

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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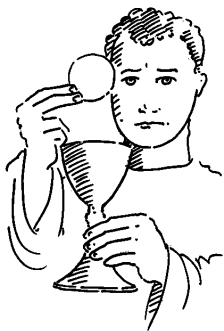
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3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

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## An Every Day Miracle



The Eucharist is an 'every day miracle'. The trouble is that for many of us, the Eucharist has become so routine that we can easily fail to appreciate its true significance.

If we really want to rekindle the wonderment of that daily or weekly miracle, we have to start nurturing a life changing appreciation of the Eucharist and of the Mass. Key to appreciation is preparation. If the Eucharist is food for our minds and our souls, it's important not to fill up on junk beforehand. Do we turn up for Mass in the right frame of mind ready to give genuine thought to our prayers and to the readings, or do we arrive with our heads full of trivia... life's junk food. Chances are that if we arrive at Mass with our heads full of unrelated thoughts, we will spend our time simply going through the motions. We might as well not be there in the first place.

In the moments before Holy Communion when we are kneeling quietly in the bench with heads bowed, are we simply kneeling quietly in the bench or are we preparing our minds. We need to be preparing to receive Jesus' real presence into our bodies and into our lives. We need to be remembering Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons he made it. At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin and his ultimate sacrifice.

How do we behave after Communion? Do we hurry back to our seat and continue chatting to the person in the next bench? How do we behave after the Mass has ended, do we make a hasty exit keen to get on with the rest of the day, or do we remember that we are taking God out into the world with us?

Jesus is with us to the end of time, and one of the ways he is with us is through the Eucharist. The sooner we start appreciating this every-day miracle the sooner our lives will change for the better.



**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** the next classes for parents with infants for baptism will take place in St John the Evangelist Church, Duncan Terrace, Angel, on Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm. You should attend both classes.

**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS:** This coming Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June there is an important meeting for food bank volunteers, including any new people. The meeting is scheduled twice to accommodate most people's needs. Please come at either 10:00 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. We will meet upstairs in the church. The meetings will be facilitated by Ann Gavurin, our Caritas advisor. If you have not yet told Sister Miriam which session you will attend, or if you are unable to attend, please let her know by phone (above), text (07914672779) or email:ssnd27@yahoo.co.uk. Thanks!

**FOOD BANK NEWS AND NEEDS:** As mentioned last week our foodbank effort has grown significantly. At a recent review of this "pilot" project with our Caritas advisor, we decided to continue. To do so, we need to broaden support by way of food and cash donations, discounts on purchases, conversations with local

businesses, etc. Besides welcoming new volunteers who are free to help on Thursdays, we are looking for volunteers who can pick up and deliver food and those who have interest / experience at finding support for projects/charities. On the table by the organ there are papers you can fill out to indicate how / when you can help. We continue to welcome donations of products we can use. Just bring them along and put them in the box at the back. Please note that we are unable to use perishable or out of date items. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFT:** We are hoping to resume on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

**YOUR SKILLS / EXPERIENCE:** If there is someone in the parish who has a background in building or engineering and mechanical things, please talk to Sister Miriam.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Orlando Best (Dora's son) who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

**HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** especially Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, Anne & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes, Ellen Hunt, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane & Margaret Walsh.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 85)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>St Boniface</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	10.30am	Francis Talty RIP
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 92)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Long Vi Sinh RIP

**Weekday Masses:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

**Confessions:** Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

*Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome*

*Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm*