

Newsletter

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Solemnity Of The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ 3 June 2018

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment

of Israel's history. It celebrates God's deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today's Gospel however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus' own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus' own blood. Mark's Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We

believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

Rite of Welcome

Holy Family, 5.15pm:
Niamh Grace Kirwin-Coyne.

Baptismal Information

This weekend we welcome into Holy Family Church through the Sacrament of Baptism Isobel Ivy Fitzsimmons, Ella Rose Pike and Layla Rose O'Neill.

The next Baptism Registration meeting will take place on Monday, 11 June at 6.00pm in St Mark's Annexe.

Parish Office

Please note the office will be closed as follows:

Monday, 4 June
Closed Staff Holidays

Tuesday, 5 June
Closed Staff Holidays

Apologies from the office for causing any confusion last week over the Monday Service of the Word which should have been in the St Mark's column.

Parish Council

The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 12 June at 6.00pm** in St Mark's Annexe.

SVP

Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, 12 June at 7.30pm** in St Mark's Annexe.

The SVP are running their annual trip to Holywell and Pantasaph on Tuesday, 19 June. The coach will leave Holy Family Church at 9.15am and St Mark's Church at 9.30am. Please sign up at the back of church if you are interested.



Finally, our SVP who do tremendous work locally, are appealing for non perishable food items to be left at the back of both churches. Products such as packet mash, all tins especially casserole sauces, rice, pasta, cereals are welcomed. Your continued

support of this important project that helps those in need in our area is truly appreciated.

Invitation to Prayer

The Pastoral Area Invitation to Prayer continues to take place on every first Wednesday of the month between 6.00pm-7.00pm at Hope University Chapel when we continue to pray for guidance and help regarding the future of the Church and our mission in the local area.

The Ladies Group



Please note, this week we will meet on Wednesday, 6 June at 7.30pm at Holy Family Church. The revised time is due to the Invitation to Prayer at Hope Chapel which we are providing refreshments for. New ladies always welcome.

World Meeting of Families

Pope Francis has confirmed that he will be travelling to Dublin, Ireland to take part in the above from 21-26 August. He will attend the Festival of Families in Croke Park on 25 August and celebrate an open air Mass in Phoenix Park on

26 August. For tickets and registration log on to www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration

In Preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress 2018
‘Reflections at the Carmelite’

Sunday, 24 June, 3.30pm-5.30pm, ‘The Unexpected Gift – Spiritual Journey of a Deaf Person’.

Sunday, 29 July, 3.30pm-5.30pm, ‘Towards a Living Eucharist’.

Both include Adoration and Evening Prayer followed by refreshments. Carmelite Convent, Maryton Grange, Allerton Road, Liverpool, L18 3NU, posters at the back of church.

Feast This Week

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 8 June - The blockbuster movie ‘Saving Private Ryan’ is bookended with its opening and closing scenes of a WWII veteran at a cemetery. The film is in effect a flashback, with the audience witnessing and the veteran remembering how many soldiers died so that he would live. In the closing scene at the cemetery he becomes overwhelmed with emotion, recalling the sacrifice the

others made so he could live. He turns to his wife and asks if he’s lived a good life. He wants to know that his life was somehow worthy of the cost or at least not spurning of the cost.

That powerful cinematic moment captures something of what we might imagine when considering the gift of our own lives. Each of us have been a divine gift of life itself and even if we haven’t had friends or others sacrifice their own lives for us, it was God who loved us into existence and Jesus his Son who gave himself for us. The Sacred Heart is a metaphor for that love of Christ. How we live our lives is our gift in return. We do not want to have spurned this precious gift of life. We want our lives to be in some way worthy of, or perhaps reflective of the cost. For to whom much has been given, much is expected.

Annual
Family Celebration Mass

‘Let the children come to me!’
Mark 10:13-14

Save the date! Sunday, 1 July, 3.00pm at Notre Dame Catholic College, Great Homer Street, Liverpool, L5 5AF, celebrated by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

followed by afternoon tea. Bring a picnic to enjoy in the grounds.

Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Association

This year the annual pilgrimage takes place from 20-27 July. If you are unable to attend, you can join in spirit by becoming an Associate member of the pilgrimage. All that is asked is that you recite the prayers on the leaflets, found at the back of church, during that week. We would also be grateful for any contribution you can make to the Assisted Fund which goes to provide many things necessary to make our assisted pilgrims' journey more comfortable. Any donations specifically for this fund can be given in with the collection or into the office, clearly marked what it is for and should include your name so you can be included on the Associates List which is taken up to the Grotto during the Pilgrimage Mass.

What's On At Our Cathedral

Good Shepherd Mass, Wednesday, 6 June, 1.00pm-2.30pm. Music at the Mass will be led by a 1,000 strong choir of children from across the Archdiocese.

Jubilarians' Mass, Friday, 8 June, 7.00pm-9.00pm. All are invited to

participate in this Mass for members of the clergy who are celebrating jubilees throughout 2018. Light refreshments will be served in the Gibberd Room after the service.

Ordination of Deacons, Sunday, 10 June, 3.00pm-4.30pm. All welcome.

Ordination To The Priesthood Mass, Saturday, 7 July, 1.00am-3.00pm. All welcome.

Servite Court Open Day

This independent living scheme situated behind Holy Family Church and Cobden Place is on Vale Road and is holding an Open Day on Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 28 June, 2.00pm-4.00pm. Contact Kerry for more info on 428 1889.

St Mary's College, Crosby

Year 5 boys and girls Taster Day, Thursday, 21 June, 10.00am-3.00pm. To register call 924 3926 and see poster at the back of church.

Handcrafted Rosary Beads

Our Parish Sister, Sister Mary, who is now housebound, makes 'real' Rosary beads from real rose petals

thus producing perfumed beads. She buys the accessories from overseas and then takes a couple of months preparing the crushed rose petals, until ready for beading. Sister then hand assembles the beads, the chains and crucifix complete with their presentation box, they are so blessed! Sister produces these to help raise much needed funds for those in Bangladesh who have had their villages and churches destroyed by floods. A set costs £10 and are currently available at the back of Holy Family Church. If you are unable to get to Holy Family but would like a set, please contact the office or Ron Smith on 07546 252142.

Keep In Your Prayers

Please remember in your prayers all who are sick, housebound and those in our hospitals and care homes. We pray also for anyone who has died in our Parish and wider community. Let us remember the families and friends who mourn and for all those who have no one to mourn for them.

Parish Finance

Due to staff holidays, these figures will be available in due course.

SJV Bonus Ball

Winning number 16. Well done.

Don't forget to support our Bonus Ball game for your chance to win £30, only £1 per number. You've got to be in it to win it!

Retiring Collection

This weekend Priests in Retirement and envelopes are available at the back of church. Next weekend none.

Volunteer Pastoral Assistants

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Confessions

Holy Family, 4.45pm, Saturday

OLA, Gateacre,
11.30am-11.55am, Saturday

St Mary's, Woolton,
11.00am-11.45am, Saturday

Our Lady Of The Annunciation,
Bishop Eton,
4.00pm-5.00pm, Saturday

Blessed Sacrament Shrine,
City Centre
Mon-Sat 11.00am-12 noon

Our Cathedral
Weekdays after 12.15pm in Crypt
Saturdays, 11.00am-12.00 noon &
3.30pm-4.30pm in Cathedral

Novena Of Prayer For The Coming Of The Holy Spirit In Preparation For The Eucharistic Congress and Synod 2020

Come Holy Spirit,
Fill our hearts with wisdom, love
and courage. Make us more like
Christ in our words and actions.

Bless the work of your Church.
Renew us all in the desire to make
Christ known and loved in the
world today.

Bless the work of our parish.
Guide all that we do so that our
church is a place of mercy and
service for all who are seeking
you.

Deepen our love for the Presence
of Christ in the Eucharist and
guide us in prayer and action as
we journey towards Synod 2020
to become the Church you are
calling us to be.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Lord. Amen.



And Finally

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion Record Sheets - Some
forms remain outstanding. Please
complete these forms which can be
found at the back of church and
return to the office.

Remember, if you have something
you feel may be of interest to our
Parish community please let the
office know and space allowing,
we'll pop it in the newsletter.

Question of the Week

Adults: In what ways have you practiced the words of Jesus
and been bread for others?

Children: What can you do to prepare to celebrate Holy Communion
with your parish family?

**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
3 June 2018**

Date – 2018	Holy Family Church	St. Mark's Church
Saturday, 2 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	5.15 pm – Mass (People of the Parish)	
Sunday, 3 June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	11.00 am – Mass (Calogero Parello Family) 12.30 pm - Baptisms	9.15 am – Mass (SJV Parishioners)
Monday, 4 June Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Service of the Word
Tuesday, 5 June Memorial of St Boniface	10.00 am – Mass (Jim Clancy)	
Wednesday, 6 June Weekday in Ordinary Time		10.00 am – Mass (Murphy Family)
Thursday, 7 June Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.00 am – Mass (David Newnes)	
Friday, 8 June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		10.00 am – Mass (Nora Mailey & All Mothers)
Saturday, 9 June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	5.15 pm – Mass (Rita Henshaw)	
Sunday, 10 June Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00 am – Mass (People of the Parish)	9.15 am – Mass (Margaret & Tommy Shreenan)

* We apologise for when times and Mass intentions may occasionally need to be
changed at short notice to allow for a Requiem Mass or Funeral Service.

Guidelines for the submission of Mass Intentions can be found on our website.

Readings for Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Gen 3:9-15
2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

St Mark's Eucharistic Ministers

3 June – Paul, Rosemarie, Bernie, Edyta, Stephanie