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Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ [A]

11th June 2023

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Mustard Seeds

✠ The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

The Catholic Church teaches the doctrine of transubstantiation, namely, that in the Eucharist, the communion wafer and the wine really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Have you ever met anyone who finds this a bit hard to take? If so, you shouldn't be surprised. When Jesus spoke about eating his flesh and drinking his blood in John 6, the response was less than enthusiastic. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat? (V52). "This is a hard saying who can listen to it?" (V60). In fact so many of his disciples abandoned him that Jesus asked the twelve if they also planned to quit. Note that Jesus did not run after the deserters saying, "Come back! – I was just speaking metaphorically!" When explaining the Eucharist to the Emperor around 155AD, St. Justin did not mince his words: "For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Saviour being incarnate by God's word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the word of prayer which comes from him ... is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus." Not till the Middle Ages did theologians really try to explain how Christ's body and blood became present in the Eucharist. St. Thomas Aquinas came along and offered an explanation that became classic. In all change that we normally observe, he teaches, appearances change, but deep down, the essence of a thing stays the same. Example: if, in a fit of mid-life crisis, I decided to wear a toupee, pierce my lips, have large tattoos on my arms and legs, I'd look a lot different. But for all my trouble, deep down I'd still substantially be the same confused, middle-aged priest as when I started. St. Thomas said the Eucharist is the one change we encounter that is exactly the opposite. The appearances of bread and wine stay the same, but the very essence of these realities, which can't be viewed by a microscope, is totally transformed. What starts as bread and wine becomes Christ's body and blood. A handy word was coined to describe this unique change. Transformation of the "sub-stance", what "stands-under" the surface, came to be called "transubstantiation." What makes this happen? The Spirit and the Word. After praying for the Holy Spirit to come (epiklesis), the priest, who stands in the place of Christ, repeats the words of the Christ: "This is my Body, This is my Blood." Sounds like



Genesis 1 to me: the mighty wind (read "Spirit") whips over the surface of the water and God's Word resounds. "Let there be light" and there was light. It is no harder to believe in the Eucharist than to believe in Creation.

10th Week of the Year 2023 [A]

St Peter-in-Chains, Ardrossan www.saintpeterinchains.co.uk www.stbrideschurch.co.uk Father Duncan McVicar assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)		Fr. Duncan McVicar assisted by Fr. Gerry Hamill (Retired)	www.stevenstonstjohns.com www.rcsaltcoats.com Canon Martin Poland assisted by Sr Marie Monique, Sr Ursula & Canon Matt McManus (Retired)	
Please note all Masses in St. Peter's are Live Streamed Masses may be subject to change.		St Bride's	St. John's	St. Mary's
Saturday 10 th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Alison Dunn (A), Tom Atkins (A), Julia Paterson (A)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)
Sunday 11 th June	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Mass at 10.30am <i>Offered for our Parishes</i>	Mass at 12.15pm	Mass at 11.30am	Mass at 10am (L)
Monday 12 th June	10th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Margaret Robson (RD), Danny McAuliffe (RD)</i>			
Tuesday 13 th June	Memorial of St Anthony of Padua Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Kayden Frank (RD), Hamish Fraser & Family (SI)</i>	Mass at 10am		Mass at 9.30am in St Anthony's PS
Wednesday 14 th June	10th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Rose Ann Bannon (MM), Ian Howie (RD)</i>		Mass at 10am (L)	
Thursday 15 th June	10th Week of the Year Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for James Patrick (SI), David Farrell Jnr. (SI)</i>			Mass at 10am (L)
Friday 16 th June	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer of the Rosary 9.30am Mass at 10am <i>Offered for Nan Donohoe (B), Michael Collins (A)</i> Exposition and Benediction 10.30am	No Mass Today	Eucharistic Service at 10am	
Saturday 17 th June	11th Sunday of the Year Vigil Mass at 5.30pm <i>Offered for Michael Leonard (A), John Maher (A), Greta McCourt (Sr Marie Alexis) (RD)</i>			Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (L)

When you thought I wasn't looking

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick and I



learned that we all have to help take care of each other. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry. When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be. When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.



When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

Father Eamon Flynn, Ian Monan, Irene Coby, Bishop Maurice Taylor, Pope Francis.

✦ Those who have died recently:

Margaret Robson, Kayden Frank, Danny McAuliffe, Greta McCourt (Sr Marie Alexis, Glasgow), Mother Placid (Benedictine Sisters, Largs), Ian Howie.

✦ Those who died around this time of Year:

Alice Ferrie 2010, John Maher 2002, Helen Taylor 1998, Tom Atkins 2010, Agnes Blake 2008, Elizabeth Higgins 2022, John Higgins 1973, Sheelagh Kelly 2010, Vincent McBride 2013, Bobby Findlay 2014, Molly Monaghan 2008, Felix Murphy 1997, Catherine Carroll née Rice, Rita Kelly 2014, Sarah Sweeney 1997, Margaret Duffy 2000, Anthony Forbes 2002, Rena Freer 2010, Julia Petrie 1998, Edward Swiercz 1991, David Brodie 1994, Agnes Hunter 1956, Sheila Reilly 1987, Carol Stewart 2005, Agnes Cochrane 1998, Father Tom Leverage 1996, Sylvia Kemp 2018, Bernard Kilbane 1986, Michael Leonard 2000, Mary Theresa Dolan 1999, Cardinal Thomas Winning 2001.

St. Bride's & St. Peter's Notices

- **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S** We welcome to the Family of the Church Kai John Findlay who will be baptised on Saturday. Congratulations to his parents and Godparents.
- **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Congratulations to Blair Bettley who was, baptised, confirmed and received into the Family of the Church this week, and to her Sponsor Kyle. Blair took the Confirmation name of Bernadette. We wish Blair many graces, joys and blessings.
- **BIG THANKS TO OUR HOSPITALITY TEAM AT ST BRIDE'S** Sincere thanks to all those who prepared two wonderful First Holy Communion Receptions at St Bride's in the last two weeks. The day was made so special by the two receptions after Mass and made them a real and joyful celebration. Thanks again.
- **A FOND FAREWELL AND THANKS TO SISTER MARIE MONIQUE** Sister Marie Monique has been called to another assignment in Preston and will soon leave us for other pastures. We would like to sincerely thank her for all she has done and contributed to the parishes in the Three Towns, especially in her care with Sister Ursula for the sick and housebound in our communities. There will be a special Afternoon Tea at St Mary's on Sunday, 25th June, from 2pm until 4pm. This gives us a chance to express our thanks and best wishes. All welcome.
- **SPECIAL COLLECTION** Next weekend (17 & 18 June 2023) our second collection will be on behalf of the White Flower Appeal organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC).
- **KNIT & KNATTER** Many thanks to the Knit & Knatter Group for their kind donation. The Knit & Knatter group meet in the Parish Centre on a Wednesday. They have now stopped for their summer recess.
- **UPCOMING SUNDAYS FOR YOUR DIARY** Sunday 18th June is Fathers' Day; Sunday 25th June is St Peter's Parish Feast Day; Thursday 29th June is the Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul and is also a Holy Day of Obligation.
- **CHANA** (Churches Homeless Action North Ayrshire) run Lunch Clubs in the Kirkgate Church in Saltcoats on a Friday at 12.30pm and St. Margaret's Church in Dalry on a Monday at Noon, providing a free lunch for anyone who attends. We could do with more helpers. Why not come along and have lunch at either St. Margaret's or the Kirkgate just to see what it's like. For further information please contact: CHANA on 07585 665 751

"Holy Hour" at St Peter's - come and join us!

The famous TV Evangeliser, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, wrote this: "On the day of my Ordination, I made two resolutions: 1. I would offer the Holy Eucharist every Saturday in honour of the Blessed Mother to solicit her protection on my priesthood. 2. I resolved also to spend a continuous Holy Hour every day in the presence of our Lord. In the course of my priesthood I have kept both of these resolutions. Briefly, here are some reasons why I have kept up this practice, and why I have encouraged it in others: First, the Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. Secondly, the only time Our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night he went into his agony. Then he did not ask all of them ... perhaps because he knew he could not count on their fidelity. But at least he expected three to be faithful to him: Peter, James and John. As often in the history of the Church since that time, evil was awake, but the disciples were asleep. That is why there came out of His anguished and lonely Heart the sigh: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" Not for an hour of activity did He plead, but for an hour of companionship. The third reason I keep up the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into his likeness. We become like that which we gaze upon. The purpose of the Holy Hour is to encourage deep personal encounter with Christ. The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him, to hold converse with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with Him. Neither theological knowledge nor social action alone is enough to keep us in love with Christ unless both are preceded by a personal encounter with him." Archbishop Fulton Sheen's renowned and inspiring television series, Life Is Worth Living, was watched by millions of viewers from all walks of life and every religious belief. **At St Peter's we also have a "Holy Hour" from Monday to Friday: At 9.30am begin with the prayer of the Rosary, then a few minutes of personal prayer in silence and then we celebrate the Holy Mass at 10am, finishing at 10.30am. A "Holy Hour" with the Lord and his Blessed Mother.**

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Second Collection (Buildings Fund): £319.94
Standing Orders for May 2023: £3806.00

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Offertory Cash Collection 4th June 2023: £189.00
Standing Orders for May 2023: £1067

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Just for a Laugh...

A priest and a minister are standing by the side of a road holding up a large sign that reads "The end is near! Turn around now before it's too late!" A passing driver yells, "You people are nuts!" and speeds past them. From around the curve, they hear loud, screeching tires—then a big splash of water. The priest turns to the minister and says, "Do you think we should just put up a sign that says 'Bridge under repair' instead?"

CONCERT

Kathleen Quinn is organising a fundraising concert for Dementia Scotland in memory of her late husband, Pat. It will take place in Saint Mary's Parish Hall in Saltcoats on Sunday 20 August 2023 from 2.00 to 5.30pm.

Performers include:

George and Michael,
Ellen and Greig Quirk,
The Von Crapp Singers,
Theresa Morrison,
The After Eights Choir

Garnock Valley Traditional Music Group.

There will be refreshments and a raffle at the interval.

Tickets, costing £5 each, are available from Saint Mary's Stall or Kathleen on 07940 412041.



NOTABLE DATE: 12th April 2011
Father Gabriel Kigozi died.

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