

Parish Newsletter

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST | 3 June 2018
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CORPUS CHRISTI

Our readings for the Feast of Corpus Christi are a challenge. They take us into unfamiliar territory. However, "to understand the Eucharist we do not need to be experts in theology nor in the rituals of ancient Israel. Jesus left us the symbols of bread and wine as realities that speak to us of nourishment and celebration." (Sean Goan)

The Mass is at the heart of the life of any parish. For most people it is their main contact with the parish community, and for many it may be their only contact. Is it place of nourishment and celebration? For many today it is not. There are times when it speaks to people. Masses for special occasions, even sad ones such as funerals, can often be moments that touch those present and give people a

Today's Readings



Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 115:12-13, 15-18
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Next Sunday's Readings



Genesis 3:9-15
Psalm 129:1-8
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

meaningful expression of community celebration or sympathy.

The weekly Sunday Mass rarely has that impact. In his first encyclical Pope Francis describes the church as "a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel". (The Joy of the Gospel 114). Is that how we feel on leaving the church after Sunday Mass? It can be when we tune in to what is happening.

In celebrating the meal with his disciples Jesus gave them a memory to teach them that his death was not the end. He would be present to them in a different way. Later they gathered to share a meal, to share memories and stories about Jesus, to explore together the meaning of his life and ministry, to witness to how their experience of

Jesus had moved them to place their faith in him. They remembered the past in order to encourage their faith in the present.

In the Mass we also remember the story of Jesus, and what he did in his lifetime, in order to nourish our faith in him for our everyday lives. We remember so that "we may be encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." Our aim is not just to gather for Mass. It is to be encouraged to live as Jesus lived. Before Francis, Benedict XVI wrote "A Eucharist that does not pass over into the concrete practice of life is essentially fragmented."

We don't need each Mass to be a spectacular performance. I have often heard people describe the Mass as a welcome quiet, reflective, half-hour in the week when they stop to think, pray and possibly refocus for the week ahead. ■

– John (Peter) Byrne

Reflection

What preparation helps you to make the most of your Sunday Mass?

Lesson

As Jesus gave himself for us, we also should give our lives for others.

Prayer

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

I will call on the Lord's name
(Ps 116).

This Week (4-10 June)

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| 4 | Mon | St Kevin, abbot, St Charles Lwanga & Comp. |
| 5 | Tue | St Boniface, bishop and martyr |
| 6 | Wed | St Norbert; St Jarlath, bishops |
| 7 | Thur | St Robert of Newminster; St Colman |
| 8 | Fri | THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS |
| 9 | Sat | The Immaculate Heart of the BVM |
| 10 | Sun | TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |



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MASS TIMES & SERVICES (UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

Saturday Evening at 6.30pm. (English Parish Mass)
Sunday Morning (in Polish): 9.30am, 1pm & 7pm. (English Parish Mass): 11.30am
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 9.30am. Friday at 7.00pm.
Wednesday: Communion Service discontinued until further notice (Day off)
Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil Mass at 7.00pm & Morning of Feast Day 09.30am
Confessions: Before each Mass and By Arrangement.
Baptisms: Saturdays at 4pm (3 weeks notice required)



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SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

Mark 14:12-16, 22:26

1. The symbolic gesture of breaking and sharing bread and sharing the cup, that Jesus made at the Last Supper, symbolised the offering of himself that he would make on Calvary, giving his life for others. Sometimes we also are called to give our lives for others. We can do this grudgingly or with a generous heart. What difference has it made for you when you were able to give yourself freely?
 2. In his encyclical letter *Deus Caritas Est* Pope Benedict XVI wrote, 'A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented'. What has helped you to be aware of the importance of the link between the Eucharist and your lifestyle?
 3. Jesus involved his disciples both in the preparation for the Last Supper and in its celebration. Recall times when you had a heightened awareness of participation and involvement in the Mass. What helped to give you this awareness? Are there lessons from these special experiences that you can bring with you to the routine Sunday Mass?
- John Byrne OSA. Email jpbyrneosa@gmail.com

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED-ONES

Recently Deceased: Margaret Gwynne, Fr Harry Carlin
Anniversaries: Hugh Crilly, Margaret Murray, Raymond Matthews, Elizabeth & Paul Spiers (Sat 2nd June at 6:30pm), Michael Matthews (Sun 3rd June at 11:30am), Isobel & Thomas McGiffin (Mon 4th June at 9:30am), Patricia McDonnell Nwoga, Rebecca Crilly (Sun 10th June at 11:30am), Stuart Wright (Sat 30th June at 6:30pm).

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sun 3rd June

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Maria Murphy & Phyllis McGrillen
Morning Mass: Tracey Mallon & Margaret Woods

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Sean Rafferty
Morning Mass: Louis Corscadden

Sun 10th June

READERS:

Vigil Mass: Eamon Blaney & Carmel Blaney
Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard & Kathryn Curran

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Vigil Mass: Ann Wright
Morning Mass: Margaret Sheppard

COLLECTIONS: Many thanks for your contribution to last week's collections: Weekly Collection £709.07, Education of Diocesan Students to the Priesthood £4, Monthly Stipend £42, Shrines £76.47.
Please consider signing a Gift Aid form so that the parish can claim back the Tax from the HMRC on your contributions. Your own Tax is not affected. New boxes of envelopes are available in sacristy. If you would like a box please speak to Fr McCann.

St. Anthony's 80th Anniversary: This year we celebrate 80 years since the first mass was celebrated in St Anthony's Church. The first meeting looked at various aspects of the celebration. Many thanks to all who attended. An update to the 50th Anniversary Booklet is being sought. If you have any photographs/personal stories of your time in St Anthony's, contact Fr McCann. The cut off time for contributions is end of May/June. Your photographs/personal stories will be included with your permission. Information Sheets with envelopes are available in the sacristy. Please stay tuned for other initiatives for the 80th Anniversary celebrations. Next meeting: Tues 19th June 2018 at 7:30pm in Pope John Paul II Room/SVP Room behind the church.

World Meeting of Families - Tickets and Registration. An *NEW updated information sheet* as to the process of registration for the World Meeting of Families is available in the Church porch. It includes details as to ticket allocations for the Congress in the RDS, the Festival of Families (Sat 25th Aug in Croke Park), and the Papal Mass (Sun 26th Aug in Phoenix Park). 1. Anyone who registers for

one day of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS will be guaranteed a ticket for the Final Mass in Phoenix Park. 2. Anyone who registers ONLY for the Festival of Families (Saturday 25th August) or the Final Mass (Sunday 26th August), will receive a ticket subject to availability. 3. Following discussions with Dublin City Council, the Garda, and Security forces, coaches will not be allowed to drive up to the gates of Phoenix Park for the Final Mass. This means that those travelling to the Final Mass by coach will have to walk 2 or 3 km to the Park. There will be no seating at the Mass. However some portable seats may be allowed into the Park. This has yet to be confirmed by the National WMOF Team. Only people attending the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Saturday 25 August will have to present photo ID. People going to the Final Mass on Sunday 26 August in Phoenix Park will not be asked to present photo ID. Tickets will be issued online in due course to those who have registered. 4. People who have a disability will be transported via a shuttle service from their coach on arrival to their designated enclosure in Phoenix Park. After the Mass, they will be transported back to their coach. More information is found on the Update Sheet. — The parishes of our Pastoral Community (South Belfast), will provide a number of coaches to transport those interested in going to the Papal Mass (Sunday 26th August), Phoenix Park, Dublin. There will be enough coaches for those who are interested, at a price of £20. You will be kept in contact as to when tickets are made available. To assist with the booking of coaches, please give your name and contact information (email) on the sheet provided at the porch door ASAP.

South and East Belfast Pastoral Area Family Fun Day, Carryduff Parish on Sat 16th June from 10am Mass until 4pm. Admission free. Among events (subject to weather), include Petting Farm, Climbing Wall, Assault Course, Bouncy Castles, Food stalls, face painting, Disco and Fire Engine from 2-4pm. A minimum of 5 volunteers from each parish is required. If you can help on behalf of St Anthony's Parish, please give names to Fr McCann 07740603643 ASAP.

Living Church Down & Connor Lough Derg Pilgrimage. The sixth Living Church Lough Derg 3 day Pilgrimage will take place this year from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2018. Cost is £65. Two departure points Belfast and Ballycastle. For details and to book a place please call the Living Church Office on 02890690920 or email livingchurch@downandconnor.org by Friday 15th June. Registration forms on request from Living Church Office or your Parish Office.

Clonard Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Belfast: 13th - 21st June 2018. We invite applications to volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, stewards, car park attendants, & church cleaners. Volunteer application forms are available from Clonard reception. Tel 02890 445950 or email reception@clonard.com. Applications need to be returned by no later than 1 June to allow for processing. See poster in porch.

Diocesan Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: The Down and Connor Annual Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Bishop Treanor, will take place on Sunday 10th June 2018. We encourage Parishioners who usually visit Knock annually as a family or individuals to consider making their visit on this day. Due to the World Meeting of Families many Parishes who usually organize a Parish trip to Knock for the Diocesan Pilgrimage are focusing their energies and resources on Parish trips to WMOF and the Papal Visit. Why not join us. Contact Fr Cushnahan 9049 1990.

Corpus Christi Procession: The Falls Pastoral Community warmly welcomes all parishioners to join them for the Corpus Christi Procession from St Dominic's to St Peter's Cathedral. The Procession will take place on Sunday 3rd June, beginning at 3pm. First Communicants (in their dresses and suits) and the P7 Confirmandi (in school uniform), with their families, are especially welcome to take part.

Book Launch: "The Bishops of Down and Connor Revisited", by Jim O'Hagan. Venue - Dorrian Room, St Malachy's College, 36 Antrim Road, Belfast. BT15 2AE, Thursday, 14th June 2018 at 7.30 pm. Light refreshments provided. You are welcome. See poster in porch.

Book Launch: The Poor Clares in Belfast 1924-2012. This book written by Fr Martin Magill will be launched on Tuesday 19th June 2018 after 7pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 1a Glenview St, BT14 7DP Belfast. The book will be on sale priced £10 in the parish centre adjoining the church.

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage and Mass on St Patrick's Mountain, Saul on Sunday 10th June at 3pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Farquhar.

Christmas Pilgrimage Group to the Holy Land Ex Dublin 19h - 27th December 2018 Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 053561921470 or 00353860572216 payments can be made in instalments and it's perfectly safe to go otherwise you will get your money back.

Willowfield COI Church Halls 1st Anniversary Come and celebrate with us on Tuesday 5th June 2018. Fun, food, BBQ free gifts and more! 10am-1pm.

Parish Safeguarding. Can you please ensure that all Children and Vulnerable Adults are accompanied at all times when entering the Sacristy / Toilet facilities. If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding Policy please contact a member of the Parish Safeguarding Committee. Many Thanks. Fr Henry PP.