Gospel Reflection

The Eucharist of the Resurrection would have been easily explained as a food for the spirit; for the intangible; an optional extra in an age of reason. Jesus is not just spirit but flesh and blood. He knows what hunger is like; he knows the gnawing longing that fills the flesh and the mind and the imagination. When you are hungry, really hungry, then all you can do is think, feel, remember, and desire nothing else than food; beyond reason.

This is how hungry our desire should be for God; physical, emotional, spiritual; unable to be satisfied by anything other than God.

In the Eucharist, Jesus feeds all of us with all that he is –'this is God's body, this is God's blood' - it is for you to question whether it is true – 'it is your faith that will save you'.

PARISH AGM Sunday 9th July – after the 11am Mass.

Please come along and hear about what has been happening in the parish over the last year. It is also an opportunity for you to express your thoughts and ideas for the future.

A big thank you for supporting Tony on the Manchester Run, raising money for St Luke's. At present he has raised over £300, but still have some more money to come. We will let you know the final figure as soon as we have it. Thanks again for your help and support

BAPTISM PREPARATION

If you wish to make preparations for your child to be Baptised you should telephone Fr Simon to arrange to see him after an 11am Mass on Sunday morning..

Following this there are Meetings on the first Friday of each month at 7:30pm.that you will need to attend, where you will meet Mrs Gerri Doherty and Deacon Tony Ford.

NEWSLETTER

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"United in conviction and united in love, with a common purpose and a common mind" Philippians 2:2

18th JUNE 2017 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CYCLE A) MASS & SERVICE TIMES

MASS & SERVICE TIMES		
Saturday 17th June	4:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:15pm	John Payne RIP
Sunday 18th June	9;30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	Special Intention Rimmer family
	Noon	PARISH BBQ
Monday 19th June	9:30am	Tommy Kneale RIP
	7:30pm	Scripture Group
Tuesday 20th June	9:30am	Bridget Lacking RIP
	10:30am	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 21st June	Noon	David Goodall RIP
Thursday 22nd June	9:30am	David Powell RIP
Friday 23rd June		No Service
		NO Service
Saturday 24th June	4:45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	5:15pm	Kittie Insley & Winnie Cannon RIP
Sunday 25th June	9;30am	Stephen Doran RIP
	11:00am	People of the Parish

Please note- Mass times are subject to change and, whilst every effort will be made, intention dates cannot be guaranteed. We do currently have a large backlog of Intentions, rest assured your requested Masses will be said as soon as is possible.

If Fr Simon is unobtainable and you urgently need a Priest please phone the parish mobile: **07548 222133** Please use this number for emergencies only i.e. where a priest is needed urgently.

200 CLUB DRAW

Winner: £40 Prize This week –. Mr P Williams

WHY NOT JOIN THE 200 CLUB AND HELP THE PARISH?

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH

Flowers for the church were donated by Mr J Hodnett

If you would like to make a donation for the flowers please add your name to the list in the porch and place your donation into the wall box.

PRIZE BINGO: Our next Bingo night will take place on Friday July 7th at 7.30pm. Tea & coffee available - Raffle. £1 Admission. We would appreciate Prizes for the Bingo and Raffle – please leave them in the sacristy marked "Bingo".

 $\underline{\text{COFFEE MORNING}}$: Our next coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 20^{th} June at 10:30am. Come along and enjoy Bingo, Raffle and Bring and Buy Stall.

SPECTACLES FOR MISSIONS

Please keep bringing in your unwanted spectacles and cases. These provide valuable help to those in Mission countries with eyesight problems.

Megan Lockett is taking part in **the** <u>Midnight walk for St. Luke's Hospice</u> on the 1st July. There will be sponsorship forms in the porch next weekend where you can sign up to support her.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKING ENQUIRIES

If you are interested in hiring the Parish Centre for a function, please contact Derek on- 01606 889048

Prayer for our Parish:

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this parish and grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your word and a new consecration to your service, that your love may grow among us and your kingdom come, through Christ our Lord.

St Joseph pray for us

Gospel Reading John 6 51 – 58

Jesus said to the Jews. I'm telling you the most solemn and sober truth now: Whoever believes in me has real life, eternal life. I am the Bread of Life. Your ancestors ate the manna bread in the desert and died. But now here is Bread that truly comes down out of heaven. Anyone eating this Bread will not die, ever. I am the Bread - living Bread! - who came down out of heaven.

Anyone who eats this Bread will live—and forever! The Bread that I present to the world so that it can eat and live is myself, this flesh-and-blood self."

At this, the Jews started fighting among themselves: "How can this man serve up his flesh for a meal?"

But Jesus didn't give an inch. "Only insofar as you eat and drink flesh and blood, the flesh and blood of the Son of Man, do you have life within you. The one who brings a hearty appetite to this eating and drinking has eternal life and will be fit and ready for the Final Day. My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. By eating my flesh and drinking my blood you enter into me and I into you. In the same way that the fully alive Father sent me here and I live because of him, so the one who makes a meal of me lives because of me. This is the Bread from heaven. Your ancestors ate bread and later died.

Whoever eats this Bread will live always".

"Preach the Gospel always, if necessary use words"

St Francis of Assisi

PARISH BBQ this Sunday after the 11am Mass. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a Burger/Hot Dog, etc. etc. and all the fun.





