

Introduction: The solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, more commonly known as Corpus Christi, is a wonderful way of gathering together the themes of Easter. The Eucharist has been described as summing up everything we do and profess as Christians.

First Reading Exodus 24:3-8 - The importance of blood, shed for the good of others. Israelites give this gift to God from their own flocks and herds – an offering of life to God, the Lord of life

Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15 - Unlike the multiple sacrifices in the past, the sacrifice of Jesus is a once-and-for-all sacrifice.

Gospel Mark 14:12-16. 22-26 - Mark's account of the Last Supper and the institution of Eucharist: an action whereby Jesus' gift of himself is made available in every age.

A link to today's readings can be found on our website.

Please pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

JUNE

- 1 Fr John Conway, Sr Stanislaus 2 Patricia Beesley, Mary Singleton
3 Marcella Gilligan 4 Kath Swarbrick, Patrick Morrison, Teresa Clarkson
6 Margaret Welton 7 Thomas Grimshaw, Richard Salisbury
8 Marjorie Miller

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage 23 July to 30 July 2024.

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Youth Section (Coach Travel - 22 July to 1 August) will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris.

Email youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk for details.

For all other Pilgrims and for further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 2nd June 2024

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 5pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

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Jesus took a loaf of bread,
and after blessing it he broke
it, gave it to them, saying,
“Take; this is my body.”

Mark 14:22

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SATURDAY 1st June

5.30pm Vigil Mass Repose of the soul of Mgr George Mooney (8133)

This Mass will be live streamed from Parish website.

SUNDAY 2nd June – Corpus Christi (Solemnity)

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9.00am (Lea Town) Repose of the soul of Mgr George Mooney
(8134)

10.30am People of the Parish

6.00pm Mary Singleton (8054)

MONDAY 3rd June

Sts. Charles Lwanga & Companions - Memorial

9.15am Mary Lowery (8146)

TUESDAY 4th June - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY 5th June

St. Boniface - Memorial

9.15am Chris Graham RIP (8150)

THURSDAY 6th June

8.15am (Lea Town) Bishop Thomas Kurialassery (8155)

11.30am (Cottam) Funeral Service – Helen Clark

FRIDAY 7th June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

9.15am Donor's Intentions (8125)

SATURDAY 8th June

The Immaculate Heart of Mary - Memorial

9.15am **NO MASS**

5.30pm Vigil Mass Eddie & Damian Williams (8154)

Confessions Saturday 4.30 – 5pm at St Andrew's

Mass Intentions All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the back of church.

TODAY - Annual Deanery Corpus Christi Procession led by Canon Adrian will begin at St Walburge's at **2.00pm**. Readings, prayers, hymns, outdoor procession and Benediction. All parish groups including First Holy Communicants are encouraged to come along and join in this public act of witness of our Faith and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. In the event of rain the procession will be held in the church.

No Afternoon Devotions and Benediction today owing to the Annual Deanery Corpus Christi Procession.

Afternoon Club The club meets each **Tuesday** at 1.15pm, in the Haydock Room, Cottam. Prize bingo and refreshments. There will be a charge of 50p per book with no charge for refreshments.

Congratulations to Jake Joseph Parker and Zoe Anne McAvoy who will be married this Saturday 8th June at the Church of St Francis Xavier, Carfin Grotto, Glasgow. Canon Adrian will be celebrating the Nuptial Mass.

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.

Day of Renewal led by Maria Heath, Director of Mission Northampton on Saturday 22nd June 2024, 10am to 4pm at St Clare's Church Parish Hall. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee available. For further information contact Christine Tel: 07745 009694 or Annette Tel: 07954 429333.

St Andrew's Church Flowers Any flower arrangers or would be flower arrangers out there; could you spare a couple of hours once a month? Please consider helping to make our beautiful little church even more beautiful. Contact or speak to Canon Adrian.