

Corpus Christi Church, Clifton Mass/Service Times 8th - 15th September 2024

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Parish Newsletter 23rd Week of Ordinary Time

Corpus Christi, Southchurch Drive, Clifton and Our Lady & St Patrick's, Launder Street, The Meadows

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Date	Holy Mass/ Services	Other Events
Saturday 7th September 23rd Sunday of the Year Education Day - Day of Special Prayer for Education	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Audrey Whitt - 1st Anniversary	
Sunday 8th September 23rd Sunday of the Year Education Day	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish Day of Special Prayer for Education	
Monday 9th September Feria	6.30 pm Adoration 7.00 pm Mass: Mass of Induction & Welcome for Fr David Pitak Bithu SCJ Mass Intention: Dr William Black RIP	Refreshments in the Narthex afterwards
Tuesday 10th September Feria	9.00 am Mass: Service of Word & Communion	
Thursday 12th September Feria	9.00 am Mass: Service of Word & Communion	
Friday 13th September Feria	9.00 am Service of Word & Communion	If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code for CC Church
Saturday 14th September 24th Sunday of the Year	5.30 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Mass: Shaun Wallace RIP - 3rd Anniversary	
Sunday 15th September 24th Sunday of the Year	10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish	

Our Lady & St Patricks, Meadows, Mass/Service Times 8th - 15th September 2024



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Sunday 8th September 23rd Sunday of the Year Education Day - Day of Special Prayer for Education	9.00 am Mass: Eleonora Madu - Thanksgiving for exam success	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Wednesday 11th September Feria	9.30 am Adoration 10.00 am Service of Word & Communion	Coffee & Tea after the morning Mass.
Saturday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)	9.30 am NO CONFESSIONS 10.00 am NO MASS	 If you would like to make a donation, to the Church please scan the QR code.
Sunday 15th September 24th Sunday of the Year	9.00 am Mass: Nebert Archived RIP	

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This Sunday, 8th September, is Education Day, a Day of Special Prayer for Education. We are joined by the pupils of St Patrick's and Blessed Robert Widmerpool Schools who will be reading the Bidding Prayers this weekend.

The Season of Creation continues with a short service of prayer organised by Mark Heining this weekend 7th & 8th September, with readings and reflections, starting 30 minutes before each Mass. Anyone who wants to contribute will be welcome!

We are trying to obtain more Season of Creation Prayer Cards which will be made available in both Churches and the Prayer will be said at the end of weekday Masses during the Season of Creation, instead of the Synod Prayer.

Please take the Newsletter home with you, as there is a lot of important information in it and we don't want to waste paper or money. Let's save some trees in this Season of Creation.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, for the Twenty-third Sunday of the Year: Christian prayer is born from the realization that the "other" we are seeking has been revealed in the tender face of Jesus, who teaches us to call God "Father", and wants personally to enter into relationship with us. In his farewell discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus no longer calls his disciples servants but friends. We see Jesus' unconditional love on Calvary. This is the burning heart of every Christian prayer: entrusting ourselves to the loving and merciful arms of our heavenly Father.

To read the full reflection and find more resources at [dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer](http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer)  
Mass of Induction and Welcome for Fr David: this will be held this Monday, 9th September 2024 at 7.00 pm at Corpus Christi Church. Canon John Kyne, Vicar General, will lead the Mass. Please come along to show your support for Fr David. Refreshments will be available in the Narthex afterwards.

Details of the First Holy Communion Programmes for 2024-25 and application forms are available after Masses this weekend at both Churches. The closing date for applications is Monday, 30th September 2024 at 5.00 pm. The children will make their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday, 17th May 2025 in both Churches.

Congratulations to Mathew Allcoat & Lisa Bracey who were married by Fr David this Saturday, 7th September 2024. We wish them every happiness in their married life together. Next weekend, 14th & 15th September, Masses will be said by SCJ Priests from Olton while Fr Pitak has a well-deserved holiday. He is away from 10th to 20th September inclusive.

The Sacred Heart Fathers & Brothers Annual Sponsored Walk will take place this year on Saturday, 28th September 2024 and is being hosted by the Community at Olton, Solihull. The start time will be 1 pm and everyone will start together. If you would like to sponsor our Nottingham Father & Brothers, sponsor sheets will be available after weekend Masses. If you would like to join in and do the walk, you will be most welcome. Proceeds are for the Sacred Heart Missions. Maps of the route will be available shortly.

The Mary Potter Heritage Centre is excited to be part of this year's Heritage Open Days, and all are welcome to visit the Mary Potter Heritage Centre at 32 Regent Street, Nottingham NG1 5BT, on Saturday 14th September, between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn and explore the life and Mission of Venerable Mary Potter through the interactive screens, quotations, and artefacts.



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**The Pope's Monthly Intention, September 2024:** Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

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**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: Synod Synthesis: PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH, 4. People in Poverty, Protagonists of the Church's Journey Convergences: Matters for Consideration j) Prophetic denunciation of situations of injustice, on the one hand, and efforts to persuade policy makers to act for the common good, which require recourse to diplomacy, on the other, must be maintained in a dynamic tension so as not to lose a clear focus or fruitfulness. In particular, care must be taken to ensure that the use of public or private funds by Church bodies does not limit freedom to speak up for the demands of the Gospel.**

Please remember Fr Wilfred in your prayers. He is working for the SCJ Order in India and will return in October.

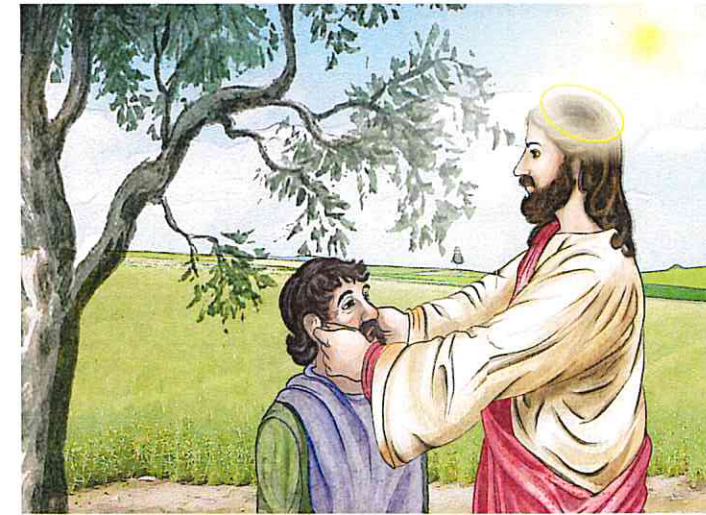
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults course, (RCIA) will begin again in September. It is held weekly on a Thursday at Corpus Christi Church and follows the Sycamore programme where the Catholic faith is explored through study, exploration and faith sharing. Everyone is welcome including adults currently not baptised in the Catholic faith and wish to know more, baptised Catholics who wish to receive the sacraments of confirmation and Holy Eucharist and Catholic Parishioners who would like to continue their learning of the faith. Please contact Catherine, the parish secretary, by 8th September. by email [secretaryccolsp@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryccolsp@gmail.com), to register your interest and receive further information Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you in September.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) is for any children over 7 who are not baptised with at least one parent who is a baptised Catholic. They need to attend a weekly class at the Cathedral which starts at the end of September. For the RCIC, you need to contact Alison Lokes at St Barnabas Cathedral on 0115 953 9839.

St Mary's College, Oscott, near Birmingham has been training Catholic priests to serve the community in this country for over 200 years. We have arranged a trip to Oscott College, for a guided tour of the Pugin architecture by resident Seminarians. A coach will be leaving the Cathedral at 1.30pm on Sunday 29th September, and expecting to return at around 7.15pm. Tea and cake is available during the afternoon. The visit will conclude in the Chapel with Evening Prayer with the college community at 5.30pm. This ends at 5.50pm. You will then have an opportunity to purchase any souvenirs, before departure at 6.10pm. Numbers are limited, so if you would like to attend, please contact the Cathedral Office (0115 953 9839 xtn 7) as soon as possible. The cost of the event is £20.00 per person, and places will be reserved when payment is received.

The Bishop is inviting Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to participate in Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage on Saturday 14th September at Oscott College, Birmingham. A Nottingham diocesan coach will depart at 9am, returning at 7pm, probably from Corpus Christi, Clifton. Cost is £10 per person. The day will include Mass (celebrated by Cardinal Nichols), Eucharistic talks and activities, a National Eucharistic Procession. Those wishing to attend should let Father Simon Gillespie know by the end of this weekend ([simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk))

The next Baptism Course will take place on Saturday, 12th October at Our Lady & St Patrick's Church from 10.45 am to 12 noon. If one parent is a baptised Catholic, then your child can be baptised in the Catholic Church up to the age of 7. Please complete a Baptism Application Form (available at the back of both Churches) and hand it in to Fr David. You will then be put on the list for the course and the Parish Secretary will contact you shortly. You will be asked to provide proof of your Baptism. OLSF Foodbank urgently needs supplies. Please donate in the basket at the back of OLSF Church.



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**  
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**COLLECT**  
O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**FIRST READING**  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.  
*The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.* 35:4-7  
Say to all faint hearts,

‘Courage! Do not be afraid.  
Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps. 14**  
My soul, give praise to the Lord.  
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.

2 It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.

3 The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. R.

**SECOND READING**  
A reading from the letter of St. James.  
*God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.* 2:1-5  
My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats;’ then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?  
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose to be rich in faith and to be heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.  
The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**  
The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.* 7:31-37  
Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears, and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**  
O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**ANTIPHON AT COMMUNION**  
*Ps. 14* Like the deer that yearns for running streams,  
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;  
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.