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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Year C – 19th June 2022

1st Reading – Genesis 14:18-20
Psalm – You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

2nd Reading – 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel – Luke 9:11-17

Today's solemnity is focusing us on the food that God has prepared for His children in order to have the strength for their journey – the Eucharist. This gift is celebrated daily in the Church, and we are invited for this sacred meal as a community to model our lives on the One whom we receive. Let us pray for a renewal of love to the Lord present in this sacrament.

1st **Holy Communion Congratulations** – This Sunday 19th June at the 11.00am Mass five children will receive their 1st Holy Communion. Congratulations to Natalia & Daniel Cooper, Lawrence & Lorelai Ellis, Ruán Wall.

Day for Life – This Sunday we are having a 2nd collection to support various organizations which work in the public square to promote the case for the protection of life from the beginning to its natural earthly end (Anscombe Centre, Right to Life, Living and Dying Well) as well as some practical projects such as Rachel's Vineyard, and homes run for pregnant mothers by Life. Thank you for your generous support.

Bible Study - Our next session will be on Thursday 23 June, 7.30-8.30 p.m., in the Friary. We will be looking at Luke 10:25-11:36, and you can find a preparation sheet at https://www.greyfriarsoxford.uk/biblestudygroup. Please read the passage beforehand and, if possible, have a look at the questions on the sheet.

Corpus Christi Procession – This Sunday 19th June at 2.30pm the procession will start from the Oratory and will end with Benediction and refreshments at the

University Chaplaincy, stopping at Blackfriars on the way for a sermon by Fr. Bob Ombres O.P. Children who have made their 1st Holy Communion this year are encouraged to wear their outfits and throw flower petals (please bring your own!). Looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Parish Social – On Saturday 25th June starting at 12noon we will be holding our parish social. As we have a number of parishioners from diverse cultural groups in the parish it would be good if we could have some food to reflect this at the Parish Social. As you leave the church, please put your name down and the dish/food you could make for us to share on the day. Please put the date in your diary and pray for good weather. If you have any photos of the church or hall for display during our social, please let us have those earlier.

World Meeting of Families June 22nd-26th – We are all invited to spiritually gather as a World Family in Christ to celebrate the joy, love, and glory that is the vocation of family life through The World Meeting of Families. Pope Francis highlights that a parish is called to be the presence of the Church in a community, providing a place where people can hear God's word, grow in discipleship, and extend themselves in love to the poor and needy, bringing families together — a place where we can pray, worship, and celebrate together (*Amoris Laetitia 87,88*). We encourage you to pick up a prayer for families from the back of the church or download it from our website and say it together at home. There will be a box on the table as you enter the church for your family petitions that we will be bringing to the altar during the offertory – please take time at home to write them down and bring them with you for next weekend.

Taizé Group - The next Taizé will be on Thursday 30 June in the Friary Chapel at 7.30 pm, for 1 hour. Taizé is a monastic community located in Taizé, France, founded in the 1940s. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, liturgical readings, and icons. Refreshments are provided afterwards and is an opportunity to build ecumenical friendships.

Peter's Pence – Next Sunday 26th June 2022 we will be having a 2nd Collection for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is the name for the financial help offered by the faithful to the Holy Father in support of his apostolic and charitable mission in favour of the universal Church and the entire world. Each donation, small or large, also has a powerful symbolic value – it is a concrete sign of communion with the Holy Father. Thank you for your generosity.

Encounter Festival $29^{th} - 31^{st}$ July 2022 – The Carmelites are inviting young people ages 25-25 for this 3-day event at the end of July. For further details please take a copy of the leaflet from the back of the church or look at the noticeboard.

On Fire! Evangelisation Conference — Young Catholic Adult Network in collaboration with Durham University (Centre for Catholic Studies) will be hosting this conference 9 — 11 September 2022. You can register for it now, please look at the poster at the back of the church for details.

Coffee mornings – A chance to catch up with your fellow parishioners is there every Sunday morning after our 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses. Everyone is welcome.

Rosary Prayer Group – We continue to say the rosary together in the parish on Fridays at 7.00 p.m. Come and pray.

Intercessory Prayer Group

If you would like us to pray for somebody or for anything else, please email GreyfriarsIntercessoryPrayer@gmail.com or phone 07384 116920. All requests will be treated in strictest confidence.

Altar Servers – If your child would like to serve at the altar during Mass, or you would like them to do so, please get in touch with the parish priest. All relevant training will be provided.

Parish Hall – If you would like to make a specific donation towards the renovation of the parish hall, please specify that you wish that donation to go for that purpose. You can write a cheque made out to Capuchin Oxford Parish, or donate via bank transfer to the Capuchin Oxford Parish Account (Acc. No. 50154109 Sort Code 60-70-03). Thank you for your support and generosity.

Church cleaning – This week we thank John and Sam for coming to clean the church. If you would like to lend a helping hand and join the rota to clean the church please get in touch.

Collection Last Week: £485.35 Gift Aid: £247

Thank you for your generosity and support of our parish, and to those of you who also contribute on-line.

Mass Times and Intentions

Sunday 19th June 2022 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

6.30 p.m. (Sat) Patrick & Martin Reilly R.I.P.

9.00 a.m. James Gallagher R.I.P.

11.00 a.m. 1st Holy Communion children

5.30 p.m. Parishioners

Monday 20th

7.30 a.m. Ruben Vlasyan R.I.P.

Tuesday 21st St. Aloysius Gonzaga

7.30 a.m. The Grantham Family

Wednesday 22nd Sts. John Fisher &

Thomas More

7.30 a.m. Freddie Barnes (new baby)

Thursday 23rd The Birth of St. John the

Baptist

7.30 a.m. Friars & Benefactors

Friday 24th

The Sacred Heart of

Jesus

7.30 a.m. Br. Lucjan's Int.

Saturday 25th

The Immaculate Heart of

Mary

8.00 a.m. Celestino Amaral R.I.P. 6.30 p.m. (Vigil) Sabrena Collins R.I.P.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturdays 11am-12noon, 5.30pm-6.15pm and by appointment.

Please pray for those members of our community who are sick, especially **Therese O'Malley, Linda Parrott, Aline Beaupiere, Margaret Corcoran, Oonagh Clarkson.** If you are aware of somebody in our community who is sick and in need of our prayers, please ask them to contact the parish or let us have their contact details.