

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart - whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm **O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!**

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them his decrees.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven, not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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Celebrating Eucharist

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881–1955) was a Jesuit palaeontologist and mystic whose work brings science and religion together. For him, all beings and all creation "complete the Body of Christ." In his travels and research as palaeontologist he often found himself without the means to celebrate the Eucharist in its traditional form. His fundamental vision of Christ as 'All-in-everything' inspired his ritual which he called the Mass on the World. "I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar. I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself." His Liturgy of the Word is his contemplation and praise of God's presence in all people and in all creation. He celebrates the Liturgy of the Eucharist (Offertory, Consecration and Communion) by "making the whole earth my altar and on it I will offer God all the labours and sufferings of the world. This bread, our toil; this wine, our pain, representing the solidarity of all human kind and all beings, and the earth itself." For Teilhard, the desired Consecration is already there. "I firmly believe that everything around me is the body and blood of the Word. That is why, in our prayer at the altar, we ask that the consecration (transformation) may be brought about for (and in) us. From Offertory and Consecration there follows Communion. Consciousness (awareness) must and does yield to the truth of things, sees more clearly the 'single life' that enlivens all things." Teilhard's daily celebration of Mass was an openness and surrender to a growing awareness of Christ already present in all things.

During the past few months we have found ourselves without the means to celebrate our traditional weekly Mass. We have had to find some other ways of keeping alive that which nourishes and transforms us – and perhaps ask ourselves, "What does nourish us and open us to being transformed?" Have we said with Teilhard, "I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar. I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself." What is 'the real' for us? For Richard Rohr it is "finding Christ in the body (in the material world), in the blood (in the suffering of the world). Little by little this transforms us into Christ. That's what church is all about! That's its only mission. That's our only task. And because it's too good to be true, too big to be possible, we take it in little doses. We hope that we will be humble enough, open enough, ready enough, empty enough to believe it."

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi) (Week 11) Year A 14th June 2020

DIARY AND MASS INTENTIONS

for the week beginning Saturday 13th Jun 2020

Sat	Dermot O'Malley	
Sun	For our parish	<i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ – CORPUS CHRISTI</i>
Mon	Norah Stanton Graveside Service for Norah Stanton	
Tue	Theresa Clarkson Graveside Service for Theresa Clarkson	
Wed	Murray family	
Thur	O'Gara family	
Fri	Peter Clayton Cremation Service for Peter Clayton	<i>Feast: The Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
Sat	Special Intention	<i>Feast: The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>
Sun	For our parish	<i>12th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>

Masses received this week:

O'Gara family, Steven Green, Peter Clayton, Theresa Clarkson, family & friends of Mary O'Gara, family & friends of Norah Stanton, Joan Green.

Acknowledgement

Thank you for further donations for the Food Bank, SVP and Cafod Emergency Appeal.

The Preston **CORPUS CHRISTI** devotions will take place at St. Walburge's TODAY, at 2.00pm via the live stream facility as the Church will be closed. See St. Walburge's on Youtube or <https://www.facebook.com/icksp.preston/> (you don't need a Facebook account)

Please pray for: Bishop Paul, Joan Anderton, Bill Embery, Lawrence Dunnagan, John Myerscough and Alice Myerscough, Mary Kathleen Kellett, Chris Goldsmith, Frank Stanton, Betty Murphy, Marie Gardner, Carole Adnitt, Joan Green, Frances & Les Farrer.

Also the isolated and lonely, all medical staff and carers, those in research, the Government and all world leaders, all who are assisting the public in any way.

... for those who have died recently: Cyril O'Reilly, Teresa Clarkson, Norah Stanton, Peter Clayton,

... and for those whose anniversaries are around now: Teresa Routledge. Jackie Bennett-Baut, Robert Whittaker, Roy Garside, Robert Salisbury, Mary Derry, John Gielly, Fr. Thomas Harrison, Anne Jervis, Doreen Noon.

Church is closed - but our parish lives!

Opening Churches:

We were heartened to hear that churches can open for private prayer from tomorrow (Monday) but then deflated to be sent the list of requirements. We have had to set up and confirm with the Diocese that we have a team of stewards so that two can be available all the time the church is open; that church has been cleaned and a regime of cleaning is in place, particularly door handles and pews where people will be allowed to kneel or sit; that we have supplies of masks, aprons, sanitisers and other cleaners; that church is cordoned off to ensure 2 metre separation; doors (and windows) have to be open, all this and much more.

Thanks to the hard work of members of PLG and the generosity of parishioners we have been able to put this in place to allow us to open St. Anthony's church for private prayer as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 10.00 – 11.00am; Thursday, Friday: 5.00 – 6.00pm Saturday: 11.00 – 12.00noon. We had expected to be able to open church all day but this is not possible because of the requirements.

The maximum number of persons allowed in the Church at any one time is 10 including 2 Stewards. If you have any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 please do not visit.

The Diocese is satisfied with our preparations and has given us verbal permission to go ahead.

Covenant Books: The book shop at Holy Family is planning to re-open on Thursday 18th June. 10am-4pm.

Repeat notices

Virtual 'Coffee Morning' The zoom Coffee Mornings continue to work well. Today's log in information is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85494613447> Meeting ID: 854 9461 3447 Our meeting will show as 'St Anthony's Coffee Morning' Remember to allow Audio and Video (so we can hear and see you!) You will not be able to join until 11.00am. Thanks again to Angie for facilitating and hosting this.

Prayer Tree. We have a 'Prayer Tree' in church where we are hanging prayer intentions. We invite all the parish to pray with us. Prayers for ourselves, for our work, the Church and our world. Prayers for others, prayers that others have asked us to make on their behalf. Send your intentions to parish.priest2@btinternet.com (Please do not include any identifiable personal details) and we will display it physically in church. We will post a picture of our blossoming tree on our 'Keeping Together' e-mails.

Preston 5km Challenge for CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal.

Members of our parish have committed to a fundraising event: On Saturday 11th July 2020, you are invited to either walk, run, cycle or wheel 5km (3.1miles), choosing your individual routes and times. We will be taking up our challenges individually in the knowledge that we are together in spirit at one community event. Social distancing will be observed at all times. We very much hope that members of other Preston parishes will join in. Join in yourself by contacting Peter Towers using the facebook address below. JustGiving page and Facebook group: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cafodpreston> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/549868239250525/>

- **The Catholic Voice of Lancaster:** Our Diocesan newspaper for June is available but only online See: <http://www.catholicvoiceoflancaster.co.uk/>

- Fr. Peter continues to offer **Mass** on behalf of the parish every morning at 8am. If you wish Mass to be offered for any intention simply ask, either by phone or by e-mail.

- There are **Newsletters** every weekend as usual. Copies will be on St. Anthony's school website (and Holy Family website). If you would like one by e-mail send your e-mail address to parish.priest2@btinternet.com

- **Funerals** may now only take place at the crematorium or the graveside. Attendance is limited to immediate family on government advice and social distancing must be kept. Later it will be possible to celebrate Mass in church for those who have died.