



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 19th June 2022 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Eucharist, so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and have the maximum benefit from receiving Communion.

We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by: “transubstantiation” which means that the *substance* of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the *substance* of the risen, living Jesus in His glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, while the *accidents* (like colour, shape, taste, etc. of the consecrated bread and wine), remain unchanged.

Today’s Gospel details how Jesus converted the ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb’s blood, Jesus offered his own Divine/human Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink: “Take ... eat ... *this IS my Body which will be given up for you*” (He did not say “This represents my body”), and “Take ... drink ... *This is ... my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many....*” (Nor did He say, “This represents my blood...”).

A Sacrament and a sacrifice: Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering.

As a Sacrament,

- a) the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God’s grace and God’s life and,
- b) as a communal Meal, The Eucharist unites us and nourishes our souls.

As a sacrifice

- a) the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus’ sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection.
- b) As Church, we offer Jesus’ sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

Life messages:

1. Let us appreciate the “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation, and deep reverence.
2. Let us be Christ-bearers and conveyers: By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness, and humble and sacrificial service.

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| <u>Readers</u> | Sat 6:30 | Sun 09:30 | Sun 11:00 |
| | Roland Young | Eileen Livesey | Maria Latty |

If you wish to join the Reader’s Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Confessions on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

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| Sat 18 Jun | 6:30 PM | The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | Parishioners |
| Sun 19 Jun | 9:30 AM | | Julia Whittaker- Healing |
| | 11:00 AM | | Kerry RIP |
| Mon 20 Jun | 10:00 AM | Monday in the 12 th Week in Ordinary Time Saint Alban, martyr | Kerry RIP |
| Tue 21 Jun | 10:00 AM | Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious | For the Youth |
| Wed 22 Jun | Sacristy | Saint John Fisher, bishop, and Saint Thomas More, martyrs | Private Intentions |
| Thu 23 Jun | 10:00 AM | The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist | Sanctification of Priests |
| Fri 24 Jun | 6:00 PM | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | Vocations |
| | | Holy Hour | |
| Sat 25 Jun | 6:30 PM | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Parishioners |
| Sun 26 Jun | 9:30 AM | | Parishioners |
| | 11:00 AM | | Parishioners |

Announcement The Mission Today Summer 2022 report is available at the back of church with a Blessed Pauline Jaricot prayer card. Please take one whether you are a red box holder or not, until stocks run out.

Vacancies have arisen at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant, and a Caretaker. Further details can be found on their website - <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/education-department-vacancies>

Foodbank As anticipated, the Foodbank has seen an increase in the number of people who are in food poverty. At all times, the Foodbank tries to ensure that its clients receive a parcel that provides a balanced diet. Currently, we are experiencing a shortage of tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding and custard. We are always grateful for the support we receive and any help you can provide.

Whitchurch Foodbank Tesco Collection

Each year Tesco offers foodbanks the opportunity to have a 3-day collection at their stores for their local Trussell Trust Foodbank. This year it will take place at the Whitchurch store on Thursday 30th June, Friday 1st July and Saturday 2nd July. We are asking for volunteers who could spare an hour of their time between 9am and 5pm to hand out leaflets and to man a collection point. If you would like to help, please contact the Foodbank at info@whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk or leave a message on 01948 663943. This is a very important opportunity for the Foodbank to maintain its stocks and any help would be greatly appreciated.

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

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| Sunday | 12 June | - | £330.16 |
| Weekly Standing Orders | | - | £109.50 |

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account.

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| Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke. |
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