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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Genesis 14:18-20

**Response to the Psalm:** You are a priest forever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

**Second reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**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:** Luke 9:11-17

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Dear Parishioners

Many Catholics have left the Church for a variety of reasons. One can understand how some Catholics might disagree with certain Church teachings, but how can they turn their backs on the “Source and summit” of our identity as followers of Christ?

I remember meeting with a young boy, some years back, who was preparing to receive his first communion. I asked him what he thought the priest did during Mass and he said, “He performs magic!” I asked him what he meant by that and he said, “The priest holds up the big host and blesses it, and when he puts it down it becomes a lot of little hosts.” It was easy to see how this young boy had come to the conclusion that the act of consecration by the priest was a magic act. Perhaps some of the adults might look at the Eucharist as some kind of magic, but it is far from that. **The Eucharist is the mystery of the real presence of God among us; at the same time, it is an unfathomable mystery.**

It is sad to report that in surveys conducted over recent years concerning what Catholics believe, it is amazing to find a substantial number who do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. To them, the Body and Blood of Jesus is symbolic or a memorial rather than His real presence.

The early followers of Jesus recognised him and his real presence among them in the breaking of the bread. In this recognition, their hearts were on fire with joy, excitement and hope. **As we prepare to receive the Eucharist today let us look deeply within ourselves and recognise the real presence of the Lord Jesus; that our hearts may also burn with joy, excitement and hope which His gift of the Eucharist brings and which we need to share with all those around us, especially our young people.**

God Bless
Fr. Benedict OSB

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Corpus Christi(C)

Week commencing Sunday 19th June 2022

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Masses

Sat 18 th June	5.00pm	Corpus Christi (C)	Private Intention (MG)
Sun 19 th June	10.30am	Corpus Christi (C)	All Fathers
Mon 20 th June			
Tues 21 st June		St. Aloysius Gonzaga (mem)	People of Ukraine
Wed 22 nd June		St. John Fisher & St. Thomas More (F)	People of the Parish
Thur 23 rd June	7.00pm	Confirmation Mass	Confirmation Children
Fri 24 th June		Sacred Heart of Jesus (SOL)	Private Intention
Sat 25 th June	5.00pm	13th Sunday Year (C)	Kathleen O'Brien RIP
Sun 26 th June	10.30am	13th Sunday Year (C)	Pauline Burton RIP

Mass is celebrated privately daily except on Monday.

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, *please do not place it in the collection bag*. Thank you.

Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards,, Jill Spurrell, Wyn Varley.

Those who have recently died: ,

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 Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons, Michael Russell, Mary Cross, Agnes McIlravey, Helen McCarthy, Patricia O'Brien, Pauline Burton, Mary Judith Smith (nee Hewitt).

Information

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Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

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