



ST FILLAN'S & ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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02 June 2024 - MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, our hearts are drawn to the profound mystery and beauty of the Eucharist. This feast, established by Pope Urban IV in 1264, serves as a powerful reminder of the central role the Eucharist plays in our lives as Catholics.

Corpus Christi, which means "Body of Christ," is a celebration of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is a time for us to reflect on the immense love and sacrifice of our Saviour, who offers Himself to us in the form of bread and wine. Through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and with each other, forming one body in His name.

This sacred celebration invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. The words of St. Thomas Aquinas, who composed the beautiful hymns "Pange Lingua" and "Tantum Ergo" for this feast, echo in our liturgy and hearts, drawing us closer to the mystery of Christ's presence among us.

Today, in our parish, we honour this Jesus Christ with a special Mass and a Eucharistic procession. Surely, this procession is a tradition, but first of all, a profound act of faith, as we publicly proclaim our belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is a moment of grace, a time for us to come together as a community, united in our love and reverence for our Lord.

As we receive the Eucharist, may we be filled with the strength and grace to carry Christ's love into the world.

May this Corpus Christi be a time of spiritual renewal and deepened faith for all of us. Let us cherish the gift of the Eucharist and allow it to transform our lives, so we may be true witnesses of Christ's love.

In Christ's peace,
Fr. Leszek



The Holy Father has appointed the
Reverend Andrew McKenzie,
of the clergy of Glasgow,
until now canon and administrator of the
archdiocesan Saint Andrew's Cathedral of
Glasgow, as bishop of Dunkeld.



Curriculum vitae

Msgr. Andrew McKenzie was born on 14 October 1964 in Glasgow. He carried out his studies in preparation for the priesthood at Saint Peter's College in Newlands, and Chesters College in Bearsden.

He was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Glasgow on 31 October 1988.

He holds a master's degree in liturgy from Saint John's University, Collegeville, United States of America (1996-1998). He has held the offices of seminary formator at Scotus College (1999-2005), promoter of vocations (2005-2013), director of Priests for Scotland (2005-2013), parish priest of Saint Joseph in Tollcross (2013-2022), and canon and administrator of the archdiocesan Saint Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow (since 2022).

CORPUS CHRISTI SOLEMNITY TRADITIONAL PROCESSION

If the weather permits, we will have on Sunday a traditional procession, carrying the Blessed Sacrament around the church building, accompanied by hymns, prayers, and the faithful. This procession serves as a public display of faith and devotion, reinforcing the belief in the Eucharist as the source and summit of Christian life.

Please note. On this day, parish parking will only be allowed in the designated location. We kindly request all parishioners to follow this parking arrangement to ensure the smooth conduct of the procession and other festivities. Thank you for your cooperation.



By implementing some elements of Eucharistic Renewal, we may be more aware of the Catholic Eucharistic devotion.

1. Deepening Understanding of the Eucharist:

- **Catechesis and Education:** Offer regular catechesis on the theology and significance of the Eucharist. This can be done through sermons, adult education classes, and religious education programs.

- **Scripture Study:** Encourage parishioners to study biblical texts related to the Eucharist, such as the Last Supper narratives and John 6.

2. Adoration and Devotion:

- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Promote Eucharistic adoration and establish regular times for adoration, encouraging personal and communal prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- **Processions:** Organize Eucharistic processions, especially on Corpus Christi, to publicly witness to the belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

3. Personal and Communal Prayer:

- **Prayer Groups:** Form prayer groups focused on Eucharistic devotion, where members can pray, reflect, and share their faith.

- **Meditative Practices:** Introduce practices such as Lectio Divina that can help individuals meditate on the Eucharistic passages of the Bible.

4. Sacramental Confession:

- **Frequent Confession:** Encourage frequent participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare the faithful to receive the Eucharist worthily.

- **Confession Times:** Offer regular and convenient times for confessions, making it accessible for all parishioners.

5. Community Building:

- **Fellowship Activities:** Organize parish events that build community and strengthen the bonds among parishioners, fostering a united body of Christ.

- **Service and Outreach:** Engage in acts of charity and service as a community, reflecting the Eucharist's call to be the body of Christ in the world.

6. Education on Eucharistic Miracles:

- **Historical Miracles:** Educate the faithful about historical Eucharistic miracles to strengthen belief in the Real Presence.

- **Modern Testimonies:** Share modern testimonies and experiences related to the transformative power of the Eucharist.

What we, as parish, can do for a deeper appreciation and devotion to the Eucharist, enriching the spiritual lives of its members and reinforcing the central place of the Eucharist in our worship and life.

PANGE LINGUA GLORIOSI

(Sing, My Tongue)

Sing, my tongue, the Saviour's glory,
Of His flesh the mystery sing;
Of the Blood, all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal King,
Destined, for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.

Of a pure and spotless Virgin
Born for us on earth below,
He, as Man, with man conversing,
Stayed, the seeds of truth to sow;
Then He closed in solemn order
Wondrously His life of woe.

On the night of that Last Supper,
Seated with His chosen band,
He, the Paschal Victim eating,
First fulfils the Law's command;
Then as Food to all His brethren
Gives Himself with His own hand.

Word-made-Flesh, the bread of nature
By His word to Flesh He turns;
Wine into His Blood He changes;
What though sense no change discerns?
Only be the heart in earnest,
Faith her lesson quickly learns.

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail;
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

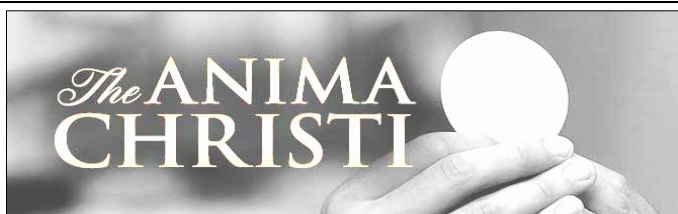
To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who reigns on high,
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.
Amen. Alleluia.

TANTUM ERGO SACRAMENTUM

(Therefore, So Great)

Therefore, so great a Sacrament
Let us venerate with heads bowed
And let the old practice
Give way to the new rite;
Let faith provide a supplement
For the failure of the senses.

To the Begetter and the Begotten,
Be praise and jubilation,
Hail, honour, virtue also,
And blessing too:
To the One proceeding from Both
Let there be equal praise.
Amen. Alleluia.



ANIMA CHRISTI (Soul of Christ)

This prayer, traditionally attributed to St. Ignatius of Loyola, is a cherished devotion that seeks Christ's sanctification and protection. It is often used after receiving Holy Communion, reflecting a deep personal encounter with Christ.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds, hide me.
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
forever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Blood and sacrifice are bonded throughout today's readings. When the Chosen People promise to follow the LORD's commands, Moses sanctifies that vow with the blood of bulls that had been sacrificed to the LORD. The author of Hebrews explains that Christ's sacrificial blood cleanses us of our sins. Jesus, who will soon become the Passover lamb sacrificed for us all, shares a cup of his Blood with his disciples before facing his arrest at the Mount of Olives. Anticipating the sacrificial meal we will share, let us listen to God's word.

Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank you for the gift of your Body
and Blood in the Eucharist.

Help us to appreciate this
precious sacrament more deeply and to
receive it worthily.

May the Eucharist transform our lives
and unite us more closely to you and to
each other.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi,
may we be filled with your
love and grace, and may we carry your
presence into the world.

Amen.

FAMILY CONNECTION

As you gather as a family, talk about some of the things that are required to prepare for your family meals. **Plan together a special Sunday meal** by choosing the menu, preparing the shopping list, and assigning duties for cooking, setting the table, preparing decorations, leading the prayers, and cleaning.

Read together today's Gospel, Mark 14:12-16,22-26.

Notice how Jesus instructed his disciples to prepare for their Passover meal. All meals require some kind of planning and preparation; so, too, our Sunday Mass requires planning.

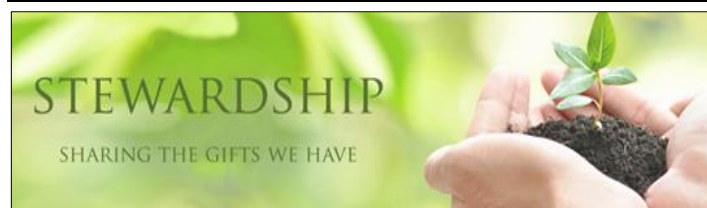
What might we do as a family to better prepare for our celebration of the Eucharist? Choose one or more ideas to begin to implement together as a family.

Pray together that God will help your family make your celebration of the Eucharist the highlight of your week. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.



PRAYER FOR LIFE. We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. **Lord hear us.**

During the Holy Mass, when we come to the Eucharistic Prayer - the holy moment of remembrance, when we offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, let us listen carefully to the words of this Prayer. Let us all be one in Christ Jesus as we lift heart and voice to God, who sent Jesus to establish the new and everlasting covenant in his body and blood.



How does the Eucharist transform me? Thinking back to a time when it was not possible for me to receive the Eucharist, for instance during the pandemic, how did its absence affect me?

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Raffle: £58.50, Tea Coffee: £37.82.
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