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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) – B

(JUNE 2, 2024)

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

Response to the Psalm: **The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name**

Gospel Acclamation: **I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread 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) 9.00am, 10.30am

CONFESSIONS

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

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – People of the Parish
	09.00am	Mass – Salvador Fernandes & Monica Mendes (Thanksgiving)
	10.30am	Mass – Suzanne Da Cunha (Intentions)
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	09.00am	Mass – Alfred Paxiao Fernandes (RIP) Gavin Offley (Anniversary) Maria Fernandes (Intentions)
Wednesday	09.00am	Mass – Richard Rodrigues & Veylonie Fernandes (Intentions)
Thursday	09.00am	Mass – Freya Teles (Intentions)
Friday	09.00am	Mass – Ewan Afonso (Intentions)

SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS (JUNE 9, 2024)

SUNDAY (Sat)	06.00pm	Mass – Bitosa Rodrigues (Intentions) Prisca De Sa (Intentions)
	09.00am	Mass – Leann Gonsalves (Intentions)
	10.30am	Mass – John Lincoln (RIP) Kiegan Gonsalves (Intentions)

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, Lucy Murray, Bill O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGill, Andrew McCarthy, Marie Lowe, Gill Young, Peggy Notley, Dawn Connolly-Williams, Andrew Stacey, Pat Fox, Breda Brown, Caroline Borg, Nellie Blake, Andy Cavilla

BAPTISM: We welcome into the Church Jace Aruba Fernandes who is being baptised here in St Marys with week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to John Rosario who will receive Holy Communion for the first time at Mass this weekend.

RECENTLY DIED: Please remember in your prayer the repose of the soul of **Catherine Murray** who has died recently. Her funeral will be on Thursday 13 June at 11am here at St Mary's Church.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024 - 23rd August to 30th August: The Clifton Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes is taking place this year in late August with pilgrims coming from all over the Diocese to embark on this journey. Details can be found on the Diocese website Lourdes | Clifton Diocese or by contacting lourdes@clifftondiocese.com /0117 902 5590 for an information pack. Please be aware the deadline for deposits is 31st March 2024, with payment in full by 31st May 2024. See Poster at the back of the Church.

A DAY ON THE EUCHARIST: A bond of love which can never be undone. An Opportunity for the whole diocese to deepen our understanding and love for the Eucharist as we grow in our desire to be a people of communion, participating together as a Body of Christ so that we may be the Body of Christ to the world. This event will be held on Saturday, 8th June at St. Bernadette's School, Whitchurch, Bristol. The day will include a time of prayerful Adoration with words, music and silence. Refreshments available from 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch. It will end by 4pm. To register click on to the Eventbrite link <https://cliftoneucharist.eventbrite.co.uk>

VISITATION: ON THE 8TH AND 9TH OF June 2024, The World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing to Holyrood Church This beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by St Paul VI and given to our country by the Bishop of Fatima – Portugal in 1968 to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the apparitions and to make know the important message of Fatima. St John Paul II said the Fatima message "is the true Gospel of Christ presented anew to our generation... Let us receive the light that comes from Fatima, let us be guided by Mary." All are invited and encouraged to come and pay visitation to this beautiful National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with the Relic of Saints Jacinta and Francisco. Contact Holyrood Church for more details.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT This year the Children of St Mary's Primary School are raising funds for our partner school in Malawi, Africa. Who need funds for a classroom building project at Kapeska Catholic Primary School in Malawi in Africa. Tickets £5 per person only. Bar and Snacks available. Come and support the event by booking tickets to join our Charity Quiz Night on 7th June at 7pm at St Mary's School. Reserve places by emailing tickets@st-marys.swindon.sch.uk or https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stmaryscatholicprimaryschool?utm_term=Bz2pxd6jv

RED BOX 2023: In 2023 Parish raised £1210.73 through our Red Boxes and donations to mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! The missionary community here at our parish is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

PARISH DANCE: We are having a parish dance on Saturday 31 August 2024. If you would like to supply or sponsor some of the items mentioned on the list; which is put up on the notice board at the back of the Church, please call Natasha on 07720982226 between 4.30 and 8pm. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

4th SWINDON SCOUTS ST MARYS: Did you know that St Mary's has its own Scout Group providing activities of young people aged 6-14. The Scout Group was set u back in 1978 so that there was a Catholic group in Swindon for boys to attend (girls are a vital part of scouting now too). Our AGM is coming up in July and we are looking for new trustees. Being a trustee is a great way of helping our group with minimal time commitment but great impact ensuring the group offers the best activities in the best way. Those interested Please contact Dave Brooks at fourthswindon@btinternet.com or call 07777 626659 or email Deacon Terry. terry.aspell@clifftondiocese.com

SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE: Many thanks to all those who contribute to Swindon food bank. Any donations can be left in the basket at 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.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: If you want to subscribe to 'The Universe Catholic' Weekly Newspaper. Contact Michelle on mobile 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

PRESTS RETIREMENT FUND: This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Priests Retirement Fund. There are information leaflets at the back of the Church.

PARISH OFFERTORY: Last week the offertory collection came to £1225.40 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.

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Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

First reading

Exodus 24:3-8

A reading from the book of Exodus

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18

*The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.*

How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people.

Second reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Optional Sequence (Lauda, Sion)**Gospel Acclamation**

cf. Rv1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.