



**St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston**

# Newsletter

2nd June 2024

CORPUS CHRISTI

## BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today three of our children will be making their first Holy Communion. The Second Vatican Council tells us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. This day is, therefore, very important for them and their families. Indeed, it is an important day for all of us as today we especially give thanks for this gift of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Our first reading tells the story of Moses offering sacrifice in the desert. The blood that is offered is the sign of the covenant which God makes with his people. The second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, builds on this and talks about Jesus taking his own blood into the true sanctuary. This picks up the idea of entering through the curtain into the Holy of Holies in the Temple. This is the curtain in the Temple in Jerusalem, the Gospel tells us, which was torn in two at Jesus' crucifixion. The division was broken down by Christ's sacrifice, the division between God and ourselves.

This is the new covenant. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes the bread and says, "Take it, this is my body" and then takes the cup of wine and says, "This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many". These are the words we use at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. Here we take part in this new covenant and we receive the body and blood of Christ. Today our children receive this for the first time and become more fully part of that covenant of Christ with his Church which they entered into when they were baptised.



Today is a chance for us to reflect on our own baptism and our own sharing in the body and blood of Christ, with all that it means to us. It is a time to give thanks in wonder at the gift we have received. It is also a time to pray that the self-giving of Christ shown in the Eucharist might be reflected in our own lives.

Chris Pedley, S.J.



We pray for **Aiko, James, Terence & Shaun**  
 who will be making their  
**First Holy Communion**  
 at 10.15 Mass this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June



**FRIDAYS**

**7 JUNE**

**21 JUNE**

**5 JULY**

Scripture, Talk, Praise and Worship  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Volunteers for the Sanctuary Gift & Card Shop** An appeal once more for some help with the shop. Sadly, on Fridays, the shop is run by one person. If she is on holiday or has medical appointments the shop has to close. If you could help, even occasionally, please call at the shop when it is open, or contact Chris Parish Administrator, or Fr Chris.

**Sanctuary Gift and Card shop**



Thanks to your ongoing generosity we have been able to support various parish charities.

**Open**

**Sunday after 10.15**

**Mass**

**Monday & Friday**

**11.15am-1.15pm**

**NEVER**

**LEAVE**

**VALUABLES**

**UNATTENDED**

**IN OR AROUND**

**THE CHURCH**



Jesuit Refugee Service

Victoria Firth has written to us to thank us for letting her make the **Jesuit Refugee Service Appeal** and for the generous response. **The final total was £800.70**

We welcome Fr Chester Yacob SJ, for his last visit, on Monday 3 June. He will be serving the parish for the week whilst Fr Chris is away. Fr Chester will be writing the front page of the Newsletter and will be sending you all a special message next week.



# DAY of RENEWAL

Led by Maria Heath  
Director of Mission Northampton.  
A gifted speaker, she communicates  
the gospel in inspiring and practical ways.



'Come Holy Spirit'  
Saturday 22nd June 2024

10am. to 4pm.

the day starts with Mass at 10am.  
at St Clare's Church (Parish Hall)



Please Bring Packed Lunch, Tea & Coffee Available  
For further information Contact: Christine Tel. 07745009694 or Annette Tel. 07954429333

## Celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius



**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July  
4pm to 8.30pm  
at Stonyhurst**

**Museum tour, Mass celebrated by  
Fr Provincial & BBQ  
Coach provided - £10 donation.  
See flier for information  
Contact Parish Administrator  
to book 01772 554396**

## Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults

Metanoia Project are now officially offering Chaplaincy Services for Students and Young Adults on behalf of the Diocese of Lancaster and St. Wilfrid's Parish. Further info about groups and events please contact [jo@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:jo@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

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**Parish Website [www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk)**

Sun	2	Holy Body & Blood of Christ	Exodus 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15	(Ps 115)	Mark 14:12-16,22-26
Mon	3	Sts Charles Lwanga & companions	2 Peter 1:2-7	(Ps 90)	Mark 12:1-12
Tue	4	Feria	2 Peter 3:11-18	(Ps 89)	Mark 12:13-17
Wed	5	St Boniface	2 Tim 1:1-3, 6-12	(Ps 122)	Mark 12:18-27
Thu	6	Feria	2 Tim 2:8-15	(Ps 24)	Mark 12:28-32
Fri	7	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Hosea 11:1,3-4,8-9 Eph 3 8-12, 14-19	(Is 12)	John 19:31-37
Sat	8	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Isaiah 61:9-11	(1 Sam 2)	Luke 2:41-51

## **Mass & Confession Times**

### **Saturday**

Confessions 11am to 12.10pm & 5-5.30pm

**Mass 12.15pm Vigil 5.35pm**

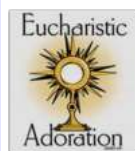
### **Sunday**

**Masses 7, 10.15am & 4.30pm**

### **Monday to Friday**

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

**Mass 12.15pm**



**For Jesuit Vocations  
every Monday  
11:30 -12 noon**

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

### **Lately Dead**

**Anniversaries** Thomas Aspinall, Patricia Haigh, Edward Wignall, Dorothy Koziarska

**Those who are sick:** Patrick Rooney, Joyce Lyons, Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Fr Joseph D'Ambrosio CSSp, Fr Michael Murphy.



**Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network**



## **June's Intention -**

### **For those fleeing their own countries**

Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

**LIFE ASCENDING**

**Ascent Group Thursday  
11am in Parish Centre.  
Coffee 10.45am.**

**LITTLE CHURCH**

**During 10.15 Sunday Mass**

The Parish Newsletter is to reflect what happens in the Parish & news regarding parishioners. If you would like something to be included please send information to the Parish Administrator or email [stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsnewsletter@gmail.com)