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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Exodus 24:3-8

**Response to the Psalm:** The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 9:11-15   **OMIT THE SEQUENCE**

**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 forever. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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Dear Parishioners

When our Lord celebrated the Last Supper he was continuing something that had been going on as the Jews' way of offering worship and love to God and thanks for their deliverance since they had left Egypt: namely, the Passover meal. Mindful of the sacredness of that meal Jesus was careful to do in correct minute detail what had been prescribed. Likewise our taking part in the Mass requires preparation of both soul and body. For the soul, it means an openness of heart, wanting to share with Jesus, coming out of the maelstrom of the week to a time of calm and thanksgiving. God wants us to be there: warts and all – joy, despair, sickness, pain, troubled conscience and whatever.

Our recitation of the prayers should be as wholehearted as we can make them. In no way should our participation be unenthusiastic or meaningless. Integral to participation is receiving Holy Communion. The Eucharist, Jesus' continued presence in the community of faith, is Catholicism's most precious possession; all aspects of this breathtaking reality require whatever profound reverence and purity of soul we can muster. And the realisation that we all – rich and poor, similar and dissimilar – receive the same Lord should increase our awareness that we are one family.

If we put the lessons of this Sunday's liturgy into practice, our attitude toward the Eucharist will radiate outward and further the solidarity of our faith community and all people. We will reach out not only to those in the same pew, but to all in our neighbourhood who are lonely or in any other way needy.

God Bless,
Fr. Benedict OSB

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Corpus Christi (B)

Week commencing Sunday 6th June 2021

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Masses

Sat 5 th June	5pm	Corpus Christi	Judy Husband RIP
Sun 6 th June		Corpus Christi	People of the Parish
Mon 7 th June			
Tues 8 th June			
Wed 9 th June			Private Intention
Thur 10 th June			
Fri 11 th June		Sacred Heart (S)	Margaret Timmins
Sat 12 th June	5pm	11th Sunday (YearB)	Hector, Phyllis & Sheila Hall RIP
Sun 13 th June		11th Sunday (YearB)	People of the Parish

Mass is celebrated daily except on Mondays.

If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers: Faith Lyons, Steve Smith, Jane-Christina Thomson, Joan Smith, Derek Sollis, Michael Hall, Christopher Hurd, Edward O'Neill, Michael Smith, Barbara Wall, Mick Sollis, Margaret Birkett, Annie McHugh, Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Carol Shuck, Tony Lyons, Jackie Ingrams, Brian Arthur, Michelle Norton, Melvin Probyn, Peter Sollis, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse.

Those who have recently died:

Jill Smith, Paula Brookes, Jean McCarthy, Joe Brennan, Paul Bunn, Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband.

Parish Safeguarding Representative:- Vacant

Information

May I please remind people that when they phone on Mondays to book a place at Mass **not to leave messages on the answer machine.** These can only be dealt with after the phone calls and you could very well be disappointed as the Mass may be fully booked. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR A 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

Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori

As We Move Forward

We are pleased to let you know that next weekend (12/13 June) a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard will be read out at all Masses.

The Pastoral Letter is focused on the Diocesan Vision: Unfolding God's Plan. The Archbishop will introduce the Vision and how we intend to move forward as an Archdiocese over the coming years.

As we make a fresh beginning after more than a year of lockdowns and restrictions, our aim is for clergy and the lay faithful to work closely to create vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.

The Letter will be accompanied by a prayer card and will also be available in audio and video format via the diocesan website, for which details will be given next week.

A big 'Thank You' to all those people who have sent cheques and cash over the last week. Please let us keep each other in our prayers