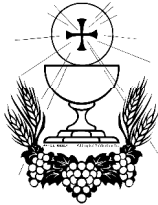


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6th / 7th JUNE 2015
THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)



For many thousands of years, the experience of humanity was that when a person or an animal was injured and began to bleed profusely, they quickly became weak until they died; "life was drained out of them" was the expression used to describe a person who bleeds to death. It is not surprising, therefore, that, in the absence of a scientific understanding, the blood of a person *was* their life. The blood in a person kept them alive.

Thus when Jesus said at the Last Supper, over the cup of wine, "This is my Blood, poured out for you," he was actually saying over the cup of wine: "This is my life, given for you; take it and drink it." The Church was very clear that when we ate his Body and drank his Blood, then we were really sharing in the actual life of Jesus our Lord. The symbolism was very powerful.

When the Church restored Communion under both kinds, the sharing by everyone in the consecrated bread *and* the consecrated wine, the Church wanted us to rediscover this amazing mystery, that Jesus, the Son of God, shares his divine life with us.

But why would Jesus want to do this? It has become clear over the two millennia of the Church's life: the Son of God wanted his life to sweep over the whole world and make the life of the world his own divine life. He wanted the earth to be overwhelmed by his divine life.

We don't receive the life of Christ in Holy Communion just for us, personally. We receive it in order to flood the world with the Life of divine love.

"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood live in me
and I live in them."

It is this divine life that we bring to our world through our sharing in the Eucharist. The more we share in the divine life of Jesus' Body and Blood, the more we can bring that life to our world. The divine life flows from our altar, out into life and to everyone that we meet.

This extraordinary plan of Jesus to fill his creation with divine love, with divine life, *through us*, can only be fulfilled with our agreement. Will we be the channels of his love, his peace?

New items and information

We welcome the Huddersfield Boys Choir from Leeds Diocese who are providing the music for our 10 am Mass this weekend with Director, Lucy Appleyard and organist Thomas Leech.

This Weekend (Corpus Christi) the First Holy Communion Children will gather around the altar with Father David at the 10 am Mass.

Friday 12th June is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Mass is at 9.30 am.

St Vincent de Paul Society – This weekend there is a second collection for the SVP after both Masses. Please be as generous as you are able. *Thank you.*

Afternoon Tea in Father David's garden! Next **Wednesday, 10th June, 2 pm – 4 pm.** Don't forget!!

A Big Thank-you to the Monthly Coffee Morning parishioners who have raised **£100** for the Church Roof Fund. (Even as they were having fun, chatting, and eating delicious cakes!)

Did you know....this week is National Volunteer Week? At CAFOD, we'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our volunteers who help make our work possible. CAFOD has 216 school volunteers nationally. They inspire children and young people to take action, supporting fundraising events and involving them in campaigning. If you'd like to use your talents to make a difference, why not consider volunteering for CAFOD in the parish or school? For more information, please contact us at CAFOD Lancaster on 01772 733310, or email us at lancaster@cafod.org.uk.

Day of Renewal – "Called to be Missionary Disciples", Saturday 27th June 2015, 10 am – 4 pm, at St Clare's Church (in the Parish Hall), Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, PR2 9HH. For further information contact Rev Bernard Loveland, tel: 015395 63391.

We have received a Thank You letter from CAFOD for the £572.30 that was collected for the Nepal Earthquake Appeal. If you would like to read the letter, it is on the notice board at the back of church.

Garstang Musical Productions are holding a fund-raising in the School Hall on Saturday, 27th June, 7.30 pm. There will be four musicians and a vocalist, a bar (serving *real* beer – none of your canned stuff!), and refreshments. There will also be a Promises Auction on the night. Tickets are £10; this includes a raffle – 1st Prize is train travel to London, overnight stay in a hotel, and tickets to see a West End Show; 2nd Prize is a portable television. ***For more details and for tickets, contact Mary Bateson on 604203.***

Previously Published Items

CAFOD Stall – Our CAFOD Stall in the High Street will be outside the Market Hall on **Saturday 20th June**. Donations of quality books/crockery & household items/costume jewellery will be gratefully accepted. (No food/plants/electrical items/clothes or anything sold in the Market Hall please). Goods can be left at the stall from 8 am on Saturday 20th or at 12, Bonds Lane on the afternoon of Friday 19th June. Unsold items will be donated to charity. Thank you. ***CAFOD Group.***

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell is on Saturday, 20th June 2015, led by Bishop Michael Campbell. For further details phone 01772 700181 or email admin@ladyewellshrine.co.uk. Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 5RR. See poster at back of church.

Castlerigg Manor – (1) 28th June, sponsored walk, all welcome. See website for sponsorship forms and details or phone 01768 772 711. (2) WYD Fest 11-14 August. For young people (15-23), summer festival with international speakers. See poster at back of church or details on www.castleriggmanor.co.uk.

There is a vacancy for the post of Lay Chaplain at The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School, Ribbleton, Preston. If you are interested in applying, see the poster at the back of church for details. Closing date for applications is 12 noon Monday 22nd June.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 14th June, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

Please pray for Fr. Stephen Pearson, Dean of the Cathedral, Lancaster who celebrates 25 years of priesthood on Tuesday 9th June. There is a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 9th June, at the Cathedral.

Please pray for Scarlett Rose Kippax, who is being baptised at 11.30 am this Sunday.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Anthony James Stephenson, Francis Wells, Elizabeth Critchley, Canon David Murphy, Javier Coto, Bridget Cooney, Rose Ward, Matt Pedder, Mary McNicholls, Mary Ball, John Swarbrick, Hylda Wells, Raymond Stopforth, Ian Michael Gornall, Frances Grayston, Charles Price, Ada Anie Oxby, Joan Billington and Terry Fitzpatrick.
May they rest in peace.

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Maurice Iddon, Dina Carter, Richard (aged 14, has had a bone marrow transplant), Sheila Murphy, Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Ellen, Brendan McGlone (14 year old with leukaemia), Anne Brockbank, Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes (3 ½ years old with leukaemia), Molly and family, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O’Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Tony Moran, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford and Alison Green. ***(When people whose names are placed on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)***

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 6th – Sunday 14th June 2015

Sat	6 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Annie and Jerome Grayston
Sun	7 th	10.00 am	Joan Preston
Mon	8 th	No Mass	
Tues	9 th	12 noon	Eva Carter
Wed	10 th	9.30 am (note time)	The Snape Family
Thurs	11 th	9.30 am	Jane Holden (of Fleetwood) (Lately Dead)
Fri	12 th	9.30 am	Fr. Peter Birmingham
		2.00 pm	Funeral Mass for Josie Maddock
Sat	13 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil)	Sheila Carroll
Sun	14 th	10.00 am	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Weds	10 th	No Rosary	
Sat	13 th	10-10.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions

Special Days this Week:

Sun	7 th	The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Tues	9 th	St Ephraem
Thurs	11 th	St Barnabas
Fri	12 th	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Sat	13 th	The Immaculate Heart of Mary St Anthony of Padua

Meetings this Week:

Weds	10 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week’s Attendance:

Sat	30 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 106	Children: 6	
Sun	31 st	10.00 am	Adults: 122	Children: 41	Total: 275

Monies Received:

Pentecost:	Offertory (inc. Standing Orders) - £997.75;
The Most Holy Trinity:	“ “ “ - £979.63
Church Roof Fund:	£100.

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in June at Garstang Methodist Church. Shopper’s Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, also at Garstang Methodist Church.