

CORPUS CHRISTI and ST. ANNE'S

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Saturday 21st - 29th June, 2025					Second Collections
Saturday	21st	10.00am 12 noon	<u>Corpus Christi</u> St Anne's Corpus Christi	C1 First Holy Communion Mass First Holy Communion Mass	this weekend Karis Centre and parish debt
Saturday Sunday	21st 22nd	5.00pm 9.00am 11.00am	Corpus Christi St. Anne's Corpus Christi	Walter Fearick; Adrian Ward John Myler; pro populo Fr David Lloyd	next weekend Peter's Pence
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Saturday Sunday	28th 22nd	5.00pm 9.00am	<u>Ss Peter & Paul (</u> Corpus Christi St. Anne's	C1 Elsie Garvey; Pro populo Christina & Kazimir Bieliauskas; Discenza family	9am Mateusz Dabrosz; John & Adetutu. 11am Victoria Uche; Kelechi, Mary & Alphonse.
		11.00am	Corpus Christi	Kay Lewis; Edna Cox	<u>Financial Matters</u> Corpus Christi

'They all ate, and were satisfied.'

I hope we all know the pleasure of having a nice meal and sitting back pleasantly satisfied. Suddenly, life seems a lot easier! Except of course, the satisfaction doesn't last, and soon we are hungry again. Also, such a meal doesn't satisfy our deeper longings - our longings for meaning, for growth, for love, for understanding.

In today's Gospel, the people are satisfied after the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. But it isn't just their stomachs that are satisfied. They have been fed by the word of Jesus, and their minds have been opened by the miracle itself.

Holy Communion is a much greater miracle. And it follows us being nourished by the Bible. It doesn't satisfy our stomachs; it does satisfy our desire to be loved and reassured, to know that we have grown this week and have made a difference.

But the hunger for these things return, and next weekend, our desire to grow and change for the better, has grown too - ready for next week's Mass.

Life makes sense when we come to Mass every weekend wanting to be fed and wanting to change. God can do the rest. Especially you First Holy Communion children - but all of us really - never stop wanting the Eucharist to change you and to fulfil you.

QR code for contactless giving at **St Anne's**

Thank you!

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£419.50

<u>£248.80</u>

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Dear Parishioners,

This is such a big weekend for us. Corpus Christi is an important feast for the whole Church, but for us it is also one of our patronal feasts. And it looks like most parishes no longer link Corpus Christi with First Holy Communions, but it seems to me to be the right weekend to have them! And our Corpus Christi Procession. We haven't always had the hottest weather in the past, but I did think I'd over-prayed for sun when we started having this heatwave, but it looks like Sunday afternoon will be sunny but not oppressive, so come and enjoy it - and give your children something to talk about. Please get to St Anne's for 2.45pm this Sunday. Can some of you stay behind after 11am Mass this Sunday, at Corpus Christi, and help put up some marquees for half an hour?

I'm really looking forward to our First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday, as I write this. Yes, there's the stress of trying to get everything right, but there comes a point where you just have to accept you've done your best, and what will be will be. On a much more important level, it has been a great spiritual journey we've been on, as parents and children, parish and school. I think everyone has grown since January - as individuals and as families. And I know you've done well to come to all the sessions and such, but I also know that I don't know half of the difficulties that some of you have had to overcome, to keep your commitment. Well done. Your generosity is being rewarded by God - who will never be outdone giving.

Thanks to all who have helped in the preparation - especially Mary and Pat: you've both been so generous with your time and helpfulness. Thanks, also, to the schools and everyone else who has played their part in the services. And well done children - 45 of you - who have received Confession and now the Lord in Holy Communion. May you remember this day for ever - as I'm sure you will.

A big thanks to Dominic who has repaired the presbytery wall at St Anne's, then repaired all the rotten window frames in the high windows at church, and now has also refitted and cemented the path paving stones so as to avoid them being trip hazards. The parish is very grateful to you. And I promise not to nag you about any job for at least a couple of months.

It has been the saddest week I can remember for England, with our parliament permitting abortion by the woman right up to birth, whatever the reason. Babies feel pain after 10-11 weeks in the womb; we go to extraordinary lengths to successfully keep premature babies alive, even when 16 or more weeks premature; but a 40 week old baby will have no right to life in our country, until born - even if they are killed simply for being the wrong sex. Sickening. After about an hour's debate, no parliamentary scrutiny and contrary to public consultation. Democracy has also died in our country. This Bill was meant to deal with crime and punishment - not with matters of innocent life and death. And then 3 days later, we now have taken away the protection of the life of the terminally ill. Again, after a travesty of the democratic process. Labour came into existence to give a voice to the voiceless. And yet it has used its power silencing the most vulnerable. Such a betrayal. It is our country that is dying, and our parliament that is assisting it. And please don't be fooled by the arguments for compassion. No woman benefits from aborting her child. No ill person benefits from the pressure of not wanting to be a burden, being increased. Compassion helps the other through their troubles; it does not help them avoid them through death. May God have mercy on us.

CHARIS EVENING, this Friday, 27th June is our next Charis evening, 6-8pm, with Fr Benedict Skipper coming to talk to us. It's the feast of the Sacred Heart, though I think Fr Ben is talking more about the Immaculate Heart, the next day's feast - but both are good reasons to come to Mass and do a bit extra, in honour of Jesus and Mary.

We've booked a coach for our parish **JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES**, Hednesford, on Sunday 14th September. We set off at 12.30pm and return for 7pm. Places are only £10 each, and accompanied children are free. Please sign the list at the back of church, and pay. It would be nice to have to book a second coach, too!

Can anyone help on **Sat 5th July, 1pm** onwards for our **Karis Centre Furniture Clean**? We've got quite a lot of furniture and stuff from all sorts of places. We now have to sort it out, and clean some of it. Please sign up if you can - many hands make light work, and there is a lot to do!

Parish Council Retreat Day next Saturday, 10am Mass - 4pm at Princethorpe College, using Learnington Road entrance. Please bring food for shared lunch.

Please pray for all who have died recently, especially Kathy Williams, whose funeral is at Corpus Christi on Tuesday 8th July 10.30am, and Kay Lewis. May they rest in peace. Please pray for their families also.

Yours in the Body of Christ,



Prayer to St Michael to protect the Church, our parish and our churches Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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