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22 nd June 2025 Psalter Week 4	The Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)		
First Reading	Genesis 14:18-20 <i>‘He offered bread and wine.’</i>		
Responsorial Psalm	You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek		
Second Reading	1 St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26 <i>‘For as often as you eat and drink, you proclaim the Lord’s death.’</i>		
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia!		
Gospel	Luke 9:11b-17 <i>‘All ate and were satisfied.’</i>		
Saturday 21 st June +	6.00pm 6.30pm	Confessions Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday 22 nd June +	10.30am 11.30am	Mass – (Annie Doyle RIP – 1 st Anniversary) Corpus Christi Procession	
Monday 23 rd June St Etheldreda – Virgin	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Errol Vertanness RIP)	
Tuesday 24 th June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.00am 9.30am 11.15am	Adoration with Confession Mass - (Tom Moore RIP) Funeral Service – Richard Parkhouse RIP	
Wednesday 25 th June St Cadoc – Abbot		No Parish Mass Today	
Thursday 26 th June Feria	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Andrew Moriarity RIP)	
Friday – 27 th June THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	7.00pm	Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Saturday – 28 th June St Irenaeus of Lyons – Bishop & Martyr	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration with Confession Mass – (Shirley de Hoedt Ints)	
Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles			
Saturday – 28 th June +	6.30pm	Vigil Mass – (Pro Populo)	
Sunday – 29 th June +	10.30am	Mass – (Karen Creed Ints.)	

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND – PETER'S PENCE

Peter's Pence (or *Denarii Sancti Petri* - "Alms of St Peter") are donations made directly to the Holy See. Pope Leo XIV encourages us to be as generous as we are able.

Thank you for your Weekly Offering	
Offertory	£349.73
Digital Collection Plate	£75.00
Standing Orders	£502.00
TOTAL	£926.73



Month of June Dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion is a way to honour the love and compassion symbolized by Jesus' heart. The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on **Friday 27th June**. During the month of June Fr Biju is offering to visit and bless your home if you wish. Please speak directly to Fr Biju to arrange this.

"In contemplating the heart of Jesus, we encounter not just a symbol but a relationship, one that calls us to trust, dialogue, and friendship."

Pope Francis



Bishop Emeritus Rt Rev Peter Doyle

On Saturday of this week, 28th June, we celebrate the episcopal ordination in 2005 of Mgr Peter Doyle as the 12th Bishop of Northampton. On this anniversary we thank God for the great love and care that Bishop Peter bestowed on our Diocese. Please do keep Bishop Emeritus Peter in your prayers thanking God for his continued ministry.

Ad multos annos



Thank you to the many people who have entered the 100 club. Everyone should have received confirmation of their colour/number combination by now. If you did not give an email address there is a letter for you at the back of the church. Good luck for the first draw on the 6th July. Thank you again for supporting this parish fundraiser.



Sea Sunday – Sea Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, 13th July 2025**. It is a day to pray for seafarers and fishers and to thank them for the vital role they play in our lives. A second collection will be held over the weekend **14th/15th July** in support of Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of the Sea) the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This support is essential to continue their mission both in the UK and globally.



Altar Servers – We are looking to recruit some young members of our parish to join our team of Altar Servers and are appealing especially to those who recently received their First Holy Communion. Altar Servers play a very important part in the Church's Liturgy enabling us all, Priests, Deacons, and the Laity to worthily celebrate the Mass. Full training will be given to you. If you are interested, please speak to either Fr Biju or Deacon Peter.



The Becket Festival and 175th Anniversary Celebration

Join us at Northampton Cathedral on **Saturday 5th July** for a special celebration marking the 175th anniversary of the Diocese of Northampton and the Feast of the Translation of the Relics of ST Thomas Becket. The day will begin with **Mass at 12 noon** followed by the annual **Becket Lecture at 3pm** delivered this year by Fr Andrew Coy on the theme "Becket: A Saint for Europe". The day will conclude with the celebration of Vespers.



Marriage and Family Life – Annual Mass – Bishop David will celebrate the Annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life on **Saturday 6th September 2025 at 12 noon, at Northampton Cathedral**. All are welcome. If you are celebrating a special anniversary this year, please contact Sam at: <https://northamptondiocese.org/mfl-2/>



The Diocese of Northampton is delighted to announce a special pilgrimage to France, led by Bishop David Oakley, from **Sunday 19th to Friday 24th October 2025**.

The pilgrimage marks the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in Paray-le-Monial between 1673 and 1675.

Pilgrims will journey through several sacred sites in France, each rich in Catholic heritage and spirituality. Highlights include:

- **Paray-le-Monial:** The site of the Sacred Heart apparitions, including visits to the Chapelle des Apparitions and the relics of St Margaret Mary.
- **Nevers:** Home to the incorrupt body of St Bernadette Soubirous, visionary of Lourdes.
- **Ars-sur-Formans:** Visiting the shrine of St John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.
- **Cluny:** The heart of medieval monastic reform in the West.
- **Taizé:** The world-famous ecumenical community known for prayer, silence, and reconciliation.

Further details can be found: <https://northamptondiocese.org/news/>

'If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion.'

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Corpus Christi Sunday – Reflection

From Fr Biju's desk... **Corpus Christi Sunday** is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel*— God with us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “*Real Presence*” on Jesus — Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity under the appearances of bread and wine — so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist.

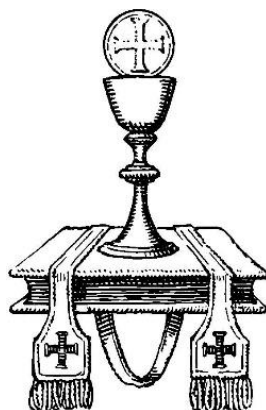
We believe in the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because:

- **Firstly** - Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000.
- **Secondly** - Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper.
- **Thirdly** - Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory.
- **Finally** - we know that “*Nothing is impossible for God.*”

We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by *transubstantiation* which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of the risen Jesus’ glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its accidents like colour, shape, taste etc., remain the same.

Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a *sacramental banquet* and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God’s grace and God’s life and, as a Meal, the Eucharist nourishes our souls. As a sacrifice, the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection. We offer Jesus’ sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

Every time we come and participate at the Holy Mass, let us all renew our faith and commitment to the Lord in what He has shown and given us through the Most Holy Eucharist. And let us be the worthy bearers of His truth and love by living our lives in the manner that He has taught us to do, now and always. Amen



With our love and prayers, Fr Biju, and Deacon Peter