is about to say is part of the tradition conserved in the Christian community. Secondly, it shows us that the repetition of this rite of the Eucharist was seen to bring, to those who took part, a participation in the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus – whether they were worthy or unworthy. Moreover, Paul's purpose is to rebuke the Corinthians for taking part in the Eucharistic supper without due seriousness. Thirdly, it underlines some of the most precious aspects of the Eucharistic meal: it is the sealing of the new covenant in the cup of Christ's blood, that covenant which brings to each individual the union with the Father wrought by Christ's death. Fourthly, Paul's chief rebuke to the Corinthians is that they are disunited and selfish at their Eucharist, treating it just like an ordinary dinner, neglecting one another's needs; but in this text he reminds us that the Eucharist is a celebration of the Body of Christ, in which we are all united in love, and in which we all depend on one another.

**Do we always remember this when we come together to celebrate the Sunday Mass? How does the Eucharist nourish your own life and faith?**

**The Wednesday Word** Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**





# Good News for Families

## TOGETHER TIME



### 1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

It was late in the afternoon when Jesus told the disciples to give the crowds something to eat. But they had no more than five loaves and two fish and there were about five thousand people there. So Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "Get the people to sit down." Then Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and, looking up to heaven, he blessed them, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to hand out to the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted and the leftovers filled twelve baskets.

**Why couldn't the disciples feed the people?**

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.



### Sunday Gospel Gallery

Look at this Sunday's Gospel picture. What can you see? How do you feel? What does it make you think about?

### 2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"Jesus is the Bread of Life for our families."

*Pope Francis*

## NOURISH



With Jesus' love we will always be nourished. Ask your child what the word 'nourish' means to them. Then, each of you talk about something, other than food, that nourishes you and helps you grow. Perhaps it is: a special friendship, being praised, praying, your faith, the love and care you receive, a hobby or sport, the Church and the sacraments. Who gives you these things?



Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (especially in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls. Who else should we remember to thank for nourishing us? Perhaps parents, carers, teachers, priests, grandparents or friends. Which people can we nourish in this coming week and how can we nourish them? Perhaps we can: encourage someone, give hugs to parents or carers, give something to a food bank, help and offer hope to others.

### 3 For this week's prayer, why not ask your child if they can remember the grace they say at school before their meals?

## FINDING THREE

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**WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH**

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER **ACROSS** OR **DOWN**

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SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS **BACKWARDS** OR **DIAGONALLY**

Cross out the letters **u k n** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

**gunivek ckronwuds nekafu kutonld**

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples to \_\_\_\_\_

the \_\_\_\_\_ something to \_\_\_\_\_

When the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to find food, Jesus would not do it. He kept the people with him and he fed them himself. Jesus never sends anyone away, but nourishes us as we stay close to him and listen to his words.



Find and draw 3 differences, then colour the picture

This week I will try my best to...



Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley



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# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

*Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.*

*Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.*



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR  
RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD  
UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

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*'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'*  
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).

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**'A. Classroom religious education is outstanding**

- The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's.
- The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.
- After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.
- Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.
- Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.
- The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.
- The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.

**B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding**

- The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.
- The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.
- The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.
- Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.
- Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.
- The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'

(OFSTED Section 48 Inspection, September 2019).