



Sunday 2nd June, 2024

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The Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ invites us to reflect on God's most special gift to us and is a reminder to renew our faith and deepen our appreciation of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, Jesus welcomes us, he speaks to us and through his Body and Blood we are nourished and we are healed. Today reminds and challenges us to realise that we are the living Church, the Body of Christ.

The Eucharist calls us to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus and of each other. To fully participate in the Eucharist we need to be of a mind to forgive the friend who has hurt us or the neighbour who has let us down. For God's love to flow through us we need to be conscious and open channels of that love in all our dealings with other people. In such ways we will be shaped and formed, blessed and renewed by the Eucharist we celebrate.

Jesus, Body and Blood, we are grateful for the gift of your life and the way it strengthens us to live our lives. Teach us to draw on the gift of your Body and Blood for energy, renewal, strength and grace. May we never take the gift of your presence for granted. Amen

The collection for World Communications Day raised £223.98 and the Lay Training Fund has so far raised £263.18. The Lay Training Fund collection remains open until 16th June for private and group donations. As usual, please put any donations in a plain envelope marked 'Lay Training Fund' and place them in the main collection bowls. Many thanks.

Let Life Flourish: Spiritual Bouquet . . . SPUC has launched a prayer initiative in collaboration with Knights of St Columba. The spiritual bouquet is a rallying call to SPUC supporters, the wider pro-life community and all people of good will to pray with renewed faith and trust for the protection of life from conception until natural death. Please pray for the following intentions each month:

June: For mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion

July: For the Church – that its witness to the sanctity of life will touch the hearts of all people

August: For women and families expecting a child at this time


September: For political leaders – that they will act to uphold the sanctity of life through just laws

October: For an end to abortion in the UK

November: For the work of SPUC and KSC in defending the sanctity of life

CAFOD have requested the following be included on this week's bulletin. SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June: *For those fleeing their own countries:* Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

The Body and Blood of Christ			
2	Sunday	9.00am	People of our Parish
3	Monday	9.15am 5.30pm	Philip Andrews Medjugorje Rosary for World Peace
4	Tuesday		
5	Wednesday		
6	Thursday	6.00pm	Divine Mercy & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7	Friday	9.15am	Ann Hutchinson
8	Saturday		No Mass
10th Sunday of the Year			
9	Sunday	9.00am	Anthony McCormack (SVP)
Anniversaries:		James Greenan, Hazel Southern, Ann Yale, Theresa John, Phillip Andrews	
		Margaret Devlin, Pauline Morton, Mike Rutland, Margaret Kenning, Christopher Brown, Fr. Pat McKenna, Rosie Owens, Andrew Brydon, Betty Griffiths, Rose Marie Bruno, Brian Lee, Kathleen Hanley, Samuel Kiberu, Brian Wetherell, Joyce Thomas	
Reader for Sunday 9th June ~ Terry Egerton			
Feast Days: 3 rd June: St Charles Lwanga and Companions, 5 th June: St Boniface, 7 th June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus, 8 th June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary			
For Parish Centre bookings please ring Rebecca on 07514 335003			



"In the Sacred Heart, every treasure of wisdom and knowledge is hidden. In that divine heart beats God's infinite love for everyone and for each of us as individuals."
(St. John Paul II)

Mary Most Holy, as a young woman living in obscurity you nurtured with loving care the Word of God made flesh. Please protect and accompany all men and women who are called to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Amen

Please pray for the children preparing for their First Holy Communion.

Workshop on Synodality: On Saturday 8th June, Ushaw will be holding a day workshop on what the Synod on Synodality means for us. There will be sessions on the current stage of the worldwide Synod, including an opportunity to look at some of the outputs of last October's General Assembly in Rome. The workshop will also look at some practical examples of synodality in our local parishes and church groups. The workshop costs £10. The day starts with welcome and refreshments at 10.30am, and will finish by 4pm. Bring a packed lunch, or you will be able to buy lunch in Ushaw's café. You can book for the workshop on Ushaw's website at <https://ushaw.org/whats-on-atushaw/> For those who are new to synodality and would like to find out more about what the Synod is, and why it is important for our local church, there will be an optional introductory session starting at 9.30am

Refugee Week event at St Mary's Cathedral . . . An event to welcome and celebrate refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to our Diocese at St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Tuesday 18th June at 6.30pm. This event will celebrate the richness of our Diocesan family by bringing together people of different nationalities who make their home here in the North East of England.. During the event Bishop Stephen will receive, on behalf of the whole Diocese, a Lampedusa Cross donated by CAFOD. This will then be housed in the Cathedral as a sign of our commitment and welcome to those who are enriching life in our Diocese. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebration organised by the Vicariate for Caritas.

Parish Shop . . . New stock is now on display. Cards for all occasions, Gifts, Statues and First Holy Communion Gifts. All welcome.