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

(JUNE 22, 2025)

Entrance Antiphon: **He fed them with the finest wheat
and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

Response to the Psalm: **You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.**

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.**

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

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6.00pm (Sat) 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 9.30am – 10am and 5pm – 5.30pm

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Nancy Fernandes (Intention) Keziah Fernandes (Intention)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Freya Barretto (Intention) 09.30am Mass – Catherine Darragh (RIP) 11.00am Mass – Deceased of 53 Rayfield Close
MONDAY	NO MASS
TUESDAY	09.00am Mass – Marcos Fernandes (Anniversary) Johan Cunha (Intention) Lucy Fernandes (Intention) Gabriel Fernandes (Intention)
WEDNESDAY	09.00am Mass – Max Pereira (Intention)
THURSDAY	09.00am Mass – Guilherme Pereira (Anniversary)
FRIDAY	09.00am Mass – Private Intention

NEXT SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JUNE 29, 2025)

SATURDAY (1 st Mass of Sunday)	06.00pm Mass – Zemira De Souza (Anniversary)
SUNDAY	08.00am Mass – Lucas Gonsalves (Intention) Elliot Fernandes (Intention) 09.30am Mass – Magno & Ciono Pinto (Thanksgiving) 11.00am Mass – Dabney Afonso (Intention)

Church cleaning every Friday, after the Morning Mass. Your help would be much appreciated

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all those who are sick especially: Peter Hazel, Anna Tickner, Peadar Heffron, Sheila Hughes, Christopher and Cath Brown, Julia Harrison, Lena Watson, Cheryl Dawson, Louise Stacey, Irena Fliska, John Ruck, Emmanuella Ruck, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Nicola Campbell, Tommy Fox

FATHER MICHAEL: As you already know Fr Michael will be leaving Swindon to take up a new appointment in South Bristol at the end of July. Bishop Bosco will soon appoint a new Parish Priest for St Mary's Parish.

WEDDING: Congratulations to Chrisando Fernandes & Rizel Cabral who were married here at St Mary's this week.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Leokadia Anna Sabat who has died recently. The funeral at Graveside at Kingsdown Cemetery on Tuesday 1st July at 12noon.

READERS ROTA: The Reader's Rota for June and July is now available. There are extra copies at the back of the Church.

MISSIO: There are handouts of 'Mission Today' magazine at the back of the Church for you to take home. Your support in whatever way you can, will help them carry out their work to the poor and needy around the world.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCY - Saint Joseph's Catholic College have an exciting vacancy for a Lay Chaplain effective to start from September 2025. The role is fulltime and during term times only, but we'll also consider candidates interested in part-time and flexible working options. Please see the Eteach link here <https://www.eteach.com/job/lay-chaplain-1486583> for the full recruitment pack or contact our HR team for further information at HR@stjosephscollege.net or by phone on (01793) 236053. Deadline for applications is Monday 23rd June 2025.

SCOUTS: 4th Swindon (St Mary's) Scouts – The AGM for our parish's Scout Group is at the beginning of July and we are looking for a couple more Trustees to help with the management. This is an oversight role where we meet between 4-6 times a year to see what is happening and check that the activities are being organised well with safety in mind. There is a poster at the back of the with more information or you can contact Dave Brookes on 07777 626659 or Deacon Terry on 07847 209715.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF HOPE: Bishop Bosco invites us to the Jubilee Celebration of Hope **on Saturday 19th July at Downside School & Abbey**. Programme for the Day - Arrivals and Refreshments from 10am. The programme of Prayer and talks will commence at 10.30am. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm by Bishop Bosco and the Abbot of Downside Dom Nicholas Wetz OSB. There will be workshops, etc. In addition to the refreshment breaks, a free two-course lunch will be provided – this will be by ticket only (a lunch box will be provided for children/ young people) There will be Maximum of 300 tickets for this including children. Booking through Eventbrite is essential. Please register via this link: <https://jubileedayofhope.eventbrite.co.uk> for your free ticket. For the purpose of catering to the right numbers, a printed or mobile ticket from Eventbrite is required for the day. If you have difficulty accessing Eventbrite email: adulteducation@cliftdiocese.com Poster at the back of the Church. We have now arranged a coach at £10 per person leaving St Mary's Church at 8.30am. Please write your name and telephone number on the list at the back of the Church.

THE 8TH ANNUAL YOUTH CONVENTION organized by the Goan Chaplaincy Swindon is taking place on July 19th 2025 at the CRYSTAL GRAND, Slough SL1 3UA There are Bus arrangements made from 7.30am at The Range, Fleming Way, Swindon SN1 2NN especially for the Youth between the age of 13-35 , to book your spot, the youth will have to register on the link below: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/goanchaplaincyswindon/8th-annual-youth-convention-the-good-shepherd/e-ajgxxx> Poster at the back of the Church.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR: If you care about children, believe in Catholic education, want to transform lives, then our Catholic schools need you! You could serve as a Foundation Governor or Director? Please take a letter from the Bishop from the back of the Church.

GIFT AID DONATIONS: Anyone who wishes to start donating weekly/ monthly either through Gift Aid envelopes or direct debit/ Standing order/ through offertory envelope donations order may ask for a form or speak to Fr. Michael or contact the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFERTORY: The offertory collection last Sunday came to £1665 and £500 in standing orders. Many thanks for your generosity.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: The Parish statue of our Lady of Fatima is available for people to take to their home for prayer and for special occasions. For booking contact: **Natasha Vas** on Mobile 07720982226 after 4.30pm until 8pm.

*"Do not let the past disturb you. Just leave everything in the Sacred Heart and begin again with joy."
- Mother Teresa*

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First reading

Genesis 14:18-20

‘He offered bread and wine.’

In those days: Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High. And he blessed Abram and said, ‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!’ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 110(109):1. 2. 3. 4. R4bc

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD’s revelation to my lord:

‘Sit at my right hand,
until I make your foes your footstool.’

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD will send from Sion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of your foes.

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

With you is princely rule
on the day of your power.
In holy splendour, from the womb before the dawn,
I have begotten you.

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

The LORD has sworn an oath he will not change:
‘You are a priest for ever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.’

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

‘For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord’s death.’

Brothers and Sisters: I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you; that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:51

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

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 9:11b-17

‘All ate and were satisfied.’

At that time: Jesus spoke to the crowd of the kingdom of God and cured those who needed healing. Now the day began to wear away, and the Twelve came and said to him, ‘Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place.’ But he said to them, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish — unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, ‘Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ And they did so, and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.