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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 02 2024

GOSPEL : Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26



Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of Corpus Christi. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus. It is a doctrinal feast established for three purposes: 1) to give collective thanks to God for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and adore him 2) to instruct the people in the Mystery, Faith, and devotion surrounding the Eucharist. 3) to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

We explain the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist by "transubstantiation" which means that the substance of the consecrated bread and wine is changed to the substance of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, and its accidents (like colour, shape, taste etc.), remain the same.

Remember, Mass in Malpas, this Sunday, 02 June, Time -6pm. Today's first reading describes how Moses, by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people, accepted the Covenant Yahweh proposed and made with His People. In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with his own Blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. Today's Gospel details how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Divine/human Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put It into our hands as food and drink: "Take ... eat ... this IS my Body which will be given up for you" (He did not say "This represents my body"), and "Take ... drink ...This IS ... my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you (He did not say, "This represents my blood...") for the forgiveness of sins".

LIFE MESSAGE

1) We need to prepare properly to receive Holy Communion: We tarnished God's image within us when we sin. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the Sacramental confession of grave sins, before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St. Paul: "Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (1 Cor. 11:27-9). Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect — not merely as a matter of routine.



O Sacrament most holy, o Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving Be every moment thine.

Fist Holy Communion -this Sunday--Mass Time 11am

Anima Christi:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, embolden me. Water from the side of Christ, Wash me. Passion of Christ, Strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me.

Mass Times

Saturday 01 June	6:30pm	Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY 02 June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	9:30am 11:00am	Maureen Somers Danica Shaji First Holy Communion Children
Monday 03 June St. Charles Lwanga & Companions	10:00am	J C James Pettifor
Tuesday 04 June	10:00am	James Pettifor
Wednesday 05 June St. Boniface, B,M	Sacristy	James Pettifor
Thursday 06 June	10:00am	Sanctification of Priests James Pettifor
Friday 07 June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	6:00PM	Kate Turner James Pettifor
Saturday 08 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary	6:30PM	Souls in Purgatory James Pettifor
Sunday 09 June	9:30am 11:00am	Parishioners

Permit me not to be separated from you. From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you. That with your saints I may praise you For ever and ever. Amen





Say your daily rosary for peace in the world

Our Beloved Mother Mary Promised:

11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.

12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.

14. All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Sun.9:30am	Sat.6:30pm	Sun.11:00am
	Guy Churton	Communion Children

Mass Offering for May 19th-£351.19

Standing orders-----£118.25

Confession is Saturdays 5-6pm, 30mins before and after mass and on request.

Our Parish Safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke