



Newsletter

22nd May, 2022

6th SUNDAY of EASTER

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday some of our children will be making their first holy communion. This is an important moment in their lives. It is one of those “*rites of passage*” in our lives which mark the stages of our growing up, an important moment for them and their families. Many of us will have a memory of our own first holy communions, even if a bit hazy and distant. I realise that this is probably the 60th anniversary of my own first holy communion.



However, there is much more to first holy communion than that. It means that they become more fully part of the Church whose identity is expressed in full participation in the Eucharist. We are baptised into the death and resurrection of Jesus and in Holy Communion we receive his body and blood given for us on the cross. As we celebrate the Eucharist in obedience to the command, “*Do this in memory of me*”, we receive the new life of

Christ.

Receiving the body and blood of Christ also has implications for our lives. We cannot simply remain as we are. It is not simply passive. We are called to go and bring that mystery we have received to our world by the way that we live. One of the formulas at the end of Mass is “Go in peace, glorifying God by your life”. Already these children are called to live as Christian children, showing the love of Christ to those around them. In Confirmation they will receive the Holy Spirit and be sent out to proclaim the Good News of Christ to the world.

Let us pray for our children but let this also be an occasion to reflect on what participating fully in the Eucharist and receiving the body and blood of Christ means for us. Let us treasure this wonderful gift and let it shape our own lives.



Most of the Covid 19 restrictions have now been removed but you are encouraged to continue to use face coverings, sanitizer, and social distancing when in the church.



Metanoia Project

Metanoia Project's **Drop In for the homeless** is looking for volunteers. The Drop In runs 6.30 -8pm every Wednesday evening in St Wilfrid's Church.

The volunteers assist in setting up and tidying away the space, providing refreshments, assigning the needed clothing or toiletries, as well as spending time listening and talking with the people, so they are reminded of and have an experience of God's love and mercy. If this sounds like a role you would like to give your time to or you would like any more information, please ring Jen 07957566741 or email jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk.

We are asked to pray the **Anima Christi** during this year of the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius' death.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me.

Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

**At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you**

**That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.**



Ascent Group at 11 am on Thursdays.

Coffee from 10.45am. New members most welcome.



An evening of prayer & praise, through music, scripture, talk & Adoration.

Please do join us @ 7.30 pm on Friday **27th May.**



Thursday 26th May is the Feast of the Ascension.

There will be a **vigil Mass** on the **Wednesday at 5.35pm**, as well as the **Mass at 12.15pm on Thursday.**

Ascension
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Ukraine Appeal: If you still wish to donate online see <https://jesuitmissions.org.uk/work/emergencies/crisis-in-ukraine-2/> for more information and a link to the donations page.

1st communion



Please pray for those making their First Holy Communion this Sunday 22nd May at the 10.15 Mass. Pray for them & their families: **Ernest; Ethan; Francis; Joan; Maria; Martin; Olivia; Rachel.**



Please bring your red Missio box for emptying and leave it in the sacristy anytime between 14th to 22nd May, thanks.

LITTLE CHURCH

No Little Church this weekend due to First Communions.

Eucharistic



With the Jesuit Community for Jesuit Vocations

every Monday
11:30 -12noon



Lancaster Diocese
Faith & Justice
Commission

'Finding Jesus in the Eucharist, the Poor and Creation'

Saturday 4th June 2022

10am to 3.30pm including 12.15pm Mass

St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Chapel Street, Preston
(5 minutes walk from Railway Station)

Keynote speaker- **Fr Eamonn Mulcahy**

Fr Eamonn will also celebrate Mass at 12.15pm.

Tea and Coffee provided, please bring your own lunch or buy locally

After lunch there will be several short presentations.

Book via link on lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk

For further details contact Sue Grubic ldfjsue@gmail.com



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Sun 22	6 th Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-2,22-29	(Ps 66)	Apoc 21:10-14, 22
-23				John 14:23-29
Mon 23	Feria	Acts 16:11-15	Ps 149)	John 15:26-16:4
Tue 24	Feria <i>Our Lady of the Wayside</i>	Acts 16:22-34	(Ps 137)	John 16:5-11
Wed 25	Feria <i>St Bede</i>	Acts 17:15,22-18:1	(Ps 148)	John 16:12-15
Thu 26	THE ASCENSION	Acts 1:1-11	(Ps 46)	Eph 1:17-23
				Luke 24:46-53
Fri 27	Feria <i>St Augustine</i>	Acts 18:9-18	(Ps 46)	John 16:20-23a
Sat 28	Feria	Acts 18:23-28	(Ps 46)	John 16:23b-28

Masses & Confession Times

Saturday

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

Vigil 5.35pm

Sunday

Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm

Ascension

Vigil Mass 5.35pm Wednesday

Mass 12.15pm Thursday

Monday to Friday

Confessions 11.50am - 12.10pm

Mass 12.15pm

Monday

Adoration 11.30am-12pm

The church is open daily

Saturday 10-6.15 Sunday 6.45-5.30

Monday, Thursday, Friday 11.30-6.00

Tuesday, Wednesday 11.30-5.30

Deaf Community Welcome

British Sign Language signed
Mass 4.30pm Sunday 12 June
with Fr Paul Fletcher SJ
Please sit in the front pews.



Signed Mass recordings at www.catholicdeaf.org.uk

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR those recently dead:

Fr Tom Shufflebotham SJ R.I.P.

(Requiem Mass Wednesday 1st June 12.15)

anniversaries: Kevin O'Connell

those who are sick: Theresa Wilkinson,
Susan Craft, Barbara Clark, Pauline Wilding,
Joyce Lyons & Simon Osborne



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



May's Intention

For faith-filled young people

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates and the dedication to service.

Sanctuary Bookshop is now open most
Monday & Fridays 11.15 to 1.30 **with tea & coffee** after **Monday & Friday Mass**, also during **Coffee** after **10.15 Mass on Sunday**