

-Collection for Sunday including via bank: £ 735.21

New Mass Book Sponsors- We purchased 100 new Year A, Vol. 2 (green) Mass Books.

So far, 83 books have been sponsored — a truly magnificent response. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously.

If you would still like to sponsor a book, please speak to Kevin, Sr Monique, or Emma.

Each book includes a sponsor label inside the front cover. As you use the book, you might like to say a prayer for the person or intention named on the label.

Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Sunday 21st June at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. All parish groups are encouraged to send a representative.

Advance Notice – Parish AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 19th July. Further details will be shared soon.

Special Rosary Service to celebrate The Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Mary's Fernyhalgh (Fernyhalgh Lane Preston PR25ST)
Friday 12th June 2026 starting at 2.00pm

Royal Osteoporosis Preston Support Group

Thursday 18th June 2026 • 7.45 – 9.15pm at Parish Centre.
“Strawberry Tea” Evening

Enjoy scones with jam and cream, cakes, tea, coffee, and biscuits. There will also be a raffle and table-top stalls.

Everyone is warmly welcome. Just £2 per person.

The group meets monthly and also enjoys a day out and a Christmas meal each year.

CAFOD - Last year, the Jubilee Year, parishioners here were among 44,000 CAFOD supporters who called for urgent action on the debt crisis that's having a devastating impact on low-income countries. World leaders heard us and many have agreed that action is needed. Cardinal Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla from South Sudan says, “When debt repayment takes priority over essential services, the poorest suffer most.” Cardinal Stephen has written a letter to parishioners in England and Wales, and you'll be invited to add your name to a petition over the summer.

For more info: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/campaigning-news/south-sudan-an-illustration-of-the-debt-crisis>

PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS

in the Parish Centre

-Tuesday: 9th, 23rd June 10:00am – 12:00pm

-Sunday: 7th, 21st June after 8.45 Mass

Come along for conversation, company and coffee/tea

Join us for refreshments and good company.

Card Reader Facility in the Church Porch -The card reader is just below the choir stairs. You can make Offertory Donations as well as pay for Greetings Cards and Votive Candles. When you have made an Offertory Donation you will be given the option to Gift Aid. Offertory donations can also be made using URL

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-preston.or> the QR code.



Missio – Summer Booklets

The Missio Summer Booklets are now available in the church porch. Jennifer Mien, who normally distributes these to parishioners with a Missio Red Box, is unable to do so at present. Please feel free to take a booklet from the porch if you support Missio or would like to read more about their work.

Next Parish Lunch – Wednesday 10th June

Our next Parish Lunch will be held on Wednesday 10th June in aid of church repairs, as further work is needed on the flat roof.

Churches Together Evening Stroll -Wednesday 24th June •

7.00pm. Meet at The Continental, Avenham Park.

Join us for an evening stroll across the newly opened Tram Bridge, followed by refreshments back at The Continental.

All welcome.

Society of the African Mission Fathers will have their

Mission appeal collection today. May we donate generously for their Mission.

Lark Hill Association The 125th Anniversary

Celebration will take place at Cardinal Newman College on Saturday June 27th from 11.30am. To find out more please contact Janet Metcalf on 07713300192 or email janet.metcalf53@icloud.com.

Explaining the Real Presence in the Eucharist

Many people find the Catholic belief in the Real Presence difficult to understand—this was true even in Jesus' time (cf. John 6). Yet the Church has always held, in faith, that Christ's words are true: the Eucharist really is His Body and Blood.

The Church teaches that at Mass, through the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit, the substance of bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of the Lord, even though the appearance remains. This change is called transubstantiation (cf. CCC 1333–1344). Just as Jesus is truly God and truly man in the Incarnation, so He is truly present under the form of bread and wine.

Ultimately, belief in the Eucharist is an act of faith in Christ who gave us this Sacrament for our salvation. Our reverence at Mass—how we pray, receive, and adore—often speaks more clearly than words. A faithful, joyful witness can open hearts to the mystery of Christ's presence.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Loving God,

we pray for the people who are in war.

For all those suffering or afraid,
that You will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders for compassion,
strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity

to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become
a reality for the people all over the world.



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