

# Church of Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall Parish

Part of the Glasnevin Partnership of Parishes

(Ballygall, Ballymun Rd, Corpus Christi, Glasnevin & Iona Rd)

**Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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Mass Intentions Monday 12th to Sunday 19th June				
Monday	7.25	Doreen Cummins	10.00	Special Intention
Tuesday	7.25	Milo Connolly	10.00	Mary, Richard & Esther Delahoyde.
Wednesday	7.25	Richard Cleary	10.00	Deceased members of Ballygall Active Retirement
Thursday	7.25	Special Intention	10.00	John & Jane Casey, Maura Kennedy.
Friday	7.25	Bill Lawlor	10.00	Betty, Pat & Niall Callan.
Saturday	10.00	Special Intention	Confessions available after 10.00am & 6.30pm Mass.	
	6.30pm	Margaret Gibbons, Jim Gibbons and deceased family members		
Sunday	10.00	Augustine & Mary Joyce and deceased family members		
	11.30	Austin Moffatt, Larry Shields, Edmund Quinlan, Philip Shields Ned Fitzgerald, Tom O'Loughlin and deceased members of the O'Loughlin & Dungan families.		

## St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly collection will take place this weekend after all Masses. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

## Summer Dues

This collection, for the support of priests, will be held throughout the summer months, beginning this weekend of 10th/11th June. Your support is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in all porches.

## Confirmations in Ballygall

Congratulations to the children from Sacred Heart Boys National School who were confirmed during the week. We would like to thank all those involved in preparing the children for this special sacrament. Our Last Do This In Memory Mass takes place today (Sunday at the 10am Mass). A special welcome to the boys and girls from the parish today.

## Prayer Intention Box

Now that the Leaving & Junior Cert is underway it is great to see so many prayer intentions in the box near the Sacred Heart Statue. Prayer cards are also available to give to those doing the exams. Leaflets for the Novena to the Sacred Heart (Feast Day Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June) are also available in the same area.

## Volunteers Required in our Parish.

If you believe you can help in any aspect of the maintenance & growth of our Church either physically or spiritually, please see the leaflets in the porches, and complete the form and drop into the parish office.

## Summer Mass times in our Partnership

The priests of the 5 parishes met together to discuss mass times during the months of July & August with a view to facilitate holidays, retreats and other training days. Some priests may be away at the same time and certain reductions in mass schedules was the main topic.

A number of years ago we introduced each parish having a day in which the morning mass would not be celebrated. Ballygall Monday, Iona Road Tuesday, Corpus Christi Wednesday, Glasnevin Thursday & OLV Friday. Our 7.25 early Mass and the 5.45pm Mass in the Redemptoristine Monastery, Iona Rd were seen as different to the normal schedule and would continue as long as we were able to facilitate this.

We are very fortunate with the number of active, although retired priests, in our area & we hope to be able to maintain the current Mass services in the area. However there may be occasional changes at short notice.

## Parish Pastoral Council

Monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Oratory at the rear of the church.

## Parish Reading Group

The next gathering of the Group will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30pm** in the Oratory. The Group will review and discuss the periodical "SPIRITUALITY". Copies are available from the parish office. Everyone welcome.

## Pathways: Exploring Faith and Ministry Programme

*Pathways* is a two-year, one evening a week, Adult Faith Development course. run by the Dublin Archdiocese, on Thursday evenings in DCU St. Patrick's Campus, Upper Drumcondra Rd, Dublin,9. September to May (7.00 p.m. – 9.30 p.m). Application is now open. **Early application advised.** Contact: *Pathways* Director, Eileen Houlahan at 01 8087594 or [pathways@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:pathways@dublindiocese.ie). Web: [www.missionministry.ie](http://www.missionministry.ie)

Brochures in the front porch. Ballygall parish offers to support parishioners in this programme by part – funding the cost.

## Lourdes Kindness Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Invalid Pilgrimage with Nurses and Carers in Attendance. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 5 nights. Special Subsidised Fare €855 per person sharing (deposit €300 required & non-refundable) for more information contact Terry Clarke, 01 8348549 or 087 4129792.



But this also is true: the Eucharist is primarily something we do, rather than something we have. It takes its meaning from the Mass; or rather it *is* the Mass. Initially, the only reason for keeping consecrated hosts after Mass was to bring them to people confined by illness. Then, from the 12th or 13th century onwards, they began to be kept for adoration. When it was thus detached from its context in the Mass, eucharistic piety sometimes took strange turns, such as Jesus being looked upon as a prisoner in the tabernacle, held there by his love for ungrateful humanity, and longing for consoling visits from his followers.

### Vatican II

Clearly, there was a need to recover the Church's liturgical roots. This is one of the great achievements of Vatican II. In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* we read,

*"The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed. At the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows"* (no.10).

In subsequent documents there is an emphasis on bringing eucharistic devotion back to its source in the liturgy.

*"Those who prepare eucharistic devotions need to be careful that everything within them clearly brings out the meaning of eucharistic worship in its correlation with the Mass, the source and culmination of the whole Christian life."*

(Order of Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, nos. 4 and 7)



### Summary

*The reserved Blessed Sacrament is a central focus in the spirituality of most Catholics.*

*We must bring Eucharistic devotions back to their source in the Liturgy.*

*The Eucharist is primarily something we do, rather than something we have.*

### Question

*Why has attendance at Corpus Christi processions diminished so much?*

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, present in the tabernacle, feed my soul with your grace.*

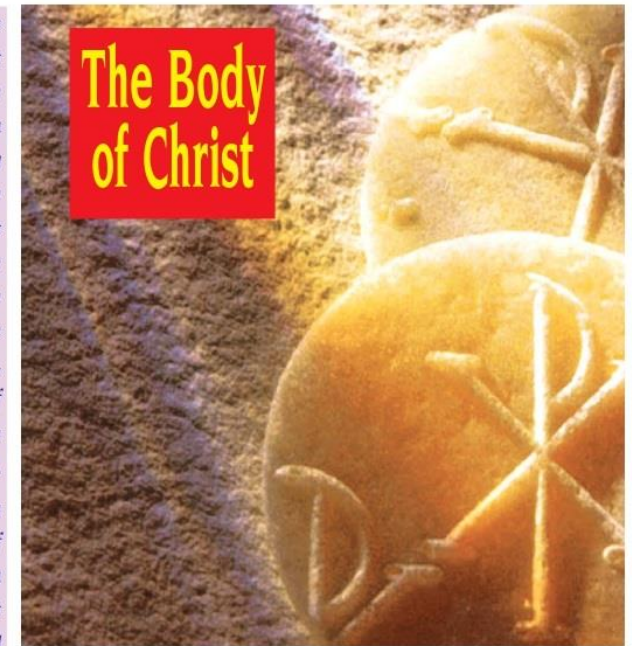


# SUNDAY LETTER

Series: The Eucharist; Corpus Christi Year A; 11 Jun 2023

*The Eucharist was instituted at the Last Supper, so the natural time to celebrate its institution would seem to be Holy Thursday. However, in the Middle Ages it was felt that some aspects of the eucharist had become overshadowed by the sorrow of Holy Week. Then, in 1264 a special feast of 'Corpus Christi' was instituted.*

*This dislocation suggests that by being taken out of its context, it underwent a change of significance. But the feast has survived, and has always been a popular one, celebrated with much colour, pageantry and outdoor processions. At one time it became, in practice, the principal feast of the Church, and was even celebrated with an octave.*



Nowadays the celebration of Corpus Christi is much less spectacular than in the past. In many countries it has been moved from Thursday to the following Sunday. Some Catholics wonder if Eucharistic devotion is being downgraded by this, especially when they see that in many churches the tabernacle is removed from the sanctuary and placed elsewhere – sometimes in a setting that suggests a separation from the main altar.

### Source in the Mass

It is necessary to find a balance. The reserved Blessed Sacrament is a central focus of the spirituality of most Catholics. It would be hard to exaggerate the comfort and reassurance it has given to countless people, especially the sick, through the centuries.