

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 6TH JUNE 2021

The Eucharist communicates God's love for us: a love so great that it nourishes us with the Lord himself; a freely given love, always available to every person who hungers.

MASSES

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m.

Working Holy Days: Vigil 6p.m. Holy Days 10a.m. & 7.30p.m.

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

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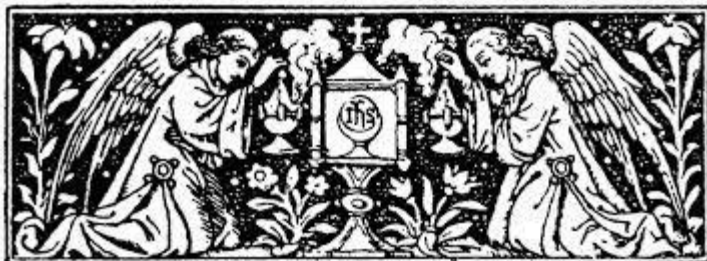
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he took bread and wine, blessed and broken, and gave Himself in these Sacramental signs to His disciples. "My Body, My Blood, given for you".

In those words and actions, in that sacred moment of giving, Jesus pre-figured the greatest action of all – the offering of Himself on the Cross. We believe and repeat that sacred action in obedience to His command each time the Church, gathered around the altar, re-members, puts back together again the broken Body of Christ.

This re-membering is a dynamic activity of all who believe in the presence of Jesus in the Church and in the Eucharist. The worship of God which we offer through this sacred action is not merely "the work of human hands". The raising of our minds and hearts to God is certainly an important element of our worship. But it is the prayer of Jesus Christ Himself into which we are drawn which offers true worship to God. This lies at the heart of the transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of our Lord.

Since the 13th century there has been a great desire in the Church to hold the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, in a moment of adoration, worship and contemplation. This feast of Corpus Christi was first celebrated in Liege in Belgium in the year 1246. It was extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban IV who died in the year 1264. In the midst of the dynamic drama which is the worship of God during the Mass, the adoration of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament remains "... a still point in the turning world".

The feast of Corpus Christi is a special opportunity as we contemplate the abiding presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

There will be a church gate collection to support the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul at the Masses on Saturday/ Sunday, 5th/ 6th June. Please give your support.

Petition for SAFE ROAD CROSSING at Our Lady of Lourdes NS

The Parents Association of Our Lady of Lourdes NS is asking the Chief Executive of Cork City Council to prioritise creating a safe crossing point at Our Lady of Lourdes National School at the junction of Bellair Estate and the Ballinlough Road.

To sign the petition, go to: <http://bit.ly/OLOLNSCrossing>

A new livestreaming service for the church webcam has replaced the service provided by MCN Media. The new provider is Church Services TV. Please note the new access for the livestream from Ballinlough: www.churchservices.tv/ballinloughlourdes



Deaths

We remember in our prayers Renée Lane, Browningstown Park. May she rest in peace.

Our sympathy to her family, friends and neighbours.

Corpus Christi

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ which we celebrate this Sunday is a joyful celebration of the abiding presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament flows from the heart of the Mass and the Holy Communion into which we enter in receiving Christ in the Eucharist. The Mass is the re-presentation of the action of Jesus on the night before he died. During the Last Supper