

Bread for life

SUNDAY *Plus*

7 JUNE 2026

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) **Divine Office Week II** Year A

Food for life

At the beginning of his presidency, John Fitzgerald Kennedy set two goals before the American people: the first was to get a man to the moon before the end of the decade; the other was to help eliminate hunger "within our lifetime". It is a sad comment on the values of our civilisation that the first technical and scientific goal was magnificently achieved, whereas the second more humanitarian and social one has receded ever further from our grasp.

What is the reason? Is it that the problem is too big for us? There is no doubt that hunger and malnutrition are widespread and caused by a whole series of factors ranging from unpredictable weather to rapidly increasing populations... However, to get a man on the moon, to arm and defend

ourselves and our allies, we have made such a dazzling display of resources, of technology, of human ingenuity and of social engineering, that we cannot say, with a clear conscience, people are hungry simply because we do not know what to do or how to do it...

The world's hunger for food will only be satisfied when man learns to live not simply for himself, but for others, as Christ did. It will be satisfied only when the inner law of love, and not merely self-interest, greed or ambition, governs our individual and collective existence, inspires our policies and regulates our social structures and institutions. The world's hunger for food will only be satisfied when man learns to hunger for God: for his love and his justice.

Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, *Eucharist and Hunger*



Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table.

Pope Leo XIV

I am the bread of life

I am the bread of life, broken for all.
Eat now and hunger no more.
One faith, one hope, one symbol of love
given to us in this one bread, one cup.
O let us be one in the Lord.

Bread of Heaven, feed us. May we live in you, with you
and for you, supported by your love and grace.  Amen.

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READINGS

Today:
Deuteronomy 8:2-3,
14-16
1 Corinthians
10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Monday:
1 Kings 17:1-6
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday:
1 Kings 17:7-16
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday:
1 Kings 18:20-39
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday:
Acts 11:21-26;
13:1-3
Matthew 10:7-13

Friday:
Deuteronomy 7:6-11
1 John 4:7-16
Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday:
Isaiah 61:9-11
Luke 2:41-51

Next Sunday:
Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 7th June 2026

The Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ – is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a "thing" that we receive – however reverently – it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: "Receive what you are – the Body of Christ". The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ's words to our reality: "...who eats my flesh and drink my blood lives in me and I live in him." The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven. Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying "in communion" with us – living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as Saint Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other – God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.



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Mass Times 7th June 2026		
Sunday 7th June	Vigil - Saturday 9th Sunday Morning	4pm - Mrs Gee 11am - Parish
Monday 8th	No Mass	
Tuesday 9th	No Mass	
Wednesday 10th	Mass	9.30am— Ian John Stierl Confirmation 7pm
Thursday 11th	Exposition Mass	6pm 6.30pm— Tom Lally Scripture Course 7pm Parish Hall
Friday 12th	Mass	9.30am—John Tetlow
Saturday 13th Sunday 14th	Vigil Mass	4pm— Mary Patricia Murray 11am – Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings :- Thomas (Tommy) Toole (LD); Liam Bluett (LD); Geraldine Maer (Nee O'Neill) (LD); John McDonald; Francis Collins (A); Tom Lally (RIP); John Lally (RIP); Peter Lally (RIP); Thanksgiving for Recovery of Sickness; Patty Clancy (LD); Gwandi Henry;

Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Altar Prayer Candles W/C 7th June 2026	
The Sanctuary	Lupo Mamauag (Birthday Anniversary)
Sacred Heart	Sr Dolores
Our Lady	Anthony Scanlon

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank

Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

What’s coming up in our parish

Scripture Course

Thursday 11th June 2026 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Faith in Action (held in the Parish Hall)

Wednesday 17th June 2026 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Sunday 19th July 2026 (BBQ)

Recent deaths in our Parish

The death has occurred of **Bernadette Mulligan**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Bernadette’s Requiem Mass will be held on Monday 15th June at 10am. May she rest in peace.

The death has occurred of **Ann Fadden**. Our prayers and condolences go to her family and friends. Ann’s Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 17th June at 10am. May she rest in peace

Mass Intentions.

All the Masses up to the end of June have now been allocated. All Mass intentions received now until the end of June will be forwarded to Fr Laurence Gambella, to be said on our behalf. We will start allocating Masses again from the 1st July.

Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.

Pastoral Visits to Hospitals and Care Homes.

If you have a relative or friend who has been taken into hospital or has moved into a Care home, and requires a visit from a Catholic Priest/Chaplin for Pastoral support, please ask the Nursing staff to contact the local Hospital Catholic Chaplin or Parish Priest in that area.

For Care home visits, this would have to be carried out by the Parish Priest local to the home itself and may be outside of our parish boundaries. Homes that are in Stockport; Dukinfield and Hyde, are located in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, and unfortunately Priests from our Diocese have no authorisation in these areas.

A Man for All Seasons

We have chance for some tickets to see A Man for All Seasons at The Lowry Theatre on Saturday 7th November at 2pm. Ticket price is £38.00. Anyone who would like to place a Register of Interest in this event (this does not guarantee you a ticket) Please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Red Mission Boxes

Any Parishioner who have **Red Mission Boxes**, please bring them in to be emptied. The Mill Hill Fathers rely on the money raised from these boxes to finance their missionary work overseas and appreciate your support and generosity. The red boxes are emptied every quarter—March, June, September and December.

Lost Property; We have recently found an item of Jewellery after one of the weekend Masses, if you have lost something, please contact the parish office, with a description of your lost Item. We would like to return this to the rightful owner

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New Monthly youth Group for Yr4,5 & 6

As part of our young people's Faith in Action programme, **we will be offering a group for children in school years 4, 5 and 6.**

The group will take place monthly and be from 6:30pm until 8.30pm.

Our Faith in Action young people will run it (though there will be adult supervision as well) and it will consist of liturgy alongside games and activities.

There is a maximum of 20 places and this will be on a first come first serve basis. The dates are as follows; ; 17/06/26.

This is a lovely opportunity to allow our Faith in Action young people to develop their skills further as well as bringing the young of the Parish together.

If you are interested in your child attending or would like any further information please could you speak to Claire Cull after Sunday mass for a parental application form.



CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to everyone who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop John on Tuesday

BREAD	HEAVEN	LIVE
EVER	FLESH	DRINK
BLOOD	ETERNAL	FATHER
ANCESTORS	DEAD	ANYONE

