



# Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> June, 2021

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

**Corpus Christi**

*The cup of salvation I will raise...*

On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrated today, we are reminded of the sacrifice Jesus made for us as part of the new Covenant redeeming us from our sins. The offering of the body and blood of the lamb sacrificed at the start of the Jewish Passover marked the exodus from slavery in Egypt with Moses leading the Israelites to the promised land. So too, Jesus' celebration of the Passover with his friends, just before his arrest and execution, brings us the new Covenant given us by the sacrifice of Jesus's body and blood, in what became for us Christians the Eucharist or Mass. Today's Gospel reminds us of this new Covenant during Our Lord's Last Supper.

This Covid19 pandemic we have endured for almost 15 months has deprived us of partaking of the Blood of Christ during Holy Communion. Yet we are grateful that we, in Church, are able to receive the Body of Christ in Communion. Hopefully it will not be long before the hierarchy give clearance for us to administer the precious Blood during Communion. For those unable to attend Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori's prayer for Spiritual Communion can bring us inner, spiritual comfort:

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself wholly to You now and forever. I love you, my Jesus; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Today's feast reminds us all of Jesus' total offering of himself as part of God's plan for the salvation of humankind. He is the Lamb of God who died to save us. His blood shed - poured out - from the Cross during his crucifixion as he bled to death and, by so doing, cleansed us of all our sins. For that we give thanks and praise to God!

*I will call upon the Lord's name ...*

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## Public Masses & Confession Times

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> June

Confessions 11.15am to 12.15pm

Mass 12.15pm

Confessions 5 to 5.30pm

Vigil Mass 5.35pm

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> June

Masses at 7am, 10.15am & 4.30pm

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Confessions 11.50am to 12.10pm

Mass each day at 12.15pm

## Church Opening Times

### Saturdays

10am to 1pm

### Sundays

6.45am to 7.30pm,

9.30am to 11.30am,

4pm to 5.30pm

### Monday to Friday

11.30am to 1pm

## Maintaining a COVID-secure church

It remains mandatory to wear a mask in church covering both your mouth and nose. Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and maintain social distancing.

Fr Michael Ashworth SJ leaves the Preston Jesuit Community on Sun 6 June and moves to Boscombe. We ask God to be with him and bless him in his new home.

**Organ Repair Appeal** donations total £2,035 so far. Thank you.

**Jesuit Villa in Barmouth** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Cost to be determined when transport is arranged. If you would like to join this Parish short break please contact Geoff 07932 792773. It is the villa featured in a recent episode of Michael Portillo's *Great British Railway Journeys*.

## Online Donations

If you wish to make a donation to the parish it is very easy and simple to do so now via the new parish website [www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk](http://www.stwilfridspreston.org.uk) using the DONATE button.

This year marks the 500th anniversary since the start of St Ignatius of Loyola's spiritual journey. To commemorate, the Society of Jesus will be marking 20 May 2021 to 31 July 2022 as an **Ignatian Year**.

## Parish Centre Maintenance and Re-structuring

Fr. Peter is currently commissioning Anderton Gables to oversee some essential external repairs to the fabric of the Parish Centre and asbestos removal from the garage. Also, there is planned a consultation process on the restructuring and refit of the centre, so that parish offices can be relocated to the centre. The Parish Council and Finance Group have been invited by Fr Peter to consider possibilities.

# Protest Fast

**By Fr. Denis  
at SFX Church  
Liverpool**

**From Thursday 12noon**

**3rd June 2021**

**To Friday 12noon**

**4th June 2021**



**Church will be open for the 24 hours so please visit to accompany him in prayer and conversation**

**To sponsor him, please visit his Just Giving Page  
SFX Church Liverpool Overseas Charity  
Fr Denis Blackledge SJ**

***'The Government must reverse their decision on devastating overseas aid cuts or it breaks promise from 2019 manifesto'***

**Jesuit Missions is responding to the COVID19 crisis in India. We ask you to keep our partners in India in your hearts and prayers during this exceptionally difficult time.** Fr. Fernando Franco SJ, Director for Development in the Jesuit province of Gujarat, vividly describes the current state of the pandemic on the website [www.jesuitmissions.org.uk](http://www.jesuitmissions.org.uk) where you can also donate.

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## The week's readings:

Sun 6	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	Exod24:3-8	(Ps115)	Heb9:11-15	Mk 14:12-16,22--26
Mon 7	Feria	2 Cor 1:1-7	(Ps 33)	Matt 5:1-12	
Tue 8	St James Berthieu	2 Cor 1: 18-22	(Ps 118)	Matt 5:13-16	
Wed 9	Feria <i>St Columba</i>	2 Cor 3:4-11	(Ps 98)	Mark 5:17-19	
Thur 10	Feria	2 Cor 3:15-4:1,3-6	(Ps 84)	Matt 5:20-26	
Fri 11	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Hosea 11:1,3-4,8-9	(Is 12)	Eph3:8-12,14-19	John 19:31-37
Sat 12	The Immaculate Heart of Mary	Isaiah 61:9-11	(1Sam 2)	Luke 2:41-51	

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

### those recently died:

**anniversaries:** Dorothy Koziarska, Gerard Norman, Pauline Rose, Mary Bamber, Joseph Rose

**those who are sick:** Barbara Clark, Mary Holme, Joyce Lyons, Simon Osborne, Pauline Wilding, Susan Craft, Theresa Wilkinson, John Browne, & their carers.

## June's PRAYER INTENTION

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



## Struggle to follow and lip-read the Mass?

### Want to join in a BSL/SSE signed Mass with family, friends and parishioners??

Come to our monthly signed parish Masses in St. Wilfrid's RC Church, Chapel Street, (off Fishergate by Hays Travel) Preston PR1 8BU:

### 2nd Sundays monthly at 4:30pm

**Please wear face-covering {visor/mask} and come to front (or 3rd) pew**

Student trainee SLI may sign readings + responses as Fr. Paul signs Mass.

By kindness of St. Wilfrid's Parish Priest and parish.

For more information, contact:

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

## St. Wilfrid's Sanctuary Bookshop

is open via Chapel Street window on most Fridays

11.30am to 12.10pm

**Contact Geoff 07932 792773**

## How to make a donation to the parish

If you wish to make a donation to St. Wilfrid's Parish by bank transfer the account is **St. Wilfred's Parish Account** (please note the misspelling of Wilfrid with an 'e')

**Account no. 12585636**

**Sort code 162833**

RBS Preston Fishergate Branch.