

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi)

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Noticeboard

<u>Sunday Masses:</u>	Vigil Mass, Saturday	6 p.m.
	Sunday Morning Mass	10.30 a.m.
<u>Weekday Masses</u>	Monday, 12 noon (<i>Funeral Mass of Doris Borrill</i>)	
	Other Weekdays,	10.15 a.m.
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u>	Saturday:	
	9.45 to 10 a.m.	
	4 to 4.30 p.m.	
	5.30 to 5.45 p.m.	

Tuesday is the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady; Wednesday, the Memorial of St. Justin; Friday, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Saturday, the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Today we renew our faith in the **Real Presence of Christ**. For us, his word is enough: "This is my body"
... "This is the chalice of my blood".



We pray for our Faithful Departed. We remember especially **Doris Borrill** who has died peacefully in the Belford Hospital. Doris belonged to the Dryden family, good neighbours to Fr. MacKinnon's family for many years. She was a person of great faith. There was in her a very special gentleness and peace. May she now rest in the peace of her Saviour. We extend our prayer and deepest sympathy to Kevin, Andrew, Keith, John, Anne and all the family. Doris's Funeral Mass will be on Monday at 12 noon. We remember also those whose anniversaries are about this time: **George O'Neill, Joan Bremner, May MacDonald, Coila MacKintosh, Anne MacDonald, Linda Hunter, Martin Stokes, Norman MacInnes, Teresa Archibald and Margharita Morrison**. May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Our congratulations to the children from the Gaelic Medium who made their First Confession on Thursday. Our thanks to all those who helped prepare them. Next Sunday, these children will be among those who make their First Holy Communion. Please remember them all in your prayers.

Because of the Funeral Mass on Monday, **Holy Communion** will be brought to the housebound later in the week.

Thank you for your generous support in recent special collections. The Day for Life collection raised £312.71 and Catholic Communications, £311.08.

And thank you to all who shared in our May Devotions. The month of June is dedicated to the **Sacred Heart**. If you cannot manage Mass on Friday, please spend a few moments in personal prayer. We will have a Holy Hour at some point in June.

We should not take our leave of the month of May without reference to Pope Leo XIII. He wrote twelve encyclicals and five apostolic letters on the rosary. He tells us that "the rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all our evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying."

Pope Leo lived to be the oldest of the Popes. He was born in 1810, five years before the Battle of Waterloo. He lived into the 20th century, dying at the age of 93. He was the first Pope to appear on film. Here we see a still from that short film, shot in 1896:



He was also the first Pope to have his voice recorded. He is chanting the "Hail Mary" in Latin. If you wish to hear him, just type "The voice of Leo XIII," and you will soon find the u-tube required. It is also easy to find the film on u-tube. "Leo XIII on film" should suffice.

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"Receive Communion often, very often...there you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing..." (*St. Therese of Lisieux*)

"The guest of our soul knows our misery; He comes to find an empty tent within us - that is all He asks." (*St. Therese of Lisieux*)

"The best way to economize time is to 'lose' half an hour each day attending Holy Mass." (*Blessed Frederic Ozanam, founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul*)

"The bread and the wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity were simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ." (*St. Cyril of Jerusalem AD 350*)

"For not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these; but since Jesus Christ our Saviour was made incarnate by the word of God and had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so too, as we have been taught, the food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by Him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh are nourished, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus." (*St. Justin, AD 151*)