



St Peter's Church, Phibsborough

Parish Newsletter

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi): 11 June 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 11 June

St Barnabas, apostle is not celebrated this year

Julieanne (Juju) Wilde (MM)

Mary Petris (MM)

Brian Lawrence (BR, 30yrs)

Elizabeth McCormack (A)

Filip Janecek (RD)

Pat Mongan (D)

Monday, 12 June

Marion Murphy (RD)

Brian Lawrence (D)

Pat Mongan (D)

Tuesday, 13 June

St Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor of the Church

Breege McGuire (GW)

Elizabeth (Lily) Casey (MM)

Dr Francis Xavier Keane (MM)

Brian Lawrence (D)

Pat Mongan (D)

Wednesday, 14 June

St Davnet, virgin

Special Intention

Thursday, 15 June

Special Intention

Friday, 16 June

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

World Day of Prayer for Priests

Filip Janecek (RD)

Kathleen, John & David Cullen (D)

Saturday, 17 June

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Kitty Moynihan (D)

The boy and the Pope, who loved the Eucharist

As a boy of 5 years of age, Joseph (Giuseppe) Sarto (1835 - 1917), loved going to Mass, and wanted to receive Holy Communion. His Parish Priest told him he was too young, but he could ask the Bishop for permission. The Bishop said that only the Pope could allow him. But the Bishop added: "You may be Pope some day."

The boy grew up, became a priest, Archbishop of Venice, and was elected Pope as Pius X in 1903. He lowered First Communion age to the "age of reason" (7 - 8 years) from 12 years. Pope Pius also gave a special dispensation to the extraordinary holy girl Little Nellie Organ, of Cork, who was ill and about 5 years old.

The Feast

Corpus Christi as a Church feast began in the Middle Ages (though it was the belief and love of the Catholic people for centuries). St Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274) wrote the liturgy for the celebration, including the beautiful hymn, 'Sion, Sing of Your Saviour'.

Today's 1st Reading (Deuteronomy 8) tells us of the manna, a figure of the Bread of Life. In the 2nd Reading (1 Corinthians 10), St Paul emphasises the power of the Mass for building unity and charity. The Gospel (John 6) stresses the real Body, Blood, soul and divinity of Christ.

Our source of life

We as Catholics have the great privilege of attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion as the greatest gift on earth. We also have a good life of the Church from this pure source. We have Confession for greater worthiness. We adore Christ, God and Man, and so find peace and meaning.

The living Body is our food;
our drink the ever-precious Blood;
In each, one undivided Lord.

St Thomas Aquinas

(lines from hymn mentioned above)

Fr Eamon Flanagan CM

RESPONSES AT MASS

Leaflets are available for those wishing to familiarise themselves with Mass responses in English. Please collect one in the Sacristy.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers all those who died recently especially Liam Daly, Anthony McMahon, Kelsey Kinsella, Paddy Burke.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

LITURGICAL READINGS FOR: Sunday, 11 June 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people:

'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

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Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:

*Of in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.*

*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;*

*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven says the Lord.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: '*How can this man give us his flesh to eat?*' they said.

Jesus replied:

I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 4 June

Parish (1st Collection, incl. Online)	=	€1,523.65
Envelopes (Online/Easy Payments)	=	€ 263.20
Share (2nd Collection)	=	€ 269.43

Thank you for your support to the parish.

COLLECTIONS

The Society of St Vincent de Paul monthly collection will take place at all Masses this weekend.

