

ostracised and those who are condemned to the margins of society."

Pope Benedict wrote out the redemptive power of Jesus:

"The institution of the Eucharist demonstrates how Jesus' death, for all its violence and absurdity, became in him a supreme act of love and mankind's definitive deliverance from evil."

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 Kieran O'Mahony OSA puts Corpus Christi in the following context:

"Jesus expressed God's unconditional love and acceptance. Before he died, he spoke words over the bread and wine, words which disclosed the meaning of his death and resurrection."

"When St Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the Lord's Supper, he had to remind them that the sacrament is meant to be a communion among all who celebrate it and to have a practical effect in our lives."

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.

As we reflect on the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives, let us give thanks to God, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, for his great gift of the Eucharist to us all. Let us pray that he will continue to enrich our lives spiritually and help us to grow as a people of faith, so that we can encourage others to share the Bread of Life.

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Corpus Christi

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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.

One of the ceremonies that I most enjoy celebrating as a Deacon is Benediction. It is usually preceded by a time of prayer with the Blessed Sacrament. This is a

wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus who is present to us in a very special way and to thank him for all the blessings that he has given us in our lives, in those of our families and our community.

The Eucharist brings us together as a community of faith, it

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nourishes us and helps us to support one another so that, in parish life, we can bring about the kingdom of God in our community.

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

"The feast [of Corpus Christi] today highlights the central place of the Eucharist in Christian life, our faith that God becomes present in a real way in ordinary bread and wine – food for the journey of life in the bread, energy and joy for the journey of life in the wine."

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 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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

7th -12th September 2017

Hotel Solitude ** 5 Nights – Full Board**
Fully Inclusive Price €725 In conjunction with the Dublin Diocesan Pilgrimage - (single room subject to confirmation – supplement €175)
To book please contact Anne in the Parish Office Tel: 8375274

Ministers of the Word – New Group B and Group C rosters are ready for collection from the reception area in the Parish Centre.

An Invitation & Thank You – As the choir takes a well earned summer break, it is an opportunity to thank all members for their commitment and devotion to the 11.15 Mass week in week out. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join the Choir, please contact Kathryn Browne, their Musical Director; she would be delighted to meet you. We are deeply grateful to all who help, financially and otherwise, to keep the show on the road. At the present time fundraising is taking place towards a much needed new organ and the sum collected to date (end of May) amounts to €4370.00 (including €2,600 proceeds from the recent Table Quiz and the balance resulting from the Christmas Carol Service Collection and private donations. Many thanks to all donors.

Fr. John

P.S. Update – money donated through the Tesco Initiative amounts to €240.96

Cemetery Masses 2017

18th June – Fingal – Mass at 12.00p.m.

25th June – Glasnevin – Mass at 3.00p.m.

2nd July – Balgriffin – Mass at 12.00p.m.

2nd July - Dardistown – Mass at 3.00p.m.



We welcome in Baptism:
Ruadhan Farrell Joshua Grange

May these newly baptised children always know and love Jesus as their friend.

Eternal City, Rome

Thurs 28th Sep -Tues 3rd Oct

Mgr. John Fitzpatrick will lead our tour to Rome.
Price €799.00 per person sharing B & B. For more information and to book please contact Anne in the Parish Office. Tel: 01 8375274.
Booking subject to availability. Few places remaining.



Dardistown Cemetery Mass

Sunday, 2nd July 2017.

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.

Mass Intentions for the coming week Church of the Holy Child

Monday 19th June	9.15a.m.	Sally Behan (R. I. P.)
	7.00p.m.	Patrick Kelly (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 20th June	9.15a.m.	Thomas MacNamara (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Seamus Fogarty (Anniversary)
Wednesday 21st June	9.15a.m. & 7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Thursday 22nd June	9.15a.m.	Jim Doggett (Anniversary)
	7.00p.m.	Available for Intention
Friday 23rd June	9.15a.m.	Fred & Doreen Begley (Anniversaries)
	7.00p.m.	Paddy Leahy (Anniversary)
Saturday 24th June Vigil	10.00a.m.	Available for Intention
	7.00p.m.	Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Donegan (1st Anniv.)
Sunday 25th June	11.15a.m.	Sarah O'Malley, Eithne & Paddy Reilly Annivs
	12.30p.m.	People of the Parish
	6.00p.m.	Philip Roche (1st Anniv.) Tom Browne, Paddy Mullen, Paddy & Son Patrick Tobin (Anniversaries)
		Marion Soden (Month's Mind)
		<u>Chapel of Blessed Margaret Ball</u>
Wednesday 21st June	10.00a.m.	Sashi Bala Arora (Anniversary)
Sunday 25th June	10.00a.m.	Peg O'Connor (Anniversary)

LOTTO

Please Support your Parish Lotto

Last Tuesday's winning numbers were:

1st Jackpot: 18 19 26 30 2nd Jackpot: 13 14 17 20

No Jackpot winner. The winners of the Seven Consolation prizes were:- V. McDonnell: P. Kavanagh: M. McGuirk: M. Lynch: L. Siggins: M. Costello: J. Doyle.

Next Draw: 1st Jackpot €8,750 2nd Jackpot €2,000

Plus Seven Consolation Prizes of €25.



The Strawberry Fayre – Sunday 9th July 2017- 10.30a.m. – 1.30p.m.

This is always a wonderful morning with lots of strawberry goodies.

As usual we are looking for your support. If you have any new or nearly new unused gifts we would gladly accept them 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.

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.

