



# Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

## THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



In today's Gospel the disciples bring the small amount they have, the five loaves and two fish, and Jesus offers them to his Father and transforms them so that they are able to feed the five thousand. In the Mass

something more extraordinary happens. We bring the bread and the wine and they are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. It is something we do so often that we can take it for granted. Today's feast helps us to focus on what is happening.

The earliest account of the celebration of the Eucharist is in our second reading. Paul, writing before the Gospels were written down, is stressing the importance of this sacrament at the centre of the life of the Church. As we remember the words of Jesus at the last supper, so we remember his death and resurrection. Vatican II tells us that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of Christian life", this is true for us as it was for St Paul and the church at Corinth. Paul was writing so that his hearers would think about what they were doing and take it seriously.

This mystery also points us to something else, something about the rest of our lives. Just as the disciples brought their few loaves and fishes to Jesus, just as we bring the bread and wine at Mass to be transformed into something greater, so we bring ourselves to God. As we offer ourselves with the bread and wine so we can have the confidence that our small efforts to build up God's kingdom will be transformed by the power of the sacrament we received. Two weeks ago we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost empowering the disciples to proclaim the Gospel to the world. When we receive the body and blood of Christ we open ourselves to that same mission and the same Spirit. As we celebrate today's feast we pray that we may be transformed to become the signs of the love of God to the world, a love expressed through Christ's giving us his body and blood.



**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.**



The Metanoia Wednesday night Drop In say thank you for all the recent donations and are still looking for certain items - Socks and new underwear, Men's trainers (Especially size 8&9), Rucksacks, Sleeping Bags, Shower Gel and Deodorant, T-Shirts and Polo Shirts, Men's Jeans (Especially Size 30-36) , Tracksuit Bottoms, Tops and Coats. If you are able to donate, please place in the blue box at the back of church or speak to one of the Metanoia team. Thank you very much for your support



## Silver Jubilees

Tuesday is the **Feast of St Aloysius Gonzaga**, Patron of Youth, a traditional day for Jesuit Ordinations.

This year we celebrate the Silver Jubilees of Ordination (25 years) of **Fr Paul Fletcher SJ**, **Fr Matthew Power SJ** & **Fr Peter Randall SJ**.

Fr Chris Pedley SJ & Fr Geoff Wheaton SJ also celebrate 36 years ordained.

If anyone wishes to send cards Fr Peter's address is St Dominic's Priory, 41A Red Barns, NEWCASTLE NE1 2TP.

**Deanery Corpus Christi Procession this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2pm at St Walburges.**



St. Mary's Fernyhalgh & Ladyewell Shrine

## Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage

**9th July, 2022 ~ 11.00 am**

Led by  
Bishop Paul Swarbrick  
Praying for World Peace



Any past pupils of **Lark Hill Convent School**, Preston are invited to come to Cardinal Newman College on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June for a Mass at 2.30pm** in the Chapel followed by a get together.

A chance to meet up with friends & explore the College on the Lark Hill site



An evening of prayer & praise, through music, scripture, talk & Adoration. Please do join us @ 7.30 pm on Fridays 24<sup>th</sup> June & 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## PARISH LECTORS

All new lectors and those who were unable to make the March session are invited to attend a session of formation on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm.

For those who wish to be commissioned as Lectors for the Parish, we ask attendance at one session



The Word of God



The next meeting of the **Faith and Justice Group**, to which all are invited, is **after the 10.15 Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July** in the Parish Centre.



With the Jesuit Community for Jesuit Vocations

every Monday  
11:30 - 12noon



## UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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## LITTLE CHURCH

ALL children welcome during 10.15am Mass.



**Megan Knowles**, the Communications and Development Manager for the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will be at Masses this weekend the 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> June for our annual JRS Appeal.

## Prayer for Ukraine

We hold in our hearts the people of Ukraine as they stand in danger. We ask for peace and reconciliation.

Conscious that thousands are likely to be uprooted, we pray for those who seek refuge, that they might find welcome and bridges to sanctuary. Amen.

To coincide we will have a **Parish BBQ** after the **10.15 am Mass this Sunday**.

**All are welcome to stay after Mass** to enjoy the BBQ, meet Megan and socialise with fellow parishioners.

If you are able to help before, during or after the BBQ please contact Geoff 07932 792773 or [ge06tho@gmail.com](mailto:ge06tho@gmail.com)



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Sun 19	Corpus Christi	Gen 14:18-20 (Ps 109)	1 Cor 11:23-26 Luke 9:11-17
Mon 20	Feria <i>St Alban</i>	2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15,18	(Ps 59) Matt 7:1-5
Tue 21	St Aloysius Gonzaga SJ	2 Kings 19:9-11,14-21,31-36	(Ps 47) Matt 7:6,12-14
Wed 22	St John Fisher & St Thomas More	2 Macc 6:18,21,24-31	(Ps 30) Matt 24:4-13
Thu 23	Birthday of St John the Baptist	Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26	(Ps 138) Luke 1:57-66, 80
Fri 24	Sacred Heart of Jesus	Ezek 34:11-16	(Ps 22) Rom 5:5-11 Luke 15:3-7
Sat 25	Immaculate Heart of Mary	Isaiah 61:9-11	(1 Sam 2) Luke 2:41-51

### 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**

#### 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**

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**those recently dead:** Patricia Haigh (Funeral Service Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2.15pm)

**anniversaries:** Maria Allen

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



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

**June's Intention:**  
*For families*

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

#### **Deaf Community Welcome**

British Sign Language signed  
Mass 4.30pm Sunday 10 July with  
Fr Paul Fletcher SJ  
Please sit in the front pews.



Signed Mass recordings at [www.catholicdeaf.org.uk](http://www.catholicdeaf.org.uk)

**This Feast of Corpus Christi, Jesuit Missions invites us to sign an URGENT petition to the G7 leaders, including the UK's Prime Minister, for their meeting in June to prioritise FOOD NOT FUEL.**

**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**