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CORPUS CHRISTI

10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

**ST GEORGE'S MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**

Sat 06 June	5.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sun 07 June	9.30 am	Geoff Boulter RIP
Mon 08 June	9.30 am	Rose Gilligan RIP
Tues 09 June	9.30 am	Donor's intention, St Anthony
Wed 10 June	9.30 am	For travelling people
Thu 11 June	9.30 am	For Bodwin and family
Fri 12 June	9.30 am	Michael & Bridie Donegan RIP
Sat 13 June	9.30 am	Sp. Intention for Neil
	5.30 pm	Trevor McCandless RIP 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
Sun 14 June	9.30 am	People of the parish

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

Today we celebrate the sacrament which is the source and summit of the Christian life. This phrase 'source and summit' is a rather awesome one, isn't it? It is as if in the blessed Eucharist is contained the entire spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Passover Lamb. The great St Irenaeus put it so beautifully when he said many centuries ago, 'Our way of thinking is attune to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.' What does it mean to have our way of thinking attuned to the Eucharist?

Our word 'Eucharist' has its roots in the Greek word *eucharistein* and *eulogein* which recall the Jewish blessing, especially during a meal, of God's works of creation, redemption and sanctification. At the very heart, then, of the Eucharist is giving thanks to God. The Eucharist is a celebration of praise and thanksgiving at which Christ is made real and present. This is why, on entering a church where the Eucharist is in the tabernacle, we recognise the presence of Christ.

We must continue to cultivate a genuine sense of Eucharistic wonder and awe. This will happen as we allow the Holy Spirit to help us grow in awareness of the fact that it is truly Christ himself whom we are receiving.

This understanding that Christ is real and present in the Eucharist cannot be apprehended by the sense but only by faith, and our faith relies on God's authority, for it was Jesus himself who said: 'This is my body which is given for you.' The eminent Church father St Cyril said, 'Do not doubt whether this is true but rather receive the words of the Saviour in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.' The Eucharist is our greatest gift; it is our richest blessing and most cherished treasure. Nothing in the Christian life compares to it for in the Eucharist is Christ himself the 'Godhead here in hiding'.

*'Godhead here in hiding, whom I do adore, masked by these bare shadows, shape and nothing more, see, Lord, at thy service low lies here a heart lost, all in wonder at the God thou art.'* (St Thomas Aquinas)

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 11 am**

As announced in St George's, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at English Martyrs Church on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, at 11 am. Please complete an application form and return it to church. Classes will begin on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, at 10.30 am in English Martyrs Church.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)  
on Saturday 10.15-10.45 am.**

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend for LEPRA, an organisation that treats and cares for Leprosy sufferers in India and Bangladesh.

**SAINTS THIS WEEK:**

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> June: St Columba, Abbot  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June: St Barnabas Apostle, Patron of our Cathedral  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June: The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE**

For the values of sport; Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounters and dialogue among cultures and nations.; that they promote values such as respect, solidarity and personal growth.

**LIVING BREAD, LIVING FAITH**

*For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.*  
JOHN 6:55-56

I became Catholic as a young adult. The amount of catechetical instruction I received was slim. Soon after meeting with a priest and expressing my desire, I was Catholic and overjoyed to be so. Much of what I learned about the Church I learned on my own. Nothing surprised and delighted me more than the Church's teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Raised in a denomination where "taking communion" was considered a symbolic gesture, I slowly came to understand and relish that something much more important was happening at Mass. This wasn't a sign; it was a relationship. This wasn't a story retold; it was a promise of love. This wasn't a moment of prayer; it was a way to live. Today, recommit yourself to receiving the Eucharist knowing that it transforms you forever, as no symbol ever can do.

**LEPRA**

2024 was Lepra's Centenary Year and or 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease. With every delayed diagnosis, another person is at risk of developing life-changing disabilities as a result of leprosy,. In response, Lepra is increasing our efforts to actively find, diagnose, treat and support people affected by leprosy in India and Bangladesh, rather than hoping they find us.

**Now more than ever your help is needed.**

It costs Lepra £25 to change a life and if found early enough and treatment provided, the disease can be halted preventing disability, but reconstructive surgery often restores the use of limbs and sight to both adults and children. With a course of multidrug therapy, it is possible to cure leprosy and after just one tablet a person is non-infectious. With our help we hope that leprosy will one day be beaten.