



JESUITS
IN BRITAIN

Newsletter

7th June 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Preston

BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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This Sunday six of our children will be receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in **HOLY COMMUNION**. This is one of the most important days of their lives and we congratulate them and their families.

It is also an important day for us as a Parish community as we rejoice with them and give thanks to God for this wonderful gift God has given to the Church.

The Church tells us the Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. However, as we celebrate this day, we might reflect on the practical implications for our own lives of being people called to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

On a previous feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Francis reflected on the people of Israel to whom Moses spoke in our first reading. The people complained about the manna with which God fed them in the desert because it was less exciting than the meat and onions and other things they had eaten back in Egypt. Pope Francis points out, while superficially attractive, this was the food of slavery and did not ultimately satisfy. He compares that to things that we might find attractive but ultimately do not bring life. These things would be things like money, vanity, success, power and pride. In the end these things come from selfishness, self-reliance and sin. As we celebrate Christ's gift of himself in his Body and Blood let us ask that we might respond by seeking what really satisfies, a life of love for our fellow human beings, and seeking God's will and not our own.

Chris Pedley, S.J.

The Feast of Corpus Christi



also known as

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a major celebration in the Catholic calendar. It honours the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

A traditional Prayer for Corpus Christi is

The Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

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 Thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.

From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come unto Thee,

That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee

For ever and ever.

Amen.

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THE ANNUAL PRESTON CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday 7th June, 2026
beginning at 2.00pm
at St. Walburge's Church &
ending there, followed by
Benediction.

Please pray for our First Holy Communicants

Olivia, Sasha,
Natalie, Deborah,
Sebastian & Mateus.



FR PAUL HACKETT SJ 1930-2026 RIP

Paul was born in Boscombe in 1930 to Arthur & Anne Mary, and was baptised at Corpus Christi, Boscombe. After school in Southbourne, Paul entered the Society of Jesus in 1946 at Roehampton in London. His brothers Peter & Mark also entered the British Province.

After a Juniorate also at Roehampton, Paul studied philosophy at Heythrop in Oxfordshire, followed by a teaching course. He worked in Regency as a teacher in Leeds. Theology studies followed at Heythrop where, as was common then, he was ordained deacon and priest in quick succession in 1961.

Paul's tertianship was at Paray-le-Monial in France in 1963. He then went to work for several years at Holy Name in Manchester, before a spell as Superior and priest in Boscombe. In 1977, Paul took his final vows in the Society.

In the early 1980s, Paul went to the university chaplaincy in Cardiff where he studied the Welsh language and did supply work. After another spell in Manchester, he began his long period of service in Scotland, starting at St Aloysius Church in Glasgow and then at various places: Stornoway, Oban, Lochgilphead, St Andrew's and as Parish Priest at Kingussie. The final move was to Preston in 2018.

Funeral arrangements awaited.

The Tablet have a webinar entitled-
**SYNODALITY IN ACTION, WHAT PARISHES NEED
TO KNOW FOR 2026**

on Wednesday 10 June 6-7pm

Led by the Co Directors of the
School for Synodality

To sign up go to

www.thetablet.co.uk/events

LARK HILL ASSOCIATION 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday 27th June 2026

Mass in the chapel at Lark Hill (Newman
College) at 12 noon

followed by a light buffet lunch. (£10)

Contact: Janet Metcalf [07713 300192](tel:07713300192)

or janet.metcalf53@icloud.com

To help with the catering please book no later
than Saturday 13th June.

The college will be open from 11.30am

DAY OF RENEWAL

Saturday 27 June 10am-4pm

at St Clare's, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood,
Preston, PR2 9HH

Speaker will be **Philip McParland** on
"Love, not Fear – The Good News of Jesus"

Philip is a retreat director, facilitator &
spiritual guide.

Mass in church at 10am. Then meet in the
Parish Hall for tea/coffee, followed by our
usual programme of praise and worship,
inspiring talks and adoration, opportunity for
reconciliation and prayer ministry.

Bring a packed lunch - tea/coffee provided.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of
peace, encounter, and dialogue among
cultures and nations, and that they promote
values such as respect, solidarity, and
personal growth.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ernest Ezeani, Andrew Dawson,
Jen Murphy, Margaret Nelson,
Lee Unsworth, Maria Hall,
Ruth White, Anjana Linus,
Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Hugh Duffy SJ
The Council meets monthly.



UNVEILED
12th June 7.30-9pm
in St Wilfrid's Church

**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE CENTRE,
STONYHURST, BB7 9PZ**

**Heart to Heart women's retreat,
19-22 June**

A fantastic opportunity for Catholic
women: three days of guided prayer,
discernment and silence, led by
Fr Bernard Murphy CFR & the Franciscan
Sisters of the Renewal.

[christianheritagecentre.com/events/
heart-to-heart-retreat/](http://christianheritagecentre.com/events/heart-to-heart-retreat/)

Free Will & Grace, 28-1 August

Join us for a theological and philosophical
deep dive on one of the great themes of
the Christian Faith: human freedom and
Divine grace. Lectures and workshops
building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings,
the course will also explore questions of
conscience and the problem of evil. Guest
speaker: Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP.

[christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-
will-grace-course/](http://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/)

Join Bishop Swarbrick on the London
MARCH FOR LIFE on 5th September. SPUC
Preston Branch want to arrange a coach
with pick up in Preston. Please register
your interest by contacting the Secretary
at spucpreston@gmail.com or on
07523 183758



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

Gift & Card Shop OPENING TIMES

After 10.15am Sunday Mass
Monday & Friday 11.30am to 1pm
Cash/cards taken

Online Donations to St Wilfrid's can
be made via the **PARISH WEBSITE**
www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk
Click on the **DONATE** button &
follow the instructions. It's easy!

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

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CHURCH OPEN 8AM-6PM



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE stwilfridspreston.org.uk

Sunday 7 June Corpus Christi

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14b-16a Psalm 147 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 John 6:51-58

Mass 7am **Mass 10.15am** with Choir **LITTLE CHURCH DURING MASS**
 Parish Centre 11.15-12.30 Tea/coffee Gift & Card Shop open

Mass 4.30pm Music Group

Mon 8 June

FERIA **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **11.30am-12noon** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee

Mass 12.15

Exposition

Shop Open Tea/coffee

1 Kings 17:1-6 (Ps 121) Matthew 5:1-12

Tue 9 June

FERIA **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **6-7.30pm** Metanoia Hot Meal Drop In

Mass 12.15

1 Kings 17:7-16 (Ps 4) Matthew 5:13-16

Wed 10 June

FERIA **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **5.15-5.45pm** **6.30pm** Metanoia Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

Mass 12.15

Adoration

Clothes Drop In (Narthex)

1 Kings 18:20-39 (Ps 16) Matthew 5:17-19

Thu 11 June

ST BARNABAS **Confessions 11.50-12.10**

Mass 12.15

Acts 11:21b-26;13:1-3 (Ps 98) Matthew 5:20-26

Fri 12 June

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS **Confessions 11.50-12.10** **After 12.15 Mass** **11.30-1pm** Gift & Card Shop Open Tea/coffee

Mass 12.15

Lectio Divina
Followed by...

Shop Open Tea/coffee

7.30-9pm Unveiled

...Soup lunch

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 (Ps 103) 1 John 4:7-16 Matthew 11:25-30

Sat 13 June

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA **Confessions 11-12.10** **Mass 12.15**

Confessions 5-5.30

Mass 12.15

VIGIL MASS 5.35pm

Isaiah 61:1-3a (Ps 89) Luke 10:1-9

WE PRAY FOR **Those who died recently:** Fr Paul Hackett SJ RIP

Anniversaries: Dorothy Koziarska, Winnie Flynn, Elizabeth Stanton, Pauline Rose, Mary Bamber, Joseph Rose, Emma Louise Cavies

Those who are sick: Brendan Rawsthorn, Norman Gaskell, Doreen Flynn, Agnes Partington, Janet Hadfield