



The Catholic Parishes of

Corpus Christi, Ashmore Park, Wednesfield

and

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Cannock Road,
Old Fallings, Wolverhampton



Website: www.ourladyofperpetualsuccour.com

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The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th July, 2021

Times of Holy Mass and Other Services

| Sunday | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
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| 5.30 p.m. (Sat. p.m.) | (Our Lady's) | Holy Souls |
| 9.00 a.m. | (Corpus Christi) | Betty Tuck |
| 10.30 a.m. | (Our Lady's) | People of the Parish |
| Monday | Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| 9.30 a.m. | (Our Lady's) | Gerry Delacy |
| Tuesday | Blessed Robert Sutton, Priest, Martyr | |
| 9.30 a.m. | (Our Lady's) | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday | No public celebration of Holy Mass today | |
| Thursday | St. Martha | |
| 9.30 a.m. | (Our Lady's) | Special Intention (M.F.) |
| Friday | St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church | |
| 9.30 a.m. | (Corpus Christi) | |
| 6.30 p.m. (E.F.) | (Our Lady's) | Connors family deceased |
| Saturday | St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest | |
| 9.30 a.m. | (Our Lady's) | Mr. and Mrs. Connelly |
| Sunday | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
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| 9.00 a.m. | (Corpus Christi) | People of the Parish |
| 10.30 a.m. | (Our Lady's) | Intentions of Bernadette Kent |

Confessions

Saturday morning after Mass. (Our Lady's)

Sunday morning before Mass (Corpus Christi)

Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Thursday during 9.30 a.m. Mass

Adoration of the Most Blessed sacrament

Friday 5.30 – 6.30 p.m. (Our Lady's)

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Following the publication of the Motu Proprio Traditionis custodes on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fr. Goodman has consulted with the Archbishop, and the regular Friday evening Mass at Our Lady's will continue to be celebrated (mirroring similar situations in many parishes of the Archdiocese).

Food for the needy of our city

The SVP are collecting donations of food to pass on to the Good Shepherd Brothers for those in need: a box is at the back of our churches: due to the limitations caused by the Covid pandemic, this request is for contributions of tinned food (e.g. stewing steak, meat balls, corned beef, ham, chicken, sardines, salmon etc.). Please note: the donations received from churches have proved to be very significant and very much appreciated throughout these last months.



Good Shepherd Ministry

In 2022 the Good Shepherd Brothers will be celebrating 50 years since beginning their valuable work in Wolverhampton. They are planning a number of fundraising events to mark this anniversary. The first event is a sponsored cycle ride covering 50 miles by Brother Charles and some volunteers (to be completed over 4 weekends). If you wish to sponsor this event, please see Fr. Goodman (who has a sponsor form) or go to the website giving page.



March for Life 2021 - London, September 4th.

"A family friendly day of witness to the sanctity of human life."

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Emmanuel Centre – various speakers, testimonies and activities provided by the various pro-Life organisations in the UK.

1.30 – 4 p.m., a joyful march through the capital for the nine million lives lost to abortion in this country and the vast number of men and women affected by this. The march begins at the Emmanuel Centre and finishes in Parliament Square.

A coach is planned from Wolverhampton for this event. Please contact Fr. Sean Gough on fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk or 01902423005.

Youth 2000 – Summer Retreat – "Rejoice"

27th – 30th August at Ampleforth

For more details, click [here](#)

Fr. Sean Gough is planning to attend, and is willing to take young people (18+ only) for Wolverhampton. Anyone wanting assistance with travel, please contact Fr. Sean on fr.sean.gough@rcaob.org.uk

“The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’”

St. John describes the Feeding of the Five Thousand as a “sign”: this “sign” forms the backdrop for the rest of this sixth chapter of his gospel account, in which Our Lord, building on this sign gives His great teaching on the “Bread of Life” highlighting the necessity of Holy Communion in our lives of Christian discipleship.

There are four particular actions of Our Lord in this sign that relate to the celebration of the Holy Mass:

1. Jesus took the loaves and fish – relates to the offerings of bread and wine taken and placed upon the Altar by the priest.
2. Jesus “gave thanks” for the food which He had taken: the priest offers the great prayer of thanksgiving – the Eucharistic Prayer – over the bread and wine placed upon the Altar.
3. Jesus breaks up and distributes the food (transformed in quantity) to the gathered crowd: the priest breaks the Sacred Host, and distributes Holy Communion to the Faithful, the bread and wine having been transformed into the Body and Blood of the Lord.
4. The crowd were well satisfied by the food they had received: in Holy Communion, we receive what we need for our spiritual lives, and are well satisfied.

The disciples are then told to collect the scraps left over. We are told specifically that there were twelve baskets (though there is no indication how much a basket could hold). So the number twelve is significant – the number of the tribes of Israel, and hence the number of the People of God. This highlights the very purpose of Our Lord’s earthly ministry and mission – the gathering together of the tribes for the kingdom of God. The Prophet Ezekiel, writing at the time of the exile in Babylon (c.583 BC) says to the people: “I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.” (Ezek. 36:24). So the gathering of the scraps shows that Our Lord’s mission is experienced most fully at Holy Mass when the People of God are gathered together as one before the Altar and presented to the Father – a glimpse of our ultimate fulfilment of being gathered before the throne of God and the Lamb in the Kingdom.



Offertory Collections

Offertory Collections cannot be taken during Mass. Instead, we use:

1. Standing Order (forms available from stewards at the back of church, or from Fr., Goodman or Keith Wood)
2. Online giving (via [website](#))
3. Credit Card (machine in the church porch – for donations over £45 insert your card into the reader and tap in your PIN)
4. Cash (using the baskets in the church porch).

You may contribute by credit card in church, or online:

- For general (first) collections/donations to Our Lady’s [here](#).
- For general (first) collections/donations to Corpus Christi [here](#).
- For donations for window repairs at Our Lady’s [here](#).
- For Mass Offerings [here](#). (Please email/write details).
- For the Good Shepherd Brothers’ cycle ride [here](#).

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur this week

Jane McHugh, Mary Farrelly, Frank Coxon, Eleanor Jones, George Matthews, Garry Cooper, Ivy Fieldhouse, Trevor Hodson, Daniel Cussack, Arthur Mason, Jane Duffy, Terence Rowley, Alice Davis, Patrick Fox, Frank Cockfield, Margaret Jones, Hannah Beaumont, James Needham, Gerard Blayney Mary Connolly, Frank Keane, John McNally, Bernard Crutchley, Maria Beke, Rose McShane, Mary Neads, Angela Buchholz..

Please pray for the Sick

Please pray for Reginald Nicholas, Kerry Parncutt, Cornelius McCarthy, Brenda Whitmore, Kathleen Hannifin, Rita Nicholls, Robert Holland, Frances Paton, Margaret Clapp, Joanne Harbour, Valerie Dunne, Julia Siha, Violet Langston, Irene Lockett, and Margaret Belcher. *Names may be added to this list only with the specific permission of the infirm person for whom prayers are requested.*

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Our Lady’s: Margaret Greene
Corpus Christi: Mary Boxold

Corpus Christi Parish Centre and Club

Currently closed.

Hospital Chaplaincy: rw-h-tr.Chaplaincy@nhs.net

☎ 695098 (emergency) ☎ 307999



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Attendance at Holy Mass: with eased restrictions

Many of restrictions are eased to a great extent. However, the pandemic is not over, and we must still work to maintain our churches as a safe environment, as stated by the Bishops’ Conference recent document:

“Care has to be taken to ensure that churches continue to be places where people feel safe to gather to worship.”

So please following the following directives:

- Hand sanitiser is provided in the narthex of our churches (we have dispensers fixed to the walls for the use of the faithful) and these should always be used on entering the church building, and when leaving.
- Please avoid gathering in large groups within the church narthex.
- Holy Water stoups will remain unfilled at present.
- Face coverings should be used, (except by those who are medically exempt)
- The QR codes will continue to be displayed for those who use the NHS Track, Trace and Test app.
- Stewards will welcome you at the door: If you require **socially distanced seating**, they will guide you to a pew.

One side of the church remains strictly set out for social distancing.

- Stewards are still be needed for cleaning of frequently used touch points in the church building on a daily basis.
- The church to be cleaned thoroughly each week.
- Offertory Collections: the bishops strongly recommend people to give by standing order, credit card or online; however, we do still accept cash offerings..
- Some congregational singing is permitted, (permission for this is given in the light of the use of face coverings.)
- **Holy Communion: this will be restored to the proper place withing Holy Mass. Stewards will guide you up to Holy Communion, and hand sanitiser should be applied before approaching the Altar. The non-socially distanced side should go to Holy Communion first, followed by the socially distanced side of the church. To avoid excessive delay, it is essential that you approach the Altar in two lines.**
- Churches can be left open and unsupervised for individual prayer during times when there are no public acts of worship.

Readings at Mass (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36)

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is
holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading (2 Kings 4:42-44)

They will eat, and have some left over

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18)

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second reading (Ephesians 4:1-6)

One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation (cf. Jn 6:63,68)

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel (John 6:1-15)

The feeding of the five thousand

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance of your gifts,
that through the powerful working of your grace
these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present
way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon (Ps 102: 2)

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

Financial Support for your parish

Our parishes depend on the financial support of the people to support the mission of the church

Standing order

You can set up a standing order either:

1. By filling in a standing order form which you can collect from church or download from the website, or:
2. By arranging contacting the parish from bank details and arranging a standing order directly with the bank.

A standing order means that your bank pays the parish directly a set amount each week or month, enabling a secure and direct transfer.

By this means, you help the parish to receive a secure and regular income to support the mission of the church locally.



Donation by Credit/debit card

We can use our credit/debit cards in the contactless/chip and pin terminals in church. Nowadays, we often don't carry cash with us when we go out, and many venues encourage cashless payments. With credit/debit cards, we can donate as we do online:



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
- for a specific fundraising purpose in the parish
- Mass offerings
- Charitable/second collections (when they occur)

Planned giving

If we prefer to make our offerings to the parish using cash, it is often helpful to use the *planned giving envelopes*. This gives us privacy in making our offerings, and we can set aside a particular sum of money each week to place in our envelopes. In this way we support our parish and ensure a regular source of income for the parish.



Online

from your home, by visiting the parish website and clicking on the [Giving](#) button you can make donations to the parish. Such donations may be for



- the general parish funds (the same as the first collection at Mass)
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You can also bring up the "Giving" page of the parish website on your smartphone by scanning the QR code. Thereafter, you can make online donations by this means.

Gift Aid

For those who are tax payers, making a *Gift Aid* declaration enables the parish (as part of a recognised charity) to claim back tax that has been paid. This means that for every £1 that you give to the parish, the parish receives an additional 25p in reclaimed tax.

Gift Aid can be applied to donations received from tax payers contributing in any one of the four means of giving to the parish listed.

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Bank details for Standing orders/donations

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| Corpus Christi: | Sort code: | 55-70-46 |
| | Account no. | 00215651 |
| Our Lady's: | Sort Code: | 56-00-69 |
| | Account no. | 00158232 |