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The Body and Blood of Christ



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DUNNEHY'S CROSS, DUBLIN



FROM OUR
**PARISH
TEAM**

The Dean writes

This Sunday we celebrate the central and most important act of worship at the heart of our Catholic Faith – the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ). In the Mass we have two elements:

(a) Jesus offered himself once and for all on the cross for our salvation. Through the Mass he makes present for us in 2004 the sacrifice he once offered on Calvary. And he does this for every generation.

(b) Jesus nourishes us with the Word of God, and the Bread of eternal life – his own Body and Blood. Little wonder then that the Catholic Church has placed the Mass as the single and most important act of worship from the very first days of Christianity. The wonder and the value and the blessing of the Mass has been cherished by generation after generation ever since. "He who eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." So none of us can afford to ignore it, or dispense with it as of little importance in our lives, or we ourselves are the losers.

"Do this as a memorial of me." This was the Lord's own instruction when he

instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. It isn't just to remember him, though this is a most worthy objective. To remember anyone – especially by name – is an act of respect and love. But Jesus wants to be present with us in the here and now. He wants to be close to us – to live in us – to love us – and to be our friend as we go through life, right into Heaven.

Aenis O'Leary



Coming Events for Your Diary

- **Rossbrook Open-Air Mass**
Saturday 4th September
- **Family Relationship Night**
Tuesday 14th September
- **Liturgic Training Course**
Four Monday nights
commencing 20th September.
- **Welcoming Sunday**
for all newcomers to the parish
October 17th
- **Parish Seminar**
Mardyke House 25th September.



Mary O'Donoghue, Glasheen Park and Farranlea, died peacefully on Thursday 3rd June in the presence of her family and her Parish Priest, Fr. Tom Clancy. She had been in declining health for some time, and spent the past few years at the Powdermills Nursing Home, Ballincollig. She was predeceased by her husband. Mary was a native of Killarney, and maintained a great love and interest in her native place. We extend the sympathy of our community to her sons Michael and Kevin, her sister Kathleen, her daughter-in-law Virgilia, her grandchildren Sinead, Terence and Aoife, her nephews and nieces. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dilis.

Eileen Coughlan, of Wilton Gardens was laid to rest in St. Finbarr's Cemetery, on June 8th. Eileen had worked for most of her life as a telephonist. She had suffered for some time from Alzheimer's Disease, but had been cared for at home by her two sisters Betty and Sheila, until a few months before her death in the Montenotte Care Centre. Having been a faithful member of the third Order of St. Francis, the Office was recited in the Funeral Home prior to her removal, and there was a strong Capuchin presence at her funeral – her late brother, Fr. Simon was a Capuchin priest. Two of Eileen's deceased sisters had also been nuns. She will be sadly missed by her two sisters, and by her relatives, friends and neighbours. May she rest in peace.

Margaret Fitzgerald, Liam Lynch Park, Glasheen Road, died at Cork University Hospital on 5th June. Margaret was a native of Ballyhea, came to Cork as a young girl, and married her late husband Joe. Margaret had a rare talent for oil painting, and was a long-time member of Bishopstown I.C.A. who formed a Guard of Honour after her Requiem Mass. But it was as a carer she will be especially remembered in the community. Her capacity for supporting, consoling and gently encouraging the sick was endless. Incidentally, it was nice to know that she herself received the same quality of care from her family, doctors and nurses in her final illness in C.U.H. We extend sincere sympathy to her daughters Margaret and Mary, sons Denis, Edmund and Patrick, sisters Mary, Bridie and Philomena, her many relatives and friends. They will remember her with love. May she rest in peace.





Bishopstown Park

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for your generous support at my recent coffee morning. I am pleased to inform you that an amazing €4,300 was raised for the school that I shall be working at in Delhi, India.

Your donations will make a huge difference and are greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards
Michéal Healy.

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"I was asked why I did not give a rod with which to fish, in the hands of the poor, rather than the fish itself as this makes them remain poor. So I told them: The people whom we pick up are not able to stand with a rod. So today we give them fish and when they are able to stand, then I shall send them to you, and you can give them the rod."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Novena Prayer of the Sacred Heart

Feast day Friday 18th June

Lord Jesus, your Sacred Heart is always open in love to each of us, and especially when we are suffering. To all who come to you seeking your help, you show your compassion and healing power. You care for us when we are lost, sympathise with us in loneliness and comfort us in mourning; you are closest to us when we are weakest. You reach out your hand to us when we stumble and have most need of your help. I ask you to listen to my prayer during this novena, and grant what I ask (*make you request silently*). But if what I ask is not for my own good or that of others, grant me always what is best, that I may build up your kingdom of love in our world. Amen.

**PLEASE
PRAY**

Remember to pray for all doing their Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate at the moment.



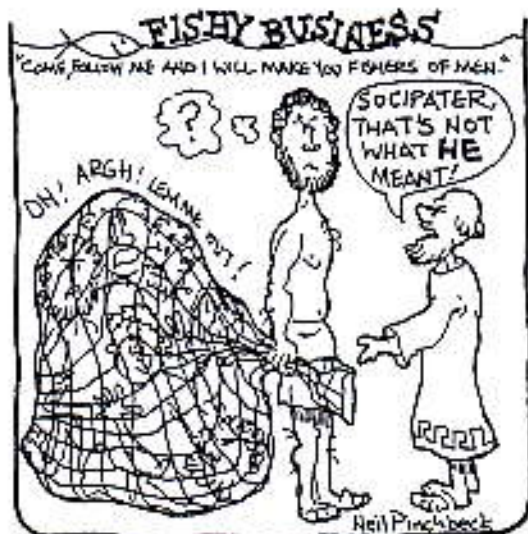
Bulletins to Homes

Bulletins will be delivered to all homes in the parish next weekend. It will be the last Bulletin published until September 5th.



Orchestral Performance

At St. Peter's Church, Bandon, on Friday 25th June at 8 p.m. the Renaissance Music Academy Chamber Orchestra from Virginia, U.S.A. will perform music by Bach, Britten, Vivaldi and American composers. Proceeds in aid of children's playground, Bandon.



Parkway-Leesdale

The annual Mass for the Residents' Association will take place on the Green at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 19th June. All welcome.



God's Word

Readings for Sunday 20th June

First Reading:

Zech.12:10-11. The Prophet Zechariah announces that the Messiah will suffer, and that people 'will look upon the pierced One'.

Psalm : 62

Second Reading:

Gal. 3:26-29. St. Paul speaks of the unity which faith brings.

Gospel:

Lk. 9:18-24. Peter acknowledges Jesus as Christ, the Son of God. Jesus reminds his followers that they have not taken an easy option. Suffering leads to new life.

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