

In living through that time together they became conscious in a new way that they belonged not only to the Lord but also to each other. In a similar way, our weekly celebration of the Eucharist can and must have a bonding effect on ourselves. As St. Paul says in one of his letters: 'We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.' As together we take the Body of Christ and eat, we become more aware of ourselves as members of one body, the Body of Christ. Our celebration of the Eucharist inspires us, and obliges us, to relate to each other as members of one body, Christ's Body, Corpus Christi.

At this Eucharist, we commit ourselves again to living as members of the Body of Christ. St. Paul spells out what that means in practice. He says that the members of Christ's Body are to 'have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.' On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ there is a vision of Church worth reminding ourselves of and recommitting ourselves to. (Source: *Jesus our Servant* – Fr. Martin Hogan) **Fr. Michael Carey**

Mass intentions for Next Week

Mon 8.00am Kathleen & Patrick O'Reilly

Mon 10.00am Dec members of McCabe, Coyle
McAdams & McCaul Families

Tues 8.00am Mary Farrell

Tues 10.00am Peggy Mullen

Wed 8.00am Kit & Theresa Barker

Wed 10.00 Louis Harkin

Thurs 8.00am Annie & Edward Coppinger

Thurs 10.00am Brian Nulty

Fri 8.00am Helena Kealy

Fri 10.00am Cora Mullarkey

Sat 10.00am Dec members of Stokes &
Higgins Family

Sat 6.30pm Lorna & Denis O'Sullivan

Sun 8.30am Dec members of Nugent Family

Sun 11.00am Patricia Hennelly

Sun 6.30pm Dan & Eva Geoghegan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers those who have died recently:

Nuala Fitzsimons

Ardee Co Louth



Church of the Visitation Drynam *The Visitation of the BVM*

Mass Times for Drynam: Sun, 10.00am, 11.00am (Irish Mass)& 12 noon Mon & Tues 9.20am

At a meeting in Archbishop's House on Monday, it was decided that the cost of works to bring Drynam church into compliance with fire regulations is too expensive and would be a waste of money on an End of Life building. We will seek to replace with a permanent structure as soon as possible instead. We have requested permission from the Fire Officer to extend use of the church until Sunday 23rd July. After that we are making alternative arrangements for Sunday morning Masses and will have further information later.

There will be a Pastoral Team Meeting on Wednesday at 8:00PM.



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - (Corpus Christi)

Jesus himself practised open table-fellowship, to express 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

affect in our lives. As Benedict XVI wrote: "A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is essentially fragmented" (God is Love).

Prayer - Lord, as we gather around your table, help us to recognise you in the breaking of the bread and in each other. May we live the communion we received by practising both service and reconciliation. (Source: St. Paul's Missal)

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus as our bread of life

"He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock"



Newsletter Sunday 18th June 2017

We are all aware of the significance of tables in our lives. We all have our own memories of table fellowship. Many of those memories will be very happy. We remember celebration and laughter at tables, love given and received. Some of those memories of table fellowship may be sad. We might remember table experiences when we were more aware of the person who was absent than of those who were present.

Jesus shared table many times with his disciples. When sharing food with his disciples, Jesus also shared his vision of God's kingdom with them. At table, the disciples imbibed something of Jesus' mind and heart and spirit. Of all the meals Jesus shared with the disciples, the meal that stayed in their memory more than any other was the last meal they ate together, what came to be known as the Last Supper. Today's Gospel gives us Mark's account of that Last Supper. Many great artists over the last two thousand years have attempted to express that moment on canvas, to paint it. This last meal Jesus shared with his disciples stood out in their memory, and captured the imagination of subsequent generations of disciples, because of what Jesus said and did at that meal. He did more than share his vision with the disciples; he did more than give them teaching. He gave them himself in a way he had never done before, in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, on the following afternoon. In giving the disciples himself in the form of the bread and wine of the meal, he was declaring himself to be their food and drink. In calling on them to take and eat, to take and drink, he was asking them to take their stand with him, to give themselves to him as he was giving himself to them.

It was because of that Last Supper and of what went on there that we are here in this Church today. Jesus intended his Last Supper to be a beginning rather than an end. The Last Supper was the first Eucharist. Ever since that night, in response to Jesus' command, the Church has gathered in his name, and has done and said what he did and said at that Last Supper. In this way, Jesus continues to give himself as food and drink to his followers. He also continues to put it up to his followers to take their stand with him, to take in all he stands for, living by his values, walking in his way, even if that means the cross. Whenever we come to Mass to receive the Eucharist, we are making a number of important statements. We are acknowledging Jesus as our Bread of Life, as the one who alone can satisfy our deepest hungers. We are also declaring that we will throw in our lot with him, that we will follow in his way and be faithful to him all our lives, in response to his faithfulness to us. In that sense, celebrating the Eucharist is not something we do lightly. Our familiarity with the Mass and the frequency with which we celebrate it can dull our senses to the full significance of what we are doing. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we find ourselves once more in that upper room with the first disciples, and the Last Supper with all it signified is present again to us.

The Last Supper must have had a tremendously unifying effect on the disciples.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN

Antiphon - Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord



Golf Classic-2017

This year was the 7th annual Golf Classic. It was a tremendous success and all participants enjoyed it – albeit with Many near misses!

On behalf of the Parish I want to sincerely thank and commend the Fundraising Committee who did such a marvellous job and gave an enormous amount of their time and talents:

John and Bernie Campbell; Jack and Maura Moore; Ann and Paddy Farrell; Betty McDonnell and Pat Lynch. I also thank the people who entered teams; the people who sponsored holes and the people who contributed prizes for the raffle. Many tickets were sold for the raffle. Two weekends were set aside for the sale of tickets at the weekend Masses and then in the lead up to the classic and well as on the day itself. Thank you to the 'Mass' ticket sellers as well as what I will call the constant sellers – Caitriona Farrell; Evelyn Condrón; Sr. Mary McLoughney; Susan Rallo and Paddy Gerrard. Tickets were also sold by the members of the Fundraising Committee. I also thank Peter O'Brien who tied up all the loose ends and was an invaluable help with the Golf Club and Tim Ralph who spent the day taking photographs. Finally, I thank Forrest Little Golf club for the use of their excellent facilities and for their great hospitality and to Tommy and his catering staff who provided a beautiful meal and congratulations to all who won prizes and supported the raffle. The final count is not in yet but we should be approaching a profit of €6000 – excellent!

Do This in Memory – Corpus Christi

I welcome the boys and girls and their families to the 6.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass for the finale of their Parish based preparation programme for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. I would also like to thank the parents who are part of the organising committee who met during the week to prepare these Masses. It was a wonderful year and gone by so fast. I hope the boys and girls enjoy the short Eucharistic procession and the light refreshments after the Mass. Thanks to the Liturgy Team and the Parish Pastoral Council for organising the refreshments and for the many ways that they were involved in the programme during the past year

Pilgrimage Walk

Thanks to the many who took part. It was a wonderful day weatherwise and this now fast becoming an annual event was well worth while – next year it will be a bit shorter!!

Holy Water

There is holy water in the Sacristy - if you bring a plastic bottle you can collect some in advance of Cemetery Sunday

Cemetery Sunday – Help Needed

As we prepare for Cemetery Sunday we need your help – *it's next weekend!!* At the moment Paddy Gerrard, Domnic Temple, and Noel Markey are doing all the grass and hedge cutting. It is a huge task and becoming too much for them. Can you help? It is an ideal Corporal Work of Mercy. Please consider and if you can assist you can ring Paddy at 01-8401466.

Cemetery Sunday – Collection

As always there will be a collection at this Cemetery Mass in which the amount collected goes towards the upkeep of the Cemetery.

Cemetery Sunday – Ministers of the Eucharist

Could Ministers of the Eucharist who are free and available to distribute Holy Communion on Cemetery Sunday please let Mary McCarthy know. *Thank You*

St. Vincent de Paul – Annual Clothing Appeal

The Appeal is for clean good-quality clothes, bedclothes, curtains, shoes etc. Bags will be distributed next weekend 24th/25th June in the porches of both our churches. They will be collected the following weekend 1st/2nd July. There will be no Sunday evening collection

Parish Holiday-Rome, the Eternal City –Thursday 28th

September – Tuesday 3rd October

A guided tour. Staying at the Hotel Domus Carmelina 3*, which is centrally located in Rome about 10 mins walk from St. Peter's **Cost: €799.00 per person sharing on a bed and breakfast basis. This price is subject to availability.**

This holiday is organised through **MAP Travel** 36 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. **Tel: (01) 8783111.** MAP Travel is licensed and bonded with the Commission for Aviation Regulation Licence No. T.A. 0474. **Deposit €250 per person.** Can be booked through Colette at the Parish Office or direct with MAP



Cemetery Sunday – Sunday 25th June at 4.00pm

This Mass (with the participation of the Choir) will take place in the Church - followed by Blessing of the Cemetery. If you want to 'hear', celebrate the Mass I invite you to come into the Church, or at least gather around the front door. There will be no use of a sound system that will reach the 'four corners' of the cemetery. The blessing of the Cemetery will take place immediately after Mass. As there is only Fr Pat and I, you will I hope understand, that, we will not be sprinkling individual graves – just sections of the graveyard. There will be large containers of 'Blessed Water' at the gates. You are invited to bring a small bottle/container and fill it with this water and when the Cemetery is blessed you can sprinkle your family grave.

Saints this coming week

The Irish Martyrs – Tuesday 20th June, in 1992 Saint John Paul II beatified 17 representative martyrs who suffered in Ireland during the 16th and 17th centuries. They include bishops, priests and lay men and women and our own Blessed Francis Taylor who was born in Swords, Co Dublin, circa 1550. He was elected Dublin's mayor in 1595. Later he was imprisoned for his Catholic faith, and died on 29 January 1621, after seven years of refusing to accept his freedom by giving up his religion. A statue of Blessed Francis Taylor and his grandmother-in-law, Blessed Margaret Ball, who had also died in prison (in 1584), stands outside St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral in Dublin.

St. Thomas Moore – Thursday 22nd June, 1478-1535, the first commoner to be Lord Chancellor of England, also suffered martyrdom under Henry VIII. Patron of Lawyers and those in public life. St. John Paul II declared him patron of politicians in 2000

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – Friday 23rd June understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' denotes the entire mystery of Christ: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principle of the salvation and sanctification of mankind

