



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

The feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Eucharist, so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and have the maximum benefit from receiving Communion.

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, living Jesus in His glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, while the *accidents* (like colour, shape, taste, etc. of the consecrated bread and wine), remain unchanged.

The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially* contained." "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present."
(*The Catechism of the Catholic Church: paragraph 1374*)

A Sacrament and a sacrifice: Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist both as a sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering.

As a Sacrament,

- a) the Eucharist is a visible sign that gives us God's grace and God's life and,
- b) as a communal Meal, The Eucharist unites us and nourishes our souls.

As a sacrifice

- a) the Eucharistic celebration is a re-presentation or re-enactment of Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary, completed in His Resurrection.
- b) As the living stones which constitute the mystical body of Christ, together with Jesus we offer His sacrifice to God the Father for the remission of our sins, using signs and symbols.

Life messages:

1. Let us appreciate the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, by receiving him with true repentance for our sins, due preparation, and deep reverence.
2. Let us be Christ-bearers and conveyers: By receiving Holy Communion, we become Christ-bearers as Mary was, with the duty of conveying Christ to others at home and in the workplace, through love, mercy, forgiveness, and humble and sacrificial service.

<u>Readers</u>	Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
	Roland Young	Eileen Livesey	Maria Latty

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Confession is available before each vigil & Sunday Mass, before 6:00pm Mass on Friday & upon request

Sat 21 Jun	6:30 PM	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Parishioners
Sun 22 Jun	9:30 AM		Fr Thaddeus Opera
	11:00 AM		1 st Holy Communion
Mon 23 Jun	10:00 AM	Monday in the 12 th Week in Ordinary Time Saint Alban, martyr	For the renewal of the spirit of sacrifice in Christians
Tue 24 Jun	No Mass	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious	
Wed 25 Jun	No Mass	Saint John Fisher, bishop, and Saint Thomas More, martyrs	
Thu 26 Jun	No Mass	The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	
Fri 27 Jun	No Mass	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Holy Hour	
Sat 28 Jun	6:30 PM	Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles (Solemnity)	Families of the parish
Sun 29 Jun	9:30 AM		Pope Leo XIV – successor of St Peter
	11:00 AM		Bishop Mark & all Bishops - successors of the Apostles

Churches Together in Whitchurch

You are warmly invited to the Annual General Meeting of this organisation on Tuesday 1st July at 7.30pm in the Watergate Centre. Some parishioners may not be aware of the work this committee does in the town. The four Christian churches are represented in a group that provides both spiritual and practical support for everyone in Whitchurch and beyond. These includes events such as the Advent and Lenten Meditation services (both held at St George's recently), the Good Friday Walk of Witness, Remembrance Sunday services and the Lent Lunches. It is also responsible for activities which the individual churches in a small community may not be able to provide eg the Foodbank, the Clothes Bank, Toddler groups, activities for those with Dementia and their carers (known as 'Time Together'), 'Warm Spaces', events which help maintain the town's Fairtrade status and many more. Please join us at the AGM and you can find out more! The speaker is Simon Airey, who is the Anglican chaplain at the Orthopaedic hospital in Gobowen.

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	15 June	-	£254.62
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£112.00

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: **"St George Whitchurch"** which is the correct name for the parish account.



Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.