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Sunday Reflection: – “I am the living bread” – We all need wisdom if we are to live life to the full. All who lack wisdom are invited to leave their folly aside and head for the banquet that will make a difference (Proverbs). This sumptuous banquet of wisdom is offered to all its devotees. Christians will see it as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist, and of the heavenly banquet which the Eucharist anticipates. This provides good preparation for hearing today’s Gospel from St. John, which focuses on “the mystery” and gift of the Eucharist. The Johannine language shifts to “eating and drinking” to “flesh and blood”. “Eating and drinking” is essential for living, for sustaining life. Signifying total immersion, participation. “Flesh and blood”, is a Hebrew idiom for the whole person. We consume the whole Christ when we gather to celebrate Eucharist. We become “wedded” to Christ and absorb his identity: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him”. Being separated from the Eucharist means being separated from Christ. A fully-fledged practicing Catholic is a Eucharistic Catholic. Through participation in the Eucharist we are in communion with Christ and with one another. We express our belonging and our identity. From the Table of the Word we are fed with the bread of divine revelation; from the Table of the Altar we are fed with “the flesh and blood of Christ”. The wisdom of God is in ‘the Word-made-flesh, Jesus Christ. Consuming that wisdom, we are enlightened in the ways of God. We are nourished by the real food and real drink. Through the Eucharist we are in a blood relationship with God, drawing our inner life from Jesus as he draws life from the Father. Hence, Jesus’ command: “*Do this in memory of me*”.

St. Philip Benizi OSM – Philip was born in Florence in early 13th century. He became a Servite Friar. In 1267 he was elected Prior General. A remarkable Friar, he attracted many to join the Order because of his holiness of life, his following of Gospel values and his service of Mary. He gave strong leadership to the Order and Church of his day. At Masses on his feast day, which is on Thursday 23rd August, it is traditional to bless bread and water in his honour. He was canonized in 1671.

Summer Changes – During the Month of August, we will only have One Mass each week day (Monday – Friday). On Mon, Wed and Fri Mass will be celebrated at 10am each morning and on Tues and Thurs Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm each day. We hope and pray this will facilitate our weekly Mass goes. We trust you understand. On Saturdays and Sundays, Masses will be as usual. All Mass intentions received will be honoured.

First Holy Communion – Parents of children in Year 3 or older wishing to make their Holy Communion next academic year should collect an application form from the Parish Office. This must be submitted with a Baptismal Certificate, if not baptized in our Parish. To accompany these, a £20 contribution towards the cost of the Holy Communion book and resources. The deadline for all applications is on Sunday 23rd September 2018 and a meeting will be held on Sunday 30th September for Parents and Candidates after 10am Mass.

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm

(Lunch Hour 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30pm

Sunday 8.30am

10am

(Spanish) 11.15am

12.15pm

7pm

Mon/Wed/Fri – 10am

Tues/Thurs – 6.30pm

Sat – 10am & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Confession

Mon - Fri 6.15 – 6.30pm

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15am
6.00 – 6.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mon – Fri 10.30 am – 11.15am

Rosary – Wednesdays 10.30am,
followed by Tea/Coffee in the
Founders Room.

Legion of Mary – Every Tuesday at
7pm in the Library. New members
are welcome!

Charismatic Prayer Group: Is on
Thursdays at 11am in the Founders’
Room.

Saints Days

Mon 20th – St Bernard

Tue 21st – St Pius

Wed 22nd – The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin

Thu 23rd – St Rose of Lima

Fri 24th – St Bartholomew

Sat 25th – St Louis &

St Joseph Calasanz

Eucharistic Congress:

Liverpool, 7-9 September
2018. Adoration in our
Church on Mon, Wed & Fri
mornings 10.30 – 11.30 each
day. Come and pray for the
Congress.