

19th century French Corpus Christi

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Height: 50 cm (19.7")

Width: 36 cm (14.2")

Depth: 9 cm (3.5")

Description

A 19th century French carved boxwood Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi carvings are intricate religious artworks that depict the crucifixion of Christ, often created in wood, stone, or ivory. Originating in medieval Europe, these carvings were central to Catholic devotion, symbolising the body of Christ celebrated during the feast of Corpus Christi.

Artists emphasised realism and emotion, portraying Christ's suffering with detailed expressions and anatomical precision to inspire empathy and piety. Many carvings adorned altarpieces, processional crosses, and church interiors, serving as focal points for worship and reflection.

Today, surviving examples are preserved in museums and cathedrals, offering insight into medieval craftsmanship, theology, and the enduring power of Christian art.