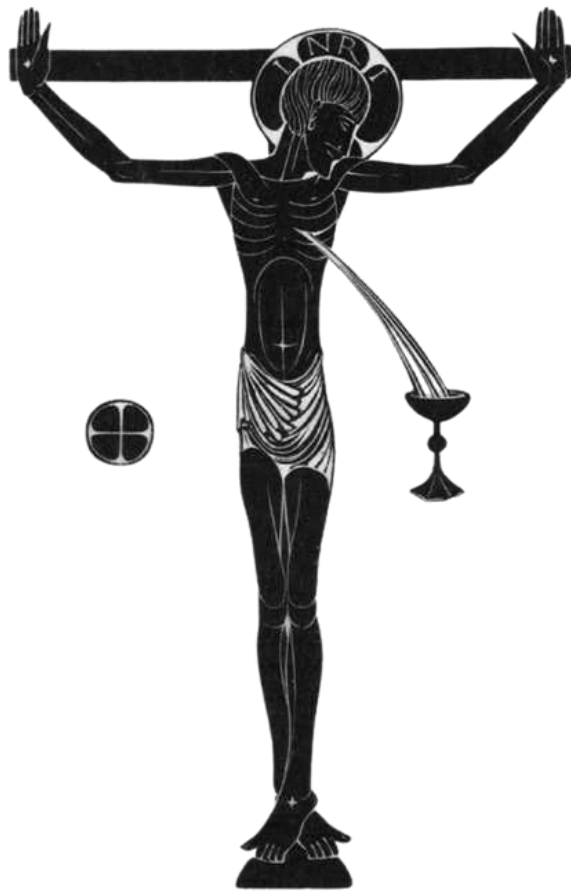


ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

# CORPUS CHRISTI

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



**HIGH MASS, PROCESSION  
& BENEDICTION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

6.30pm | Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> June | 2026



§ *All stand.*

ALLELUYA, sing to Jesus,  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluya, his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation,  
Hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluya, not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluya, he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluya, Bread of Angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluya, here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day;  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluya, King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of lords we own;  
Alleluya, born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic Feast.

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*He fed them with finest wheat, alleluia; and satisfied them with honey from the rock, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Psalm 81.17*

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against thee and against our neighbour, in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are heartily sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve thee in newness of life to the glory of thy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, ☩ pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

*Kyrie eleison; Christe eleison; Kyrie eleison.*

§ *The celebrant intones the Gloria. All sit.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## MISSA AETERNA CHRISTI MUNERA

G. P. da Palestrina, c.1525-1594

## THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank thee that in this wonderful sacrament thou hast given us a memorial of thy passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy body & blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of thy redemption; who livest & reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

§ *All sit.*

### FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 8.2-3; 14-16*

Moses spoke to the people: remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALMODY *147.12-20*

*Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem: praise thy God, O Sion. For he hath made fast the bars of thy gates: and hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders: and filleth thee with the flour of wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: and his word runneth very swiftly. He giveth snow like wool: and scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who is able to abide his frost? He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he bloweth with his wind, and the waters flow. He sheweth his word unto Jacob: his statutes and ordinances unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: neither have the heathen knowledge of his laws.*

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 10.16-17*

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

§ *All stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *St John 6.51-58*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*My Flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed: he that eateth my Flesh and drinketh my Blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.’ The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ So Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

§ *All sit.*

HOMILY

Fr David Houlding, SSC

§ *All stand to sing the Creed.*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heav'n and earth, and of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav'n, *and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,* and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures, and ascended into heav'n, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ. In one Spirit we were baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for the peace, and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

§ *All sit.*

### MOTET AVE VERUM CORPUS

W. A. Mozart, 1756-1791

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary; truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind; from whose pierced side water and blood flowed; be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death.*

§ *All stand.*

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at thy hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

We beseech thee, O Lord: that like as we in these our oblations do show forth in a mystery the unity and concord of thy Church; so thou wouldest ever mercifully bestow upon her these thy blessings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **It is meet and right so to do.**

§ *The celebrant sings the preface.*

### SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory, Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

§ *All kneel. The Canon of the Mass follows.*

Great is the Mystery of Faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

§ *The Canon concludes:*

O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

### THE COMMUNION RITE

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. [x2]*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.*

§ *During the Agnus, the celebrant shows the consecrated host to the people:*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

§ *Anyone baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity may receive Holy Communion.*

*Low-gluten hosts are available at the Lady Altar.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord, alleluia. St John 6.57*

§ *Kneel or sit to sing.*

**O BREAD of heaven beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal;  
My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail;  
I love Thee and adoring kneel;  
Each loving soul by thee is fed  
With thine own self in form of bread.**

**O food of life, thou who dost give  
The pledge of immortality;  
I live; no, 'tis not I that live;  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, he guides my ways,  
And every grief with joy repays.**

**O bond of love, that dost unite  
The servant to his living Lord;  
Could I dare live, and not requite  
Such love then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasured love.**

**Beloved Lord in heaven above,  
There, Jesus, thou awaitest me;  
To gaze on thee with changeless love,  
Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:  
For how can he deny me heaven  
Who here on earth himself hath given?**

St Alphonsus Liguori, 1696-1787

Tr Edmund Vaughan, 1827-1908

**TYNEMOUTH**

Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All praise be to thee, our God and Father, for that thou hast fed us with the bread of heaven and hast quenched our thirst from the true vine: grant that we, being grafted into Christ, may grow together in unity and be partakers of his heavenly feast; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE PROCESSION

*§ As the procession is marshalled, a motet is sung by the choir.*

#### MOTET O SACRUM CONVIVIUM

Giovanni Croce, 1557-1609

*O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed; the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia!*

Let us proceed in peace.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LAUD, O Sion, thy salvation,  
Laud with hymns of exultation  
Christ, thy King and Shepherd true:  
Spend thyself, his honour raising,  
Who surpasseth all thy praising;  
Never canst thou reach his due.**

*Blessed and praised be Jesus Christ*

*In the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

Sing today, the mystery showing  
Of the living, life bestowing  
Bread from heaven before thee set;  
E'en the same of old provided,  
Where the Twelve, divinely guided,  
At the holy Table met. *Blessed and praised...*

Full and clear ring out thy chanting,  
Joy nor sweetest grace be wanting  
To thy heart and soul today;  
When we gather up the measure  
Of that Supper and its treasure,  
Keeping feast in glad array. *Blessed and praised...*

Lo, the new King's Table gracing,  
This new Passover of blessing  
Hath fulfilled the elder rite:  
Now the new the old effaceth,  
Truth revealed the shadow chaseth,  
Day is breaking on the night. *Blessed and praised...*

What he did at Supper seated,  
Christ ordained to be repeated,  
His memorial ne'er to cease:  
And, his word for guidance taking,  
Bread and wine we hallow, making  
Thus our Sacrifice of peace. *Blessed and praised...*

This the truth to Christians given -  
Bread becomes his Flesh from heaven,  
Wine becomes his holy Blood.  
Doth it pass thy comprehending?  
Yet by faith, thy sight transcending,  
Wondrous things are understood. *Blessed and praised...*

Yea, beneath these signs are hidden  
Glorious things to sight forbidden:  
Look not on the outward sign.  
Wine is poured and Bread is broken,  
But in either sacred token  
Christ is here by power divine. *Blessed and praised...*

Whoso of this Food partaketh,  
Christ divideth not nor breaketh:  
He is whole to all that taste.  
Whether one this bread receiveth,  
Or a thousand, still he giveth  
One same Food that cannot waste. *Blessed and praised...*

Good and evil men are sharing  
One repast, an end preparing  
Varied as the heart of man;  
Life or death shall be awarded,  
As their days have been recorded  
Which from their beginning ran. *Blessed and praised...*

St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

LAUDA, SION SALVATOREM

GUIDE me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me now and evermore; feed me now...

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing spring doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my strength and shield; be thou...

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

William Williams, 1717-1791

CWM RHONDDA

John Hughes, 1873-1932

SOUL of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
Wash me with water flowing from his side.

Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
In death's dread moments make me only thine;  
Call me and bid me come to thee on high  
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Latin, 14<sup>th</sup> century

ANIMA CHRISTI

William Maher, 1823-1877

COME, sing the praise of Jesus,  
Sing his love with hearts aflame,  
Sing his wondrous birth of Mary  
When to save the world he came;  
Tell the life he lived for others,  
And his mighty deeds proclaim,  
For Jesus Christ is King:

*Praise and glory be to Jesus, praise and glory be to Jesus,  
Praise and glory be to Jesus, for Jesus Christ is King!*

When foes arose and slew him  
He was victor in the fight;  
Over death and hell he triumphed  
In his Resurrection might;  
He has raised our fallen manhood  
And enthroned it in the height,  
For Jesus Christ is King: *Praise and glory...*

There's joy for all who serve him,  
More than human tongue can say;  
There is pardon for the sinner,  
And the night is turned to day;  
There is healing for our sorrows,  
There is music all the way,  
For Jesus Christ is King: *Praise and glory...*

We witness to his beauty  
And we spread his love abroad,  
And we cleave the hosts of darkness  
With the Spirit's piercing sword;  
We will lead the souls in prison  
To the freedom of the Lord,  
For Jesus Christ is King: *Praise and glory...*

To Jesus be the glory,  
The dominion and the praise;  
He is Lord of all creation,  
He is guide of all our ways;  
And the world shall be his empire  
In the fullness of the days,  
For Jesus Christ is King:

*Praise and glory be to Jesus, praise and glory be to Jesus,  
Praise and glory be to Jesus, for Jesus Christ is King!*

**WE HAVE a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for men in all the earth,  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

**Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
Not in a royal house or hall,  
But in a stable dark and dim:  
The Word made flesh, a light for all.**

**Tell of his death at Calvary,  
Hated by those he came to save,  
In lonely suffering on the cross:  
For all he loved, his life he gave.**

**Tell of that glorious Easter morn,  
Empty the tomb, for he was free:  
He broke the power of death and hell  
That we might share his victory.**

**Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified:  
He sends his Spirit on his Church,  
To live for him, the Lamb who died.**

**Now we rejoice to name his King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim;  
We sing his glory, tell his worth.**

Edward J. Burns, b. 1938

**FULDA**

William Gardiner, 1770-1853

**WE HAIL thy presence glorious, O Christ our great High Priest,  
O'er sin and death victorious, at thy thanksgiving feast:  
As thou art interceding for us in heaven above,  
Thy church on earth is pleading thy perfect work of love.**

Through thee in every nation thine own their hearts upraise,  
Offering one pure oblation, one sacrifice of praise:  
With thee in blest communion the living and the dead  
Are joined in closest union, one Body and one Head.  
O living bread from heaven, Jesu, our Saviour good,  
Who thine own self hast given to be our souls' true food;  
For us thy body broken hung on the cross of shame:  
This bread its hallowed token, we break in thy dear name.  
O stream of love unending, poured from the one true vine,  
With our weak nature blending the strength of life divine;  
Our thankful faith confessing in thy life-blood outpoured,  
We drink this cup of blessing and praise thy name, O Lord.

Richard Parsons, 1882-1948

OFFERTORIUM

Michael Haydn, 1737-1806

*§ The procession regroups at the courtyard gates.  
The organ playover announces the final hymn,  
as the Blessed Sacrament enters the church. All follow.*

LORD, enthroned in heavenly splendour,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
Thou alone, our strong defender,  
Liftest up thy people's head.  
Alleluya, alleluya, Jesu, true and living Bread!  
Here our humblest homage pay we;  
Here in loving reverence bow;  
Here for Faith's discernment pray we,  
Lest we fail to know thee now.  
Alleluya, alleluya, thou art here, we ask not how.  
Though the lowliest form doth veil thee  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there thine angels hail thee,  
Branch and Flower of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluya, alleluya, we in worship join with them.

**Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished  
Once for all when thou wast slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall for evermore remain,  
Alleluya, alleluya, cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,  
Stricken Rock with streaming side,  
Heaven and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship thee, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluya, alleluya, risen, ascended, glorified!**

G.H. Bourne, 1840-1925

**ST HELEN**

George Martin, 1844-1916

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

§ *All kneel.*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

**Blessed, praised and hallowed, be Jesus Christ upon his throne  
of glory, and in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. [x3]**

### **TANTUM ERGO**

George Henschel, 1850-1934

*Therefore we, before him bending, this great Sacrament revere;  
Types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here;  
Faith, our outward sense befriending, makes the inward vision clear.*

*Glory let us give, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
Honour, might, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run;  
Ever too his love confessing, who from both with both is One. Amen.*

St Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274

George Henschel, 1850-1934

Thou gavest them bread from heaven.  
**Containing within itself all sweetness.**

O Jesus, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, teach all nations to serve you with a willing heart. May your sacrament, O Jesus, be light to the mind, strength to the will, joy to the heart. May it be the support for the weak, comfort for the suffering, the wayfaring bread of salvation for the dying, and, for all, the pledge of future glory. **Amen.**

*§ Benediction is given. All then repeat the Divine Praises after the officiant:*

**Blessed be God.**

**Blessed be his holy Name.**

**Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.**

**Blessed be the Name of Jesus.**

**Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.**

**Blessed be his most Precious Blood.**

**Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.**

**Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete.**

**Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.**

**Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.**

**Blessed be her glorious Assumption.**

**Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.**

**Blessed be Saint Joseph, her spouse most chaste.**

**Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.**

*Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament.*

**O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.**

**For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end.**

**Amen.**

*§ All stand when the bell rings.*

**Let us adore, for ever, the most holy Sacrament.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY FINAL**

*From Symphony No.6*

**Charles-Marie Widor, 1844-1937**



# ALL SAINTS' MARGARET STREET

**11am High Mass**

Rachmaninoff Mass in Bb

*Preacher*

Bishop Rowan Williams

**1pm Lectures**

Professor Iain Quinn

Professor Geoffrey Norris

**6pm Evensong & Benediction**

*with music inspired by Rachmaninoff*

# RACHMANINOFF FESTIVAL

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

*Welcome all to All Saints' – especially to those visiting us for the first time.  
Please join us for refreshments after Benediction.*

*Thank you to all those who have contributed to tonight's liturgy, especially to the  
couple, both of them Friends of All Saints', Margaret Street,  
who have kindly sponsored the music.*



*Collection is taken using this QR code, or the card machine at the back of church.*

## **RACHMANINOFF FESTIVAL SUNDAY**

Join us for our Rachmaninoff Festival this coming **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June:**  
a day celebration our Parish's connections with the great composer.

8.30am Low Mass; 11am High Mass

Preacher: **Lord Williams of Oystermouth**

Rachmaninoff | Glinka | Schumann

1pm Lectures by **Professors Iain Quinn & Geoffrey Norris**

5.15 Low Mass; 6pm Evensong & Benediction

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