

The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	19th	5.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Ints Fr Bernard Forshaw Ints John McEwan & Family James & Johanna Walsh Prayer Meeting
Monday	20th		NO MASS OR SERVICE
Tuesday	21st	9.15am	Barbara & Tony Forshaw RIP
Wednesday	22nd		NO MASS OR SERVICE
Thursday	23rd		NO MASS OR SERVICE <i>The Nativity of John the Baptist</i>
Friday	24th		NO MASS OR SERVICE <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Saturday	25th		
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	26th	5.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Teresa Young RIP St John's & St Luke's Parish Neil Bradshaw RIP Prayer Meeting



Wirral Foodbank: The collection point here at St John's has now been re-established. We also hope to be able to re-start the volunteer delivery rota. All donations need to be non-perishable, please refer to the list on the notice board of items urgently needed. All volunteers need to have transport, be available Mon-Thurs between 10am-1pm for drop off times & be able to move (possibly) heavy items. If you can help, please contact Cecily Sabino on 07901105591 asap. **THANKS TO THE FOUR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO THE FOODBACK TEAM. NEW ROTA WILL BE OUT NEXT WEEK**

Please take a copy of the Parish Newsletter for anyone else who would appreciate receiving a copy. Also, there is a selection of cards in the Card Rack; please put money in the box provided.



If you have a notice for the bulletin, please email it to the parish email address or put it through the presbytery letter box by **12 noon on Wednesdays**. Many thank.



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: He fed them with the finest wheat

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen



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FAITH IN FOCUS: WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Nine out of ten people who use the word "eucharist" think of an object. They think of the eucharist as a thing, bread or wine that is transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

But strictly speaking eucharist is not a thing, it's an action. It's the action of giving thanks. In fact, the word for "thank you" that is heard thousands of times every day in modern Greece is "evaristo", the same word as eucharist.

Each time Christians celebrate eucharist they thank God for all that God has done in the past and continues to do for us today. The Eucharistic Prayer is one long prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the fact that God made us, redeemed us through Christ and continues to support us today in the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again at the end of time. In our worship we "eucharist" God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus et Sanguis Christi) is a reminder to us that Christ has left us a memorial of his Passion and death and that by our action of eucharist we make really present the grace and power of God on our altars.

At every eucharist bread and wine is brought up in procession and laid on the altar.

Our prayer to God is that the Holy Spirit may transform these humble elements so that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

If we are really celebrating eucharist then we need to offer ourselves and our lives in sacrifice to God along with the bread and wine. We need to bring all our hopes and joys, our dreams and reservations, our plans and worries so that they too may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The eucharist is the heart of our Christian faith. It is the central act of our community, the source of all our strength and the summit to which all our activity as Church is directed.

Corpus Christi invites

us to stand before our God and celebrate eucharist: to say thank you!

and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION;
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the

Sunday is a special day of prayer for Life. Wednesday is a special day of prayer for those who suffer persecution, oppression & denial of human rights.

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Let us pray for the Church that the Lord who in bread and wine becomes present on its altars may be at the heart of its preaching and the driving force behind all its activity for those in need. Lord, feed us with your flesh and blood: And hear us when we call.

Let us pray for those young people who are making their First Communion during these months that they may be spiritually fed by Christ's body and blood and nourished by his word. Lord, feed us...

Let us pray for unity among Christians that the day may be close when we can share the Eucharist in each other's churches and be completely one in Christ Jesus. Lord, feed us...

Let us pray for those who lack food and drink, for those denied their human rights and for those who live in countries where war and conflict rages. Lord, feed us...

Sunday Obligation-From 5th June, the Bishops of England & Wales are calling people back to the Sunday Obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation when their health and circumstances permit. This Obligation was suspended during the Pandemic; the Bishops feel it is now time to call people back to this requirement, given, as was always the case, that people have the health, ability and means to do so. Copies of the full text of the Bishops' Document 'The Living Bread come down from Heaven' are available at the back of Church.

Although restrictions have been lifted, if you feel more comfortable doing so, please continue to wear a face mask & observe social distancing whilst in Church. Hand sanitiser remains available, but masks will no longer be provided after our current supply runs out. Please do not come to Church if you have any Covid 19 symptoms or feel unwell.

If you have any queries or ideas, please continue to contact Deacon Mike Daly on 07542463319 or Carol Dalziel on 07808975011 on any Parish matters, or if you wish to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral.

Confession: Fr Paschal will be available for Confession half an hour before the 5pm Mass on Saturday evenings.

Mass Intentions If you would like to have a Mass said for your own or someone else's intentions please fill in one of the Mass offering envelopes at the back of Church, place a donation in it & put it through the presbytery letterbox.

Last Weeks' Offertory Collection amounted to £419.00p. Thank you for your continued generosity.

In Memorium Please prayer for the repose of the soul of Monsignor Christopher Lightbound who died in Nazareth House on Wednesday 18th May. He was also a great friend and support to Fr Frank Rice. Funeral arrangements are as follows:
Wednesday 22nd June Christ the King, Bromborough. Reception of the Body and Vigil Mass at 7.00pm.
Thursday 23rd June Christ the King, Requiem Mass at 12.30pm followed by interment at Frankby Cemetery. May he and all the faithful departed Rest In Peace.

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Father Paul Hughes. Paul died peacefully in Tameside General Hospital at 6.30pm on Saturday evening. May he rest in peace. Let us remember Paul in the Mass and in our prayers. I will write again as soon as funeral arrangements have been made.
Yours sincerely in Christ, + Mark Bishop of Shrewsbury

As we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, please keep the young children of St John's and the local parishes, who will shortly be making their First Holy Communion, in your prayers, and also their parents.



We have been allocated a date for the Confirmation of our young people. This is **Wednesday 23rd November & the service will begin at 7.00pm**. The service will be held at St Anne's church in Rock Ferry. We are looking to create a team of catechists to support our young people as they prepare for this sacrament. If you are interested please contact Mike Daly at daly.m@sky.com or on 07542 463319 or speak to him after Mass.

Seat Plaques- Cost will be £25.00 for each plaque, including engraving and fitting. If you haven't done so already, please contact Carol Dalziel by the end of this weekend on 07808975011 if you would like to purchase one. Thank you.

Caritas Social Action Network: Poverty

Challenge: See, Judge, Act -

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise.

Carita Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching, on poverty, and to inform local responses at www.csan.org.uk

Refugees: We have received a request from Cecily Sabino for size 2 and 3 nappies and age 3 to 6 months and 6 to 12 months baby clothes in good condition. Supplies are getting low. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to those who volunteered to be involved with areas such as the Food Bank, School Governor and Readers. Your help and willingness is greatly appreciated. All offers to help are gratefully received



Children's Liturgy will recommence this Sunday 19th June. All welcome.

Lourdes Hospitality Group: Bingo on Friday 24 th June at 7.30pm in St. Annes Parish Centre. £2 entrance to include first book then it's £1 per book after that. Everybody welcome



Diocesan vacancies: Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. **PA to the Director of Schools and Team member for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission team.**

Details for both posts can be found on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Closing date this Friday 24 June. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

New Format of Newsletter: We would welcome your feedback, please, on the new format of the newsletter and if you find the inclusion of Mass responses helpful. Also your opinion on moving the Mass table to the back page, or whether you prefer it in its original form. Please either email stjohntheevangelist@gmail.com or drop your comments off at the presbytery. Many thanks

