

# St Gregory's Bulletin

## 'Rebuild my Church .... Rebuild the Community'

Mass intentions: Fr Martin will be saying mass each day for our intentions. Please phone or text a message leaving your mass intentions to Fr Martin on 07754 057074

Saturday 18 June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	6pm	
Sunday 19 June <i>Corpus Christi</i>	8:30am	Mrs Higgins RIP (Anne O'Kearney)
<b>Fathers Day</b>	10:30am	People of the Parish
Monday 20 June <i>St Alban</i> <i>World Refugee Day</i>	10am	Joe Joseph birthday (J and M Joseph)
Tuesday 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10am	
Wednesday 22 June <i>Sts John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	<b>NO MASS</b>	
Thursday 23 June <i>The Birthday of St John the Baptist</i> <i>St Joseph Cafasso</i>	10am	
Friday 24 June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	<b>12 noon</b>	
Saturday 25 June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i> <i>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	6pm	Barbara Crack and family (birthday)
Sunday 26 June <i>13th Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	Dermot O'Connor birthday (C O'Connor)

### Corpus Christi: Sharing the Eucharist: Communion to the Sick and Housebound

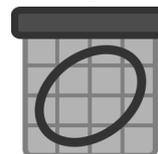
If you have a family member, relative, neighbour or friend who is unable to come to Mass and who would like a communion visit from Fr Martin over the next few months, or a regular communion visit from one of our Eucharistic Ministers, please let Fr Martin or Liz know.

### Corpus Christi: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Beginning this week, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, there will be the opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday before Mass at 11.30am. This will be an opportunity for quiet prayer.

We will have this opportunity each week, except during Lent when we will pray the Stations of the Cross, and during May and October when we will pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

### Dates for your diary



**Saturday 18 June:** 1st Communion celebration

**Fridays (starting 24 June):** 11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sunday 26 June:** 10.30 Mass; prayer for our Confirmation Candidates

**Friday 1 July:** Confirmation celebration in St Alban's at 7pm



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# Parish News



## Reflection from Fr Martin

These last 3 weeks we have celebrated major Feasts of the church: Pentecost, the Trinity and today, Corpus Christi. While many of the liturgical practices of old – processions and devotions - may have dwindled, these feasts remain central to the life of the church. They all point to God's abiding presence among us, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the essence of the Trinity, and the great gift of the Eucharist. They are all expressions of God's amazing love for each of us.

The extract of the letter from the Bishops' Conference which we shared last week made it very clear that the Eucharist is at the heart of the church's identity and practice. Week by week we gather to worship, to pray and to share in the Eucharist; the greatest gift of all – God's very self.

In today's Gospel Jesus feeds the 5000 in a miraculous way from only 5 loaves and 2 fish. In this miracle Jesus fulfils their every need and exceeds their expectations. This miracle reflects the generosity of Jesus towards others. It is the same generosity which he shows at the Last Supper, 'This is my body' and on the cross, his ultimate act of self-giving love.

On this Feast of Corpus Christi we give thanks for the continued presence of God in our lives, for the great gift of the Eucharist which we can receive so frequently. One of the painful consequences of the pandemic lockdowns was not being able to gather and share and receive the Eucharist; all the more reason to cherish it now.

And as we share the Body of Christ week by week, we are challenged to go out and BE the body of Christ for others by lives of loving service.

Fr Martin

## First Holy Communion

Some of the children received their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion last week (see photo below) in a very beautiful and prayerful celebration; thanks to all involved in church and with the catering in the hall.

Please pray for our children who are receiving First Holy Communion this weekend. (Names to the right)

Congratulations to them, and a big 'Thank you' to their families and prayer sponsors who have supported them during the preparation, and especially to Barbara, Carol and Anne for their hard work and dedication over many months.



## Launch of St Gregory's Fundraising Campaign

Our fundraising campaign is off to a very positive and encouraging start; thank you to those who have already made or pledged a contribution. Green 'pledge cards' are available at the back of church.

Please note that the full name of new account is **SRCDT-St Gregory Fundraising Account**. Thank you for your generosity!



## Congratulations

Sophie Ashworth  
David Chima-Ekwelem  
Alex Cooke  
Charlotte Cooke  
Eris Cooper  
Thalia Cooper  
Georgia Grundy  
Ellis Houghton  
Daisy Howarth  
Matty Kyle  
Mia Lifford  
Kieran Olwenge  
Oisín Potter  
Sophia Ryan  
Charlie Stocker