



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON, MIDDLE BARTON,  
RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022  
Sunday Readings: Year C

CORPUS CHRISTI  
Divine Office Week IV

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the parish: Paula Biggs, George Huxley, Johanna, Hugh P

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

All welcome at all Masses

Dear Parishioners,

Today we have the joy of celebrating the lovely Feast which many older parishioners will easily remember as 'Corpus Christi' from the Latin title. A strong emphasis was given to the Feast in the Middle Ages when some Christians were inclined to deny the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament. It gradually developed into more visible forms of affirming Catholic belief through a rich adornment of altars and public manifestations such as the Corpus Christi processions which are still held in Italy, Spain, and other historic Catholic countries.

In the readings for this year's Feast we have the unusual figure of Melchizedek presenting his offering of bread and wine as a thanksgiving to God for Abram's (later Abraham) victory in battle. He is remembered in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer 1) of the Mass. The Gospel gives us the account of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand with just five loaves and two fish. Significantly, the scraps left over fill twelve baskets. The number twelve is a sign of 'completion' and 'fulfilment'. The idea surely comes to mind that we are being fed abundantly in the Eucharist. The short extract from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians, a rare description of the Eucharist outside the Gospels, is a strong reminder that as we celebrate Mass together we are proclaiming the death of the Lord. The Second Vatican Council reaffirmed that the Mass is both a 'sacrifice' and a 'meal' in one and the same act of worship.

In honouring the gift of the Eucharist in a special way today, let us pray with a deep longing that the fruits of our celebration of Mass together may become deep-rooted in our Christian lives. May we be more authentic disciples of the Lord.

Father Tony

**Day for Life.** Today is being observed as a Day of Prayer to celebrate and uphold the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. There is a **Second Collection** today to assist the work of the Church in this area. We also keep in prayer today all fathers and thank them for the vital part they have in their families.

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday 20 June**

**St Alban, Martyr**

**Mass 9.30**

**Tuesday 21 June**

**St Aloysius Gonzaga**

**Mass 9.30**

**Wednesday 22 June**

**Ss John Fisher, Bishop, and**

**Thomas More, Martyrs**

**Mass 9.30**

**Thursday 23 June**

**Nativity of John the Baptist**

**Mass 9.30**

**Friday 24 June**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Mass 9.30**

Saturday 25 June

Immaculate Heart of Mary

NO MASS TODAY

**Sunday 26 June**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**

**Time**

**Mass 9.15am**

**ALL WELCOME**

*For Confession at*

*St. Teresa's, please contact*

*SFr.Clive.*

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**have any concerns regarding**

**safe-guarding please contact**

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