



22 June 2025

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Year C)

### Reflection on the Gospel

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ should we not have the gospel reading about the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper? No, the Church puts before us this reading of the wonderful gift of food from Jesus. It is a sort of open-air picnic Eucharist.

It begins with Jesus talking to the crowd about the Kingdom of God; this is what happens in the earlier part of our Eucharist, as we listen to the Word in the readings and to the homily which interprets the Word for us. Then the Lord heals those who are in need of healing, and that means all of us, for we are always in need of healing in various ways. Only then does Jesus raise his eyes to heaven, bless the bread and distribute it, just as he gives himself to us in the Eucharist.

A sign of the generosity and plenty of Jesus' gifts in the Eucharist is represented by the twelve baskets of left-overs, ready for consumption by the twelve tribes of the new Israel. In the same way, on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we share joyfully in the sustenance which Jesus gives to us and to the huge numbers of his followers across the world.

**How can I participate more fully in Jesus' gift of the Eucharist? Perhaps I could make better preparation before Mass begins; take time for reflection afterwards; give fuller attention during the Mass.**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB, Ampleforth*

### Reflection on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading

Melchizedek is a historically mysterious figure; designated a king of Salem, he suddenly appears from nowhere to greet

Abraham and bless him. In gratitude Abraham gives Melchizedek a tenth of the spoil he has just won in battle. The only other mention of Melchizedek in the Old Testament is in Psalm 110, where he is the priest-king of Jerusalem. The early verses of this Psalm are frequently cited in the New Testament as a fore-shadowing of the exaltation of Christ to the right hand of the Father at the resurrection: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool".

In the New Testament the whole Psalm is understood to point to Christ, and so in the Letter to the Hebrews the verse, "You are a priest according to the line of Melchizedek" is interpreted as a reference to Christ's priesthood. Christ is a priest not in the line of Aaron, but in the line of Melchizedek. The Letter further argues that, since Melchizedek blesses Abraham, Melchizedek's priesthood is superior to that of Abraham and Aaron. So, by this slightly involved explanation, we are celebrating in this first reading the priesthood of Christ, a priesthood superior to that of the Old Law.

**What does it mean when we say that all Christians share in the priesthood of Christ?**

### Votive lamps

This week, at Holy Name, the votive lamps burning either side of the Blessed Sacrament are for the **intentions of M Schumacher and the Roche family and relatives.**

This week, at Our Lady & St Philomena, the votive lamp burning before the relic of St Philomena is for the **intentions of the Devine family.**

Archdiocese of Liverpool  
Parishes of Holy Name and  
Our Lady & Saint Philomena

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**Holy Name**, Moss Pits Lane, L10 9LG

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Road, L9 6BU

**Parish office at Holy Name:** Open Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00 am  
to 12.30 pm, and 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm.

**Baptisms:** Our Lady & St Philomena each  
Sunday at 11 am, Holy Name each Sunday at  
12.15 pm. Not 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Confessions:** Holy Name on Saturday from  
5.30 pm, Our Lady & St Philomena on  
Wednesday from 6.30 pm or by request.

**Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.

**Rosary:** Before each weekday Mass.

**Novena:** After Wednesday evening Mass at  
Our Lady & St Philomena.

**Exposition:** Holy Name, Thursday at 9.15 am

**Visits to sick and housebound:** Please  
contact the parish office.

**Hospital visits:** If you wish to see a priest,  
please let the hospital staff know.

**Mass requests:** Complete a pre-printed  
envelope and place in the Mass intention box.  
Please specify the reason for the intention, i.e.  
lately dead, anniversary etc. For a particular  
day, please request early. The Mass may be  
shared unless you request otherwise.

**Newsletter notices:** Please e-mail to  
[holyname@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:holyname@rcaol.org.uk) or hand in to the  
Parish Office by Thursday morning.

**Repository:** Open before and after Mass.



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## Readings at Mass

Scan the QR code for the Mass readings.

1<sup>st</sup> reading: Genesis 14:18-20

2<sup>nd</sup> reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17



## Psalm response

You are a priest for ever, according to the  
order of Melchizedek.

## Thank you

Your offerings this week total £887.95 and  
for Day for Life £145.21

## First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Isla Mae Ryan who  
receives the sacrament of Holy Communion  
at Holy Name on Sunday 22 June.

## Baptism

Congratulations to Poppy Norma Corlett,  
Douglas George Corlett and Kenneth Marc  
Corlett who receive the sacrament of  
baptism at Holy Name on Sunday 22 June.

## Welcome

We welcome Sofia Grace O'Neill at Holy  
Name this weekend as they will receive the  
sacrament of baptism on Sunday 29 June.

## Fr Mark's Jubilee Mass

Fr Mark celebrates 30 years as an ordained  
priest on Wednesday 9 July. On this day,  
there will be a celebration Mass at Holy  
Name at 6 pm, followed by a reception at  
Holy Name parish centre. All welcome.

## Confirmation

Confirmation candidates from Holy Name  
and Our Lady & St Philomena are invited to  
an initial meeting and Mass at Blessed  
Sacrament on Thursday 3 July at 6 pm.

### Mass times in our family of parishes

#### Holy Name

Saturday 6 pm and Sunday 11 am

#### Our Lady & St Philomena

Sunday 9.30 am

#### Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 10 am

## Pope's intention - June

That the world might grow in compassion  
Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

## Cathedral

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King has been awarded Grade I listed status, following advice from Historic England.

The cathedral was previously Grade II\* listed and is now nationally recognised as a building of the highest architectural and historical interest. See Archdiocese website for more information

<https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/news>

## Baptism preparation meeting

The next baptism preparation meeting is Saturday 5 July at 11 am at Holy Name Church. Baptism application forms are available after Mass, from the parish office or on the day of the meeting.

## Peter's Pence

There will be a retiring collection next weekend on behalf of Peter's Pence.

Donations to Peter's Pence help to support the Holy Father's mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, sisterhood and brotherhood among peoples.

## My Day by Day

The July 'My Day by Day' booklets are available in church.

## Living Faith

The July to September Living Faith booklets are available in church.

## Parking at St Philomena

Please use the car park when attending Mass. Please help us be considerate to our neighbours.

## Memorial garden

The memorial garden at Our Lady & St Philomena is open each Sunday after Mass for quiet prayer and reflection.

## Numbers galore

Numbers are 3 and 28. One winner.

## Young adult group

The Archdiocesan young adult group meet fortnightly at Pauline Book Centre, 84 Church Street, Liverpool. Starts at 6.30 pm with food and refreshment, followed by prayer at 7 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday 24 June. Anyone aged 18-35 welcome. For more information, contact Moses at [m.mui@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:m.mui@rcaol.org.uk)

## Preloved items

You can donate to the church preloved religious items such as statues, rosary beads, souvenirs from pilgrimages. These will then be made available to parishioners to enjoy at home.

## Family picnic, Ormskirk

On Saturday 28 June the Archdiocese is hosting a family picnic from 11 am to 3 pm at St Anne Church, Prescott Road, Ormskirk, L39 4TG.

All families are welcome to attend, we especially wish to invite those families with children who have recently been Baptised or are making their Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Mass will be celebrated at 12 pm. Families are encouraged to bring their own food. There will be games for younger children, children's liturgy, Animate Youth activities for teenagers and reflection time for adults.

## Recruitment

The archdiocese is recruiting a chaplaincy administrator, chaplaincy assistant, lead officer for primary school improvement and parish administrator. To apply <https://liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers>

Day	Time	Church	Intention
<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b>			
Saturday 21st	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	Alice Gillon, lately dead
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am	St Philomena	People of our Parishes Collette Shudall, 6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Kelly Sturgeon, RIP, anniversary
Monday 23rd			No service
Tuesday 24th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Tess and Eric White, anniversary
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am	Holy Name	Anne Richard, recovery from illness
	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Funeral: Brian Derby, RIP</b>
	6.30 pm	St Philomena	Confessions until 6.50 pm
	7.00 pm	St Philomena	John Lowe, birthday remembrance Diana M <sup>c</sup> Nally, birthday intention <i>Novena after Mass</i>
Thursday 26th	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	10.00 am	Holy Name	Catherine Mooney, anniversary
Friday 27th	10.00 am	St Philomena	Mr Scott, RIP Jimmy Finn, RIP
<b>Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul</b>			
Saturday 28th	5.30 pm	Holy Name	Confessions until 5.50 pm
	6.00 pm	Holy Name	People of our Parishes John Hoban, lately dead
Sunday 29th	9.30 am	St Philomena	Jim M <sup>c</sup> Queen, RIP Michael Cresham, get well
	9.30 am	Hospital	Special intention
	11.00 am	Holy Name	Mrs Elisa A Sison, prayer for her soul Mrs Consuelo A Lopez, prayer for complete healing & recovery
<p><b>We remember in our prayers those who have died recently</b>  Chris Feeney, Chris Tyrell, Brian Derby, Jonathan Scott  Teresa Watling, Stephen Judge  May they rest in peace</p>			

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