

lives as witness to the self-giving love of Jesus with a similar love for those who are excluded: the homeless, the unemployed, the despised and the ostracised and those who are condemned to the margins of society."

Pope Francis says the following when reflecting on the Eucharist:

"Jesus prepares a place for us here below, because the Eucharist is the beating heart of the Church. It gives her birth and rebirth, it gathers her together and gives her strength. But the Eucharist also prepares for us a place on high, in eternity, for it is the Bread of heaven."

St Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians *"as often as you eat this bread and this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."* This is part of Christ's tremendous parting promise to us: *"I will be with you always to the close of the age."* (Matt 28:20).

Father Donal makes this important point about today's feast:

"We need this gift [of the Eucharist]. We need to know certainly that God is close with us in life, and the Eucharist at Mass gives us this certainty. We need to know that God is really present in our lives, and we know this in the real presence of the Eucharist."

We can become very familiar with the Eucharist as we celebrate it on a weekly basis or, for some of us, more frequently than that. In his encyclical on the Eucharist Saint John Paul II invites us to be *amazed* by this altogether special and unique element of God's love for us. He tells us that the gift of the Eucharist evokes profound amazement and gratitude.

Pope Francis reminds us that: *"The Bread of heaven is the pledge of eternal life. A concrete anticipation of what awaits us there."*

Let us pray that, in the week ahead, we may take time to reflect on the meaning of the great gift of the Eucharist to each and every one of us. And also to give thanks to God for the graces and blessings that he gives us every day. Gerard Reilly

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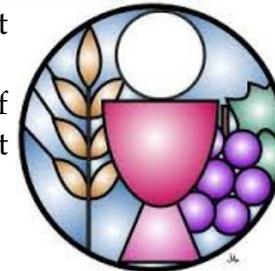
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23rd June 2019

so that, in parish life, we can bring about the kingdom of God in our community.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which literally means the body of Christ. This is an important feast day and gives us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist.



The Jesuit writer, Father Donal Neary, describes today's feast as follows:

"On Holy Thursday we also celebrate the Eucharist, but in another way it is more of the sacrifice of Jesus on Calvary. We unite ourselves with his offering that brought him to death, and look forward to the resurrection when the risen Lord would be present in many ways among people, including in the form and shape of bread and wine. On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, the emphasis is more on gift than on sacrifice."

When reflecting on today's feast, Father Kieran O'Mahony says: *"In the course of the liturgical year, Holy Thursday is the natural setting for reflecting on the Lord's Supper. The feast of Corpus Christi affords another opportunity, with a specific emphasis on the Eucharistic Presence."*

In our Gospel today, we have the familiar story of the loaves and fishes. Father Kieran says: *"In all the Gospels, the multiplication of the loaves is to be read symbolically, referring to the later Christian celebration of the Lord's Supper."*

The Eucharist brings us together as a community of faith, it nourishes us and helps us to support one another

When speaking about the Eucharist, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin speaks about those who are excluded from society: *"Those of us who share in the Eucharist are called to live our*

Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes Wed. 4th – Mon. 9th September 2019

Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights Full Board**

Fully Inclusive Price €759 per person sharing.
(single room €180 supplement)

Travelling in conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage.

For more information and to book

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Ever thought of volunteering?

Why not join the Ministers of the Eucharist?

If you are interested in being a Minister of the Eucharist just leave your name and contact phone number, marked for the attention of Fiona Walsh, into the reception in the Parish Centre.

Church Collections 16/6/2019

1st Collection €1,713

SHARE €1,580

Family Envelope €1,110

Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Dardistown Cemetery Mass Sunday, 7th July 2019 - This annual Mass is a huge undertaking for our Parish and many people are required to help our Parish Team. We invite Ministers of the Eucharist to volunteer to minister at this Mass. We also require people to accompany each Minister carrying an umbrella (this will enable people attending the Mass to see clearly where each Minister of the Eucharist is standing during the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament). Maybe each Minister could bring along another person to help with this. People are also needed to help with the Collection before and after the Mass. If you can help in any way please leave your name and contact details on the list available on the table in the Parish Centre or with the Sacristan in the Church of the Holy Child or in Blessed Margaret Ball. Our sincere thanks for your continued help with this special Mass in our Parish.



The Strawberry Fayre - Sunday 30th June 2019 10.30a.m. – 1.00p.m.

This has always been a wonderful morning with lots of strawberry goodies. Any new or nearly new unused gifts gladly accepted for our stalls. If you would like to bake bread, cakes or scones for the cake stall, donate bottles of alcohol or juices for the Wheel of Fortune or if you can help in any way, it would be very much appreciated. Don't forget to buy some raffle tickets. Come and join us on the day and show your support for our Parish Centre.



Anniversary Frame

If your loved one has an anniversary coming up please consider giving their name to the Sacristan. The name will then be put in the Anniversary Frame, placed on the Altar and prayed for at all Sunday Masses. A small donation is welcome.



Cemetery Masses 2019: Masses/Prayers

Glasnevin Sunday 30th June-Mass at 3pm
Dardistown Sunday 7th July-Mass at 3pm
Balgriffin Sunday 7th July-Mass at 12pm



Holy Communion is available to all communicants under both kinds at the Main Altar, Priest's Chair side.

Please **Parish Lotto** Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 1 14 18 21 2nd Jackpot: 10 15 19 25 No Jackpot winner.

The winners of the seven prizes of €25 were: J. Murphy; M. Fitzgerald; K. Reilly; S. English; P. Henlon; H. Murphy; B. Devine.

Next Week's Lotto Draw: First Jackpot €15,000 Second Jackpot €1,150

Plus 7 Consolation Prizes of €25



Mass Intentions for the coming week –

Church of the Holy Child

Mon. 24th June 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Tues. 25th June 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Wed. 26th June 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00 p.m. Brigid Kilcommons & Anne Rosney (Anniversaries)
Thurs. 27th June 9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Fri. 28th June 9.15a.m. Available for Intention
7.00p.m. Paddy Leahy (Anniversary)
Sat. 29th June 10.00a.m. Marty Walsh (R.I.P.)
Vigil 7.00p.m. Available for Intention
Sun. 30th June 11.15a.m. People of the Parish
12.30p.m. Mary Manning (Month's Mind)
6.00p.m. Available for Intention

Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball

Wed. 26th June 10.00a.m. Bridget & John Kennedy (Anniversaries)
Sun. 30th June 10.00a.m. Geraldine Byrne (Month's Mind)

Volunteer Drivers Wanted: The Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Driver Service is looking for volunteer drivers who will drive patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments. The service is free to the patient with all driver expenses paid. They are currently looking for volunteers in the Dublin north and west areas to drive patients to and from their appointments in their partner Dublin hospitals. For more information or an application form email Gail at gflinter@irishcancer.ie -call 01 2310 566 or visit www.cancer.ie

Volunteers Required: Aware

Aware is currently recruiting volunteers across three services- Support Line, Support Mail and Life Skills Online. No prior qualifications or experience is required, as comprehensive training as well as ongoing support and education is provided by the organisation. For more information phone Emma on 01 2374 926.

"Abandon yourself into the hands of Mary" St. Padre Pio

One Day Conference on Mary – DCU All Hallows's Campus, Drumcondra
Saturday, June 29th 9.30a.m. – 5.00p.m. €20 (LIGHT LUNCH INCL.)

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