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Sunday 19 June 2022 Corpus Christi

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven', says the Lord. 'Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'

John 6:51

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Congregation stands

Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 80:17

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All:	He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING

Priest:	In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All:	Amen
Priest:	The Lord be with you.
All:	And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

- Priest: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
- All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

Striking your breast as you say:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. All: Amen

> Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

All:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Priest: Let us pray.

Pause for silent prayer

Priest:	O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion,
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	grant us, we pray,
	so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and
	Blood that we may always experience in ourselves
	the fruits of your redemption.
	Who live and reign with God the Father
	in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
	one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Congregation Sits

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 109:1-4. R v.4

(R) You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.

- The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R)
- 2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. (R)
- A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R)
- 4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

All: The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE (Shorter Form)

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Congregation stands

ACCLAMATION

Jn 6:51-52

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All: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread, which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Priest: All:	The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.	
Priest:	A reading from the holy	
	Gospel according to Luke	9:11-
All:	Glory to you, O Lord.	

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

All: The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation sits

HOMILY

Congregation stands

THE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

> I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow your head up to the words 'and became man')

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Congregation sits

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Procession

The gifts of bread and wine which will become the Lord's body and blood are brought to the altar. The celebrant raises the host on the paten saying:

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Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

The celebrant pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly:

Priest: By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

The celebrant then raises the chalice above the altar and says:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Bowing, the celebrant says quietly:

Priest: With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God.

Then the celebrant washes his hands, saying quietly:

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Priest: Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen

All: Amen

Congregation stands

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER III

- Priest: The Lord be with you. All: And with your spirit.
- Priest:Lift up your hearts.All:We lift them up to the Lord.
- Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. All: It is right and just.

PREFACE (The Fruits of the Most Holy Eucharist)

Priest: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

> For at the Last Supper with his Apostles, established for the ages to come the saving memorial of the Cross, he offered himself to you as the unblemished Lamb, the acceptable gift of perfect praise.

Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity.

And so, we approach the table of this wondrous Sacrament, so that, bathed in the sweetness of your grace, we may pass over to the heavenly realities here foreshadowed.

Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the hosts of Angels, cry out, and without end we acclaim:

ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Congregation kneels

Priest: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

> Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration, that they may become the Body and + Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT, FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Priest: Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognising the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make of us an eternal offering to you, so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect, especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her spouse, with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs with Saint Patrick and with all the Saints, on whose constant intercession in your presence we rely for unfailing help.

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation, we pray, O Lord, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and N. our Bishop, the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the entire people you have gained for your own.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all your children scattered throughout the world. To our departed brothers and sisters and to all who were pleasing to you at their passing from this life, give kind admittance to your kingdom. There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of your glory through Christ our Lord, through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. All: Amen.

Congregation stands

THE COMMUNION RITE

- Priest: At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
- All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- Priest: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: Amen.

- The peace of the Lord be with you always. Priest. And with your spirit. All:
- Priest: May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.
- Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, All: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Congregation kneels

The celebrant says quietly: May the receiving of your Body and Blood,

Lord Jesus Christ, not bring me to judgment and condemnation, but through your loving mercy be for me protection in mind and body and a healing remedy.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

- All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.
- Priest: May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life.
- May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life. Priest:

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood All: remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Purifying the chalice the celebrant says quietly:

What has passed our lips as food, O Lord, may we possess in purity of heart, that what has been given to us in time may be our healing for eternity.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Congregation kneels

Priest:	Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood.
ΔII·	Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All: Amen

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit. All:

May God bless you with every heavenly blessing, Priest: make you always holy and pure in his sight, pour out in abundance upon you the riches of his glory, and teach you with the words of truth; may he instruct you in the Gospel of salvation, and ever endow you with fraternal charity. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

And may the blessing of almighty God, Priest: the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen

All:

Then the celebrant, with hands joined and facing the people, says:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Priest: All: Thanks be to God.

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Anima Christi Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Waiter from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me and bid me come unto thee That with thy saints I may praise thee forever and ever. Amen.

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> THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR Monday 20 June – The Irish Martyrs Tuesday 21 June – St Aloysius Gonzaga Friday 24 June– Feast of the Sacred Heart Saturday 25 June – The Immaculate Heart of Mary

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART will be observed on June 23, 2022.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions, taking Jesus' physical heart as the representation of his divine love for humanity. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love which will ever increase in the course of their priestly life.

In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption.

SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Parents of children attending <u>SCHOOLS OTHER THAN PARISH SCHOOLS</u> who wish to have their child prepared for reception of either of the above Sacraments in 2023 are requested to contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD: A WAY OF LISTENING 8 SATURDAYS. SEPT '22-APRIL '23.

Slow down. Enjoy a day to yourself once a month. Learn how to listen differently and completely change your relationship with God and others. See the value of doubts and questions as you grow in love with God. Join experienced facilitators, skilled in Ignatian and Celtic approaches in a group of Christians of all denominations. North Belfast. Practical down to earth experiences. Plain English. No study. Listening. Laughing. Interested? For further info/application see www.firststepwell.com or contact James McClure at Edgehill 028 90767950. Closing date for applications: 7 August, 2022.



We remember our beloved dead: **Month's Mind:** Ann McMahon: Myles Nelson. **Anniversaries:** Gerald McPolin: Vicente & Juane Ferrer: Rosaleen Lennon: Kathleen Hamill: Sean Rickard: Elizabeth McConnell: Maureen Kearney: all our deceased fathers. May they rest in peace.

BULLETIN NOTICES AND ANNIVERSARIES Bulletin Notices should be with the Parish Office by **12 noon on Monday** to be included in the weekend bulletin. Thank you.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Gospel Commentary

There is a very precious early Christian document called the Didachè, discovered only in 1873, though Christian writers through the ages always knew of its existence. It was written sometime between the years 50 and 100, and so it is even earlier than some of the New Testament. It contains the very first use of the word 'eucharist'. It is very moving to read this and to imagine the lives of the Christians who spoke and heard those words in the infancy of the Church.

Here is part of what it says: "At the Eucharist, offer the eucharistic prayer in this way. Begin with the chalice: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the holy Vine of your servant David, which you have made known to us though your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end.' Then over the broken bread: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the life and knowledge you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end. As this broken bread, once dispersed over the hills, was brought together and became one loaf, so may your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.'"

I remember that distant day when I 'made my First Communion'. I remember waking up, having nodded off during the Mass, to find my candle dripping grease. But they had got on with things while I slept. Looking back today I think: During the half-century and more since that time they have got on with lots of things while I slept! And I have to admit that I'm not very repentant about it. Some of the best things can happen to you while you sleep! The Scriptures say that God "pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber." And Jesus said that the Presence of God (the "Kingdom of God") is like seed that a farmer scatters in his field and that grows even when he's asleep. "Night and day, whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how" (Mark 4:27). We ourselves grew like that, when we were in the womb, and later: by day and by night our mothers watched over us; we were so sure of them that we could go sound asleep when we knew they were around. God sort of mothers us too!

We experienced our mother first as a source of food, and through that visible channel we experienced her as a source of love. God is mothering us, attracting us, trying to tame us frightened creatures. How do you tame an animal? By feeding it. Gradually the animal begins to trust you, begins to believe in your goodwill. We were (and maybe we still are) like little frightened animals. We have to be tamed into human society. Love is invisible and needs a visible channel. That visible channel is originally food. This wisdom of the body is taken up and exalted in the Eucharist. The food which is the Eucharist has the deepest significance. It is about our relationship with God, the ultimate womb from which our existence came.

At the heart of that relationship, for Christians, is Jesus. The great 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich, not only called God our 'mother', but she called Jesus our mother! This may seem very strange, even weird. But, as always, she meant something luminous, and she had profound reasons for saying it. She did not mean that Jesus is like your mother! She meant the reverse: your mother is like Jesus! Your mother fed you from her own body. Our mother's care for us may well be the best image we have of God - and of Jesus.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord don't be too grown up to let the visceral images of the Eucharist play around your mind!

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