



**JESUITS**  
IN BRITAIN

# Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

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

### **BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Today ten of our children will be making their first Holy Communion, one of whom is also being baptised. 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.

In the second reading St Paul gives us the earliest account of the institution of the Eucharist. This account of what Jesus did at the Last Supper is very close to what we have in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Jesus tells his disciples to do this in remembrance of him and this is what we do today. We repeat the words of Jesus and the bread and wine we offer becomes the body and blood of Christ.



The first reading and Gospel present us with scenes which foreshadow the Eucharist. The first is the rather mysterious scene in which the priest Melchizedek offers bread and wine on behalf of Abraham, giving thanks to God for what God has done for Abraham. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. The Gospel is the story of the feeding of the five thousand. In the Eucharist Christ feeds us with something much more wonderful than the loaves and fish, he feeds us with his very self.

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



## FIRST COMMUNION

10 young people will receive their First Holy Communion  
at the 10.15 Mass on Sunday 22 June.

*PLEASE PRAY FOR*

*Aízen, Arabella, Edward, Noah, Martins,  
Harriet, Gabriella, Christian, Bethel & Janet.*

In next week's Newsletter we hope to publish some photos of  
today's sacrament.



Meanwhile here are some lovely  
images of Malachy O'Neill with  
Fr Chris and the First Communicants'  
teacher, Monica Holdsworth, who  
prepared him for his special sacrament  
which he received for the first time on  
Sunday 8 June.

*PLEASE PRAY FOR  
Malachy.*

## **The City of Preston Annual Diocese of Lancaster Centenary & Jubilee 2025 Corpus Christi Procession at St Walburge's Shrine Church Sunday 22 June at 2pm**

All are welcome and invited to take part in this public act of  
Witness of our Faith on this important Feast Day.

### **THE CHURCH COURTYARD IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENERAL PARKING**

Any vehicles in the courtyard are booked in and authorised since they are carrying  
out maintenance or other work for the parish.

**YOU ARE KINDLY ASKED NOT TO PARK YOUR VEHICLE IN THE CHURCH COURTYARD.**

Online Donations to St Wilfrid's can be made via the parish website

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

Click on the **DONATE** button & follow the instructions. It's very easy!

**The Gift & Card Shop** has some new stock for Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion  
and Confirmation, as well as more statues. We also have a good selection of  
pre-loved religious books for adults & children. Do feel free to browse.

**Open after 10.15 Sunday Mass, Mon & Fri 11.30am—1pm**



**SAINT  
JOHN SOUTHWORTH**  
1592 – 1654



Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift Saint John Southworth fought for righteousness's sake even until death, grant, we pray, through his intercession, that we may bear every adversity for the sake of your love and hasten with all our strength towards you who alone are life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St John Southworth,  
pray for us.

*Feast Day 27th June*

Brother Ken SJ recently visited Westminster Cathedral where it is possible to see the body of St. John Southworth, one of the 40 Martyrs of England & Wales, and whose feast day is on Friday, 27 June. He came from a Lancashire family, who lived locally at Salmesbury Hall. Bro. Ken brought back some Prayer cards which you can pick up at the back of church.



### **Diocesan Safeguarding Training for Volunteers**

If your role within the church requires an Enhanced DBS certificate and you have not yet completed your mandatory online training, we are now able to offer the following face to face safeguarding training sessions with the

Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency.

Friday 27th June in Lancaster, at the Education Centre, 10 am – 2 pm **OR**

Saturday 28th June at St John Paul II Centre, (St John Vianney) in Blackpool, 10 am - 2 pm.

A light lunch will be provided.

To book your place please call Rachel in the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on 01524 596069 or email [safeguarding@lrcd.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@lrcd.org.uk)

**Day of Renewal at St Clare's PR2 9HH 28 June 10am to 4pm "Living in Joyful Hope"**

# UNVEILED

**27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**@ 7.30pm**  
**in St Wilfrid's Church**



Metanoia Project

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

### **LARKHILL GET TOGETHER**

**Saturday 28 June**  
**2pm in the Chapel**

at Larkhill (Newman College)  
Bring a friend and have a look around  
the old school and gardens.

**Open 1—5.30 pm**

Contact Christine Fitzpatrick  
01772 424189



### **The Pope's Prayer Intention for June**

**Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation  
in a personal relationship with Jesus,  
and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.**

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BAGS AND VALUABLES UNATTENDED IN CHURCH**

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<b>Sunday 22 June</b>		<b>The Most Holy Body &amp; Blood of Christ</b>		<b>Corpus Christi</b>	
<i>Genesis 14:18-20 (Ps 109) 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 Luke 9:11b-17</i>					
<b>Mass 7am</b>		<b>Mass 10.15am</b> with Choir & First Holy Communicants. <b>No Little Church</b>			
		Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop Open			
<b>Mass 4.30pm</b>		with Music Group			
<b>Mon 23 June</b>		<b>Confessions 11.50-12.10</b>		<b>11.30-1pm</b> Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee	
FERIA		<b>Mass 12.15</b>			
<i>Genesis 12:1-9 (Ps 32) Matthew 7:1-5</i>					
<b>Tues 24 June</b>		<b>Confessions 11.50-12.10</b>		<b>11-12noon</b> Holy Hour	
NATIVITY OF ST. JN THE BAPTIST		<b>Mass 12.15</b>		<b>6-7.30pm</b> Metanoia Hot Meal Drop In	
<i>Isaiah 49:1-6 (Ps 138) Acts 13:22-26 Luke 1:57-66</i>					
<b>Wed 25 June</b>		<b>Confessions 11.50-12.10</b>		<b>5-5.45</b> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament	
FERIA		<b>Mass 12.15</b>		<b>6.30pm</b> Metanoia Clothes Drop (Narthex)	
<i>Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 (Ps 104) Matthew 7:15-20</i>					
<b>Thur 26 June</b>		<b>Confessions 11.50-12.10</b>		<b>11am</b> Life Ascending (Coffee 10.30)	
FERIA		<b>Mass 12.15 &amp; 5.30pm</b>			
<i>Genesis 16:1-12,15-16 (Ps 105) Matthew 7:21-29</i>					
<b>Fri 27 June</b>		<b>Confessions 11.50-12.10</b>		<b>11.30-1pm</b> Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee	
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS		<b>Mass 12.15</b>		Following 12.15 Mass Lectio Divina with ---	
				<b>----Soup Lunch</b>	
<i>Ezekiel 34:11-16 (Ps 22) Romans 5:5b-11 Luke 15:3-7</i>					
<b>Sat 28 June</b>		<b>Confessions 11-12.10</b>		<b>Mass 12.15</b>	
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY		<b>Confessions 5-5.30</b>		<b>VIGIL MASS 5.35pm</b>	
<i>Genesis 18:1-15 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8 Luke 2:41-51</i>					

#### WE PRAY FOR

**Those who died recently:** Emma Louise Cavies RIP

**Anniversaries:** Kathleen Towers

**Those who are sick:** Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn, Deacon Bill Adams, Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield.