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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ [B]

6th June 2021

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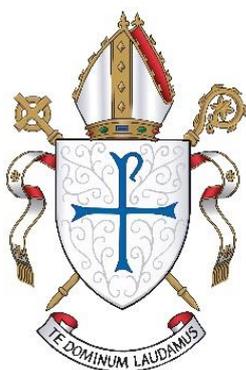
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St. Peter in Chains: Saturday
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THE LORD'S DAY AT HOME



Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.
The Gospel of the Lord.



Prayer for Spiritual Communion

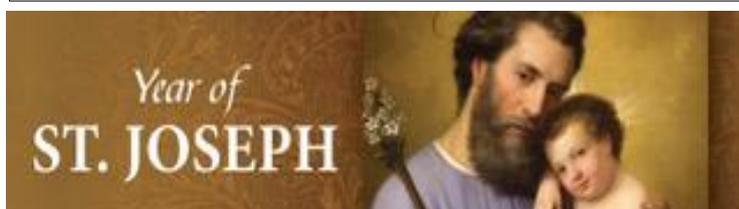
My Jesus, I believe that you are present
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things and I passionately desire
to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul
so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.



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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ [B] 2021

June 2021	BOOKING FOR MASS St. Peter's: call 01294 464063, Mon. to Fri. 9am-11.30am. St. Bride's call 07843 602745 or 01294 822320, 7pm-9pm.	St. Bride's West Kilbride: www.stbrideschurch.co.uk St John's, Stevenston: www.stevenstonstjohns.com St Mary's Saltcoats: www.rcsaltcoats.com		
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		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 5 th June	Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Alison Dunn (A), Betty Dunn (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 6 th June	Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Mass at 10.30am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for our parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15	Mass at 11.30am (L)	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 7 th June	10th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Kathleen Dean (SI), Celia Bailey (SI), Ignatius McAleavy (A)</i>			
Tuesday 8 th June	Requiem Mass for Annie Watt Mass at 10am (Private & Live Streamed)	Mass at 10am		Mass at 10am (L)
Wednesday 9 th June	Feast of St. Columba Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Patricia Woodcock (RD), Eileen McNulty (A)</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am for Jim Feeney
Thursday 10 th June	10th Week of the Year Mass at 10am (Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Mary Bridget, John Lawrence, Julianna Collins</i>			Funeral Mass at 10am for Thomas Harkins (L)
Friday 11 th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass at 10am (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Annie Watt (RD), Bobby Milligan (RD)</i>	Mass at 12 noon	Mass at 10am	
Saturday 12 th June	11th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm (Public & Live Streamed) <i>Offered for Tom Atkins (A), Sheelagh Kelly (A), Michelle Bainbridge (RD)</i>			First Eucharist Masses Vigil Mass 4.30pm (L)

Feed Your Soul - Renewing our Parish Communities

The essence of the Christian faith is mercy, made visible in Jesus of Nazareth. The practice of mercy is catechesis in action. St. Augustine affirms that catechesis becomes a work of mercy in that it satisfies 'with the word of God the intelligence of those who hunger for it.' The Church must enter into dialogue with the world in which it lives. It has something to say, a message to give, a communication to make. Dialogue is a free and gratuitous initiative, takes its cues from love and grows in a gradual way. At the present time this dialogue, with society, cultures and sciences, with every other believer, is particularly required as a valuable contribution to peace. Catechesis of initiation into Christian life is a journey, offered in the church community, which leads the believer to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through the word of God, liturgical action, and charity, integrating all the dimensions of the person so that they may grow in the mindset of faith and be a witness of new life in the world.

Will Mass attendance recover post-pandemic?

Whether Catholics will return to Mass and the sacraments in the same numbers post-pandemic is a question Catholic sociologists are asking. When churches were closed, people got out of the social ritual practice of going to Mass on Sunday. Especially for those on the fence — perhaps about a number of other issues that have nothing to do with the pandemic — that practice might not resume. In the sociology of conversion, belief follows behaviour. If we get out of the behaviour, the belief fades as well. The sense of community is key to develop a sense of belonging in the Church. Now that the pandemic appears to be waning, it's critical for our parishes to hit the ground running at full speed. What we need to do now more than ever is ramp up our hospitality and invite people to hang out with us at the parish. We can no longer wait for people; we need to go out and find them. The greatest community is one of faith. When it comes to Mass attendance, we need to ask where people were in terms of their understanding of the sacraments before the pandemic. Do they have an understanding of how the sacraments nourish the faith and, therefore, are part of the routine of nurturing that faith? If many parishioners don't understand the Eucharist, why would they come back? Our own faith will become more personal and important to us when we meet those living it passionately and authentically. We are meant for community, and the Church has a wonderful opportunity here to invite people in and not just wonder why they're not coming back.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Jim Boyle, Bill Holden, Valerie Bickers, Jean Brawley.

✚ Those who have died recently:

Annie Watt, Bobby Milligan, Michelle Bainbridge, Betty Dunn, Jim Feeney, Patricia Woodcock (nee Leonard)

✚ Those who died at this time of Year:

James Conaghan 1999, Mary Walsh 1954, May Boyle 2013, Father Ninian Currie OFM 2009, Alison Dunn 1994, Martha Johnston 2013, Margaret O'Neill 2009, Patrick Clark 2002, Michael Collins 2009, Charles Coulter 2007, Stephen McIntosh 2015, Julia Paterson 2017, George West 1997, Rose McKenzie, Sheena Walker 2017, Martin Francis Brown 1998, Elizabeth Dailly, Hilda Reid, John Spencer 2002, Alice Ferrie 2010, John Maher 2002, Helen Taylor 1998, Tom Atkins 2010, Agnes Blake 2008, John Higgins 1973, Sheelagh Kelly 2010, Vincent McBride 2013.

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

► **REQUIEM MASS FOR ANNIE WATT** Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Annie Watt who died on 21st May 2021, aged 83 years. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, 8th June at 10am, followed by Cremation at Holmsford Bridge Crematorium at 11.30am. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

The Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ

The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the gift of what is called the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Communion, the Mass, and the Lord's Supper. The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of transubstantiation, namely, that in the Eucharist, the host and the wine really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Have you ever met anyone who finds this a bit hard to take? If so, you shouldn't be surprised. When Jesus spoke about eating his flesh and drinking his blood in John 6, the response was less than enthusiastic. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat? (V52). "This is a hard saying who can listen to it?" (V60). In fact so many of his disciples abandoned him that Jesus asked the twelve if they also planned to quit. Note that Jesus did not run after the deserters saying, "Come back! – I was just speaking metaphorically!" St. Thomas Aquinas offered an explanation that became classic. In all change that we normally observe, he teaches, appearances change, but deep down, the essence of a thing stays the same. Example: if, in a fit of mid-life crisis, I traded my mini-van for a Ferrari, abandoned my wife and kids to be a tanned beach addict, bleached and spiked my hair, buffed up at the gym, and made a trip to the plastic surgeon, I'd look a lot different. But for all my trouble, deep down I'd still substantially be the same confused, middle-aged person as when I started. St. Thomas said the Eucharist is the one change we encounter that is exactly the opposite. The appearances of bread and wine stay the same, but the very essence of these realities, which can't be viewed by a microscope, is totally trans-formed. What starts as bread and wine becomes Christ's body and blood. A handy word was coined to describe this unique change. Transformation of the "sub-stance", what "stands-under" the surface, came to be called "transubstantiation." What makes this happen? The Spirit and the Word. After praying for the Holy Spirit to come (epiklesis), the priest, who stands in the place of Christ, repeats the words of the Jesus Himself: "This is my Body, This is my Blood." But why did Jesus arrange for this transformation of bread and wine? Because he intended another kind of transformation. The bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ which are, in turn, meant to transform us. Ever hear the phrase: "you are what you eat?" The Lord desires us to be transformed from a motley crew of imperfect individuals into the Body of Christ, come to full stature.

Free Booklet on the Meaning of the Eucharist now available

"God works through all these messy human realities and wants to encounter us at every Mass." The Lord wants to deeply encounter everyone in the Mass and especially in the Eucharist. However, it can be hard for us to recognise his presence. By learning about the deeper meaning behind what Catholics do at Mass, we lift the veil between the human and divine. In this excerpt, Dr. Edward Sri (a founding leader of FOCUS and professor at Augustine Institute) discusses what the Mass is and the three ways that every Catholic should know the Eucharist. Learn about the Eucharist as

- the memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross
- the real presence of Jesus
- Holy Communion with Our Lord

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Mustard Seeds

✝ Two Quizzes...

You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just read and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five World Cup Football trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss United Kingdom.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of Brit Award winners.

How did you do? The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

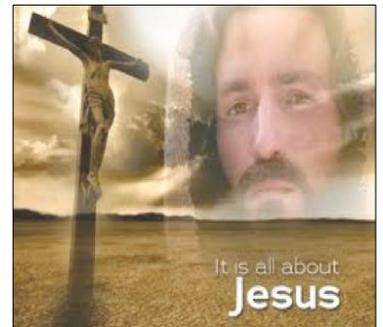
Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier? The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care. We care because we are asked to be like Christ for others...

Consider passing this on to those people who have made a difference in your life.



Just for a Laugh...

A priest was completing a sermon on moderation and abstinence; with great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." And then finally, he said, "And if I had all the whisky in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river." Then he sat down at the end of his sermon. The song leader then stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, "For our offertory hymn, let us sing Hymn Number 365: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'

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